

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**May 5, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were managers Casey Ingenthron, Les Johnson, Rolf Mahlberg and Jay Milbrandt. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr., County Commissioner; Jim Mc Gowan, Advisory Committee member; Julie Buntjer, Daily Globe reporter; and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

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

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Mahlberg moved to approve the Treasurer's report, pay the bills and transfer \$6000 from savings to checking. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**COST-SHARE**

Mahlberg moved to approve the following cost-share project:

**Terry Neugebauer** - Grassed Waterway Reconstruction - 75% up to a maximum of \$2939.55.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Rogers will spray and no-till plant soybeans at the St. John property. Native grass seed has been ordered for the field buffers. It will be planted when it arrives. A cover crop will be planted after harvest.

The E.O. Olson Trust Board approved funding to buy two more floating islands for Sunset Bay and to install a sign explaining how they work. They also approved money to buy materials to build, plant and launch experimental islands, apply Bioverse products in Whiskey Ditch to control algae, and install a sign identifying the E.O. and Bella Olson Regional Stormwater Pond. They will consider funding to buy or rent water circulation equipment near the Sunset Park boat landing after getting more information.

Minnesota West law enforcement program students will begin doing aquatic invasive species prevention boater education on the May 9th. Students will be present at county boat landings during weekends and holidays through the Labor Day weekend.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mahlberg will give Ducks Unlimited staff a tour of the Lake Ocheda Survey sites when they arrive today.

Rogers' classes helped install six floating island wetlands on Sunset Bay last week. Livdahl ordered a roll of Poly-Flow filter medium to build experimental floating islands. He used his credit card since the district's card was near its credit limit.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service plans to burn the Bella Waterfowl Production Area (WPA) soon. They may burn part of the district property between the WPA and Lake Bella.

John Moberg and Livdahl removed barbed wire fencing between the Bella WPA and district property in April.

Mahlberg will install the dock at the Lake Bella landing.

The MAWD summer tour will be in Duluth on May 24-26. Livdahl and Ingenthron may register.

Livdahl will be on call for jury duty during the next four months. He received a summons for Thursday morning, so he may be gone that day.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Circulating lake water near the Sunset Park boat landing was discussed. A meeting will be set up sometime this month to talk to staff from SolarBee about whether their equipment could work there.

State and county regulations for stock piling manure were discussed. District rules do not address the issue.

#### **PERMITS**

Mahlberg moved to approve the following permits:

**City of Worthington** - to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of a water main extension in the north ditch of County Road 35.

**Ken Jansen** - to install shoreline riprap at 240 Lake Avenue, Worthington.

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on June 2, 2015 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.