

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**May 5, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was hosted from the Nobles County Public Works facility meeting room using Zoom video conferencing software due to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 state of emergency. Present on-site were Rolf Mahlberg, President, and Dan Livdahl, Administrator. Attending remotely were managers Steve Bousema, Casey Ingenthron, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present from offsite locations were: Bob Demuth, Jr, county commissioner; Julie Buntjer, Globe reporter; and Paul Langseth, SWCD supervisor.

The minutes of the April regular 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. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Maps showing the locations of radio tagged carp from April 16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. It is likely that a spawning event happened in Sunset Bay on or around April 22. A scope of work proposal from Wenck Associates is expected soon and will be reviewed at the June meeting

A budget was proposed by Pheasants Forever to use the full \$264,600 Wellhead Protection Grant amount received from the state during the Drost property closing. If BWSR approves the budget, the \$32,100 grant balance will be transferred to the Nobles County Pheasants Forever chapter before the property closing in June.

Livdahl will continue to work from home during the COVID-19 Stay at Home order period.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

FEMA Program Delivery Manager, Elaine Jolly, reports that the application for assistance for repairing the Prairie View spillway is awaiting final approval. It is expected that the costs of the repair will be fully covered by FEMA and the state.

Mahlberg installed the dock at the Bella Park landing.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ingenthron discussed creating a new trail on the east side of the lake at Bella Park. It can be established mostly by mowing and removal of trees and shrubs. A stream crossing may need to be created. Discussing the trail location with the adjacent landowner was recommended. Ingenthron, Mahlberg and Livdahl will work on the trail. The county engineer will be consulted if engineering assistance or materials are needed.

**PERMITS**

Rogers moved to approve the following permit application.

**Kim and Kevin Kuechenmeister** – to perform erosion and sediment control during construction to rebuild a block boathouse at 1638 South Shore Drive, 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 June 2, 2020 in the Nobles County Public Works Building meeting room. Ingenthron moved to adjourn the meeting. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Meeting adjourned.