

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**May 2, 2023**

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, Rolf Mahlberg and Jeff Rogers. Also present were: Kari Lucin, Globe reporter; Paul Langseth, SWCD supervisor and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

Rogers moved to approve the April 4, 2023 board meeting minutes. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, 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. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Crailsheim water quality pond site is being surveyed today and tomorrow. It will be about two weeks before the legal description for the temporary and permanent easements is completed.

Advisory committee membership was discussed. Jeff Rogers moved to appoint Carol Olson, Erik Fritz and Tyler Wadzinski to the Advisory Committee. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Les Johnson offered to help burn prairie at Bella Park flower plot and the St. John property buffers sometime soon. Livdahl got the burning permit and will work with Johnson.

Water is about one foot deep today on the Prairie View pond filter benches. Livdahl closed the low flow pipe to reduce the amount of unfiltered water leaving the pond. The NE filter manhole is still open, but its grate seems to be mostly plugged with vegetative debris. The pond water levels will be managed if possible to maximize filtering, reduce shoreline erosion and stunt volunteer trees.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Livdahl has an appointment to meet tomorrow morning with Anne Wilkinson of Stantec to discuss monitoring Lake Okabena harmful algae blooms toxins. Test strips for microcystin toxins will be ordered after the meeting.

**PERMITS**

Ingenthron moved to approve the following permits.

**ISD 518** - to implement the project stormwater pollution prevention plan during demolition of the West Elementary School building.

**City of Worthington** – to implement the project stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue street improvements from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Street

**Worthington Housing and Redevelopment Authority** – to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of a duplex at 1601 Cecilee Street and 1704 Grand Avenue.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on June 6, 2023, in the Nobles County Public Works Department building conference room at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington. Ingenthron moved to adjourn the meeting. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.