

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
November 2, 2010

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, Rolf Mahlberg, Jim Mc Gowan and Jeff Rogers. Also present were: Gene Foth, County Commissioner; Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor; and Dan Livdahl, Administrator.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Erosion control permit compliance was discussed.

The Bella Park reseeded project was discussed. If weather conditions permit, burning will occur soon. Livdahl will get quotes on grass and forb seed and planting.

Williamson and Mahlberg met with Livdahl on October 29th to complete his employee evaluation. Mahlberg moved to increase Livdahl's health insurance by 15 percent and his salary by 3% beginning on January 1, 2011. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Pheasants Forever signed a purchase agreement with Robert and Kathy Siefert to acquire 27.78 acres for \$83,340. The closing will occur when the title opinion and property survey are complete and the abstract is updated. The land will be donated to the DNR and managed as a part of the Peterson WMA. Since this land is in Worthington's Lake Bella Wellhead Protection Area, the District will participate in the partnership with Pheasants Forever and Worthington Public Utilities to make the land purchase possible.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The district will receive an eminent domain notice from MN/DOT regarding the Highway 60 right-of-way. This notice is given to all property owners in the new highway right-of-way that have not completed property sales.

Mahlberg will remove the dock at Bella Park. A portion of the restroom was repainted in October to keep the old plywood siding glued together.

A lot of erosion occurred on the west shore of Lake Bella after the September rain event. The willow fascines installed along a portion of the shoreline were buried by the collapsing banks. The fascines are still in place, so they may begin growing again next year.

The Clean Water Partnership Joint Powers Board met with the City Council on October 25th to discuss creating a water resources fund with hospital sale money.

Livdahl met with Jim Nelson to discuss his proposal to create a rock wall to stabilize Paul Ager's shoreline. Livdahl told him that the weight of the rock wall may cause the bank to collapse further, so an engineers opinion

would be required before a permit would be issued for the project.

PERMITS

A permit application from the **Minnesota Department of Transportation** was received for the phase of the Highway 60 project from Paul Avenue to 1100 feet north of Nobles County 35. Staff have not had time to study the project Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and recommended tabling the application until the December meeting. Rogers moved to table the application. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Rogers moved to approve the following permit application:

Tim and Susan Hansberger – to perform erosion control during construction of a new home at 1974 Woodland Court.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. on December 7, 2010 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.