

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
March 5, 2019

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: Bob Demuth, Jr., county commissioner; Brad Harberts, county ditch inspector; Logan Ahlers, advisory committee member; Julie Buntjer, Globe reporter and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

The Board of Water and Soil Resources has accepted the boundary change petition. A public notice of the proposed changes will be published in the Globe to be followed by a public comment period.

Three filter strip incentive sites in the area to be transferred to the Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed District were discussed. Options for paying the filter strip incentives until the agreements expire were reviewed.

Ducks Unlimited will finish the bid package for the Ocheda Dam soon. Livdahl worked with Jim Streifel on the contract specifications. The OOWD will be the contracting officer and issue all payments for completed work. The notice for the bids will be published on the DU website and in the Globe as soon as the package is ready. Rogers moved to appoint Mahlberg and Ingenthron to the bid opening committee. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried. A special meeting may be required to award the bid to a contractor.

The draft 2018 Annual Report document was emailed to managers before the meeting. Ingenthron moved to approve the report. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The draft 2019 Annual Plan and Budget document was emailed to managers before the meeting. Rogers moved to approve the plan and budget. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The board and staff picture taken today will be uploaded to the district website.

According to Paulla Brocar, the paperwork for FEMA assistance to repair the Prairie View spillway and Bella dam riprap is complete. Payments will be issued by the state.

Livdahl attended the MAWD legislative event. The MAWD legislative updates emailed to members were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Comment letters were received from state agencies during the One Watershed, One Plan 60-day comment period. Houston Engineering created a table containing the comments and recommended responses. The Policy Committee will meet on March 13th to address the comments and discuss an organizational agreement. The Policy Committee will likely schedule public hearings for the plan in April. If possible, the plan will be submitted to BWSR to be approved at their June meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on April 2, 2019 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road.

Meeting adjourned.