

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
November 10, 2009

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were Managers Les Johnson, Jim Mc Gowan, Jeff Rogers and Jeff Williamson. Also present were Norm Gallagher, Nobles County Commissioner; Julie Buntjer, Daily Globe reporter; Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor and Dan Livdahl, Administrator.

The minutes of the October regular board meeting were reviewed. Williamson moved to approve the minutes as mailed. Mc Gowan seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Rogers moved to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Williamson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Photos of erosion control permit site practices were viewed by the board.

Draft copies of the rules were distributed to the Managers. A list of prohibited activities was added to section 4 of the document. The rules will be discussed in greater detail at the December board meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Livdahl spoke to the Noon Kiwanis today about the proposal to add Lake Okabena to the impaired waters list. Dredging benefits and costs were also discussed.

Monitoring of Lake Bella was completed in September. The water quality data was submitted to MPCA on October 15th and an invoice for most of the program expenses was mailed on October 29th. Lake Okabena monitoring was completed on October 12th. The data will be submitted for the STORET database soon.

Livdahl attended the BWSR Academy training in Brainerd last week.

A letter was received from Mel Ruppert explaining that the office rent will increase by 1% for 2010. The rent will be \$169 per month.

NEW BUSINESS

Developing a management plan for Lake Ocheda was discussed. Photos of the shoreline taken by Livdahl and Wayne Smith in October were viewed by the board. Langseth explained that he applied for cost-share to repair erosion on his family's shoreline. Langseth said he has talked to several other Lake Ocheda landowners about holding a meeting in November to discuss a plan for the lake.

A Conservation Partners Legacy Grant application was submitted to enhance wildlife habitat on about 68 acres at Bella Park. The total cost would be \$40,931. If the grant is approved, the OOWD must

contribute 10% of the cost of the project as in-kind services or cash.

PERMITS

Rogers moved to approve the following permit applications:

Joel Lorenz – to install approximately 12,000 feet of 4 and 5 inch diameter tile in the E ½, SE ¼, section 5, Worthington Township.

City of Worthington – to perform erosion control during a project to sod portions of Lake Front Park.

Mc Gowan seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. on December 1, 2009 at the Nobles County Public Works Facility, 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.