

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**June 7, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were managers Steve Bousema, Casey Ingenthron, Rolf Mahlberg, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present were: Paul Langseth, SWCD supervisor; Kari Lucin, Globe reporter and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

The minutes of the May regular board meeting were reviewed. Rogers moved to approve the minutes. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Rogers moved to approve the Treasurer's report, pay the bills and close the Wells Fargo checking account. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The ISD 518 Crailsheim property pond feasibility study was discussed. While the cost of phosphorus removal seems high compared to the Prairie View project, it probably isn't too high for grant funding if it can be shown the project solves the problem. Putting together a partnership to pay for the local share of the project was discussed. John Landgaard will be contacted for advice on presenting the project again to the school board to see if it meets their expectations.

Lake dredging is occurring at Fountain Lake in Albert Lea and Redwood Lake in Redwood Falls. The Shell Rock River Watershed District and Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area will be contacted about project details and possible tours.

Carp Solutions plans to conduct the carp population study beginning next week. Volunteer help will be needed to bait the box nets with cracked corn before the removals occur. The district will also need to arrange for fish disposal. Many of the details are still unknown.

Road repairs are complete at Bella Park. A new 15 inch concrete culvert was installed yesterday. Grass will be seeded in the disturbed area soon.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mahlberg mowed the trails at Bella Park twice this year. He will continue to mow them as needed throughout the season.

Maggie Gross and her summer interns will be conducting a Lake Ocheda fish survey this week and next week. Livdahl will work with them tomorrow afternoon to set the gill and trap nets and Thursday to count, weigh and measure the fish caught. The whole process will be repeated next week.

The college pond carp exclusion screens were mostly plugged with algae and debris this spring causing water levels to be persistently high. Livdahl cleaned the screens yesterday. As a result, the pond level dropped 2+ feet back to normal. College maintenance staff will watch water levels and clean the screens as needed.

## **PERMITS**

Rogers moved to approve the following permit applications.

**City of Worthington** – to implement the project erosion control plan during construction of Cherry Point stormwater outfall improvements.

**City of Worthington** – to implement the project erosion control plan during construction of parking lot improvements adjacent to City Hall and the Woll building.

**Dan Wagner** – to implement the project stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of a new home on Sterling Avenue in the Wagner Addition, Block 1.

**Doug Bakkene** – to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of a new building at 1534 Oxford Street, Worthington.

Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on July 12, 2022 in the Nobles County Public Works building meeting room. Rogers moved to adjourn the meeting. Ingenthron seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.