

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
March 1, 2011

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were managers Les Johnson, Rolf Mahlberg, Jim Mc Gowan, Jeff Rogers and Jeff Williamson. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr, County Commissioner; Al Langseth, district resident and Dan Livdahl, Administrator.

The minutes of the February 2011 regular board meeting were reviewed. Mahlberg moved to approve the minutes as mailed. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Williamson moved to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The document for vacating part of the Ditch 12/Whiskey Ditch Floodway easement is not complete. Mike Johnson asked that the board consider appointing a committee to review and approve the document when it is received from Bedford Industries' attorney. Mahlberg moved to authorize Mc Gowan and Johnson to review and sign the document if it is acceptable. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Lake Ocheda landowner group will meet again on March 3rd. Dave Bucklin from Cottonwood SWCD will make a presentation about the Mountain Lake restoration project at the meeting.

The 2010 Annual Report draft was discussed. A line in the report budget needs to be changed. Rogers moved to approve the 2010 Annual Report with the change. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The 2011 Annual Plan draft was reviewed. Additions from the previous version of the plan were discussed. Mahlberg moved to approve the 2011 Annual Plan with the additions. Williamson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Okabena-Ocheda-Bella Clean Water Partnership Joint Powers board met today and passed a motion to send a letter to the Worthington City Council recommending that a \$2 million Lake Okabena and clean water fund be created from hospital sale proceeds.

The future of the Lewis and Clark water project was discussed. Worthington Public Utilities staff will be invited to a future meeting to update the board on the project and discuss other water supply and wellhead protection issues.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A letter was received from the Worthington Montessori School asking the district for \$480 to sponsor an ecology bus event at the Prairie Wetland Learning Area for students and parents. Money will be used from the education budget to do pay for it.

Worthington is planning to rebuild the Ehlers Park boat landing parking lot this year to solve the existing erosion problem. The City Parks Department intends to apply for cost-share from the district to build some rain gardens or other stormwater facilities on the site.

Livdahl will attend the MAWD legislative reception/breakfast event on March 23-24. Appointments will be made to meet with Senator Magnus and representatives Hamilton and Shomacker.

The Fishel construction site was inspected yesterday. Bales were installed to control erosion sometime during February. The site is now in compliance with the permit's erosion control plan.

Livdahl called Don Basche two weeks ago about scheduling the 2011 Advisory Committee meeting.

The OOWD website was updated last week. Managers were asked to view the site and make recommendations about its content.

A letter about the 2010 district rules changes was mailed to agricultural landowners and farmers last week.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. on April 5, 2011 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Mahlberg moved to adjourn the meeting. Mc Gowan seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.