

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**May 3, 2016**

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, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr., county commissioner; Doug Anton, Scott Rall and Keith Schroeder, advisory committee members; Julie Buntjer, Daily Globe reporter; and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

The minutes of the April regular board meeting were reviewed. Rogers moved to approve the minutes. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, 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 transfer \$6000 from savings into checking. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The cost-share and incentives programs recommendations from the advisory committee were briefly discussed. The board will devote time during the June board meeting to adopt a policy for the CRP filter strips program. Other policies will be updated as time permits.

Doug Anton requested time at the June board meeting to discuss landowner concerns about the Lake Ocheda enhancement project. The subject will be added to the meeting agenda.

Milbrandt said that some postings were made to Bob Rohrer's Facebook dredging discussion page to gauge the group's interest in other Lake Okabena issues.

The Heron Lake, Kanaranzi-Little Rock and Okabena-Ocheda watershed districts managers training session will occur on July 26th. Jan Voit will attend the June board meeting to encourage the managers attendance.

A grant application to BWSR to write a One Watershed/One Plan document for the Missouri River basin was discussed. The OOWD will be the applicant for the group. Nobles County will be listed as the grant's fiscal agent.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mahlberg installed the dock at the Bella landing and asked Jeppesen to repair the park's roads. Some of the park's prairie was burned on April 22nd. If weather conditions are good, burning will be completed this week.

Six floating island wetlands were installed today in Sunset Bay by Roger's students. The islands were paid for by the Olson Trust, Lake Okabena Improvement Association and district.

During their April 12th meeting, the Olson Trust board approved funding for three floating islands and decided to contribute \$30,000 to help pay for the Prairie View project.

Tom Johnson asked the district to cost-share on one or more rain gardens in a new community garden. The garden will be located on a tax forfeited lot near the intersection of Eighth Avenue and Eighth Street. The district will help pay for rain gardens at the site.

Johnson and Ingenthron viewed Steve Robinson's crossing. Robinson will contact a contractor to get cost estimates for the repair.

The St. John property's rock dam was discussed. Johnson will look at options for modifying it to hold more water on the site.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Draft Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) for Okabena, Ocheda and Bella lakes were discussed. The TMDLs reviewed by the board will be part of the Missouri River TMDL document. MPCA staff are writing the Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS) document now. The document will list strategies for meeting the TMDL load reduction requirements. Wayne Smith, John Shea and Livdahl serve on the WRAPS guidance committee.

## **PERMITS**

Ingenthron moved to approve the following permit:

**Innovative Builders, Inc.** - to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan during demolition of the Northland Mall and redevelopment of the site.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on June 7, 2016 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.