

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
November 1, 2011

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. Jim Mc Gowan arrived at the meeting at about 4:15 p.m. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr., County Commissioner; Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor, and Dan Livdahl, Administrator.

The minutes of the October 2011 regular board meeting were reviewed. Mahlberg moved to approve the minutes as mailed. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Jeff Williamson's term on the board and service as the Treasurer ended on October 31st. Ingenthorn was appointed by the chairman to serve as the Treasurer until board officer elections occur in January. The signature cards for accounts at Worthington Federal Savings Bank and Bank of the West need to be updated. Mahlberg moved to authorize Les Johnson, Jeff Rogers and Casey Ingenthron to sign the Worthington Federal signature card. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Mahlberg moved to approve the Treasurer's report and transfer \$9000 from the money market account at Worthington Federal to the checking account at the Bank of the West. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Erosion control permit compliance was discussed. Several homes on Woodland Court need to install curbside erosion control before winter. Livdahl will contact the owners. More silt fences or other practices may need to be installed on the Worthington fire station construction site due to exposed soils on the long slopes.

Scott Deslauriers and his seining crew have competed three pulls at Lake Bella to remove rough fish. They intend to do one more pull on Lake Bella this week before moving to Lake Ocheda. Deslauriers plans to fish in the area until freeze up.

The 2012 budget should be finalized in December or January. A list of potential projects and cost estimates will be reviewed at the December meeting before completing the budget.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Lowell Williams stopped by today to report that the Vander Koois installed tile in the SE ¼, section 30, Lorain Township. Lowell believed the site is a farmable wetland. He said he thinks tile was installed and tillage was done to cover it up, since it was completed around sunset yesterday. Livdahl took photos of the site today and forwarded them to Ed Lenz and Stephanie McLain to see if state Wetland Conservation Act or federal farm program rules were violated. A tile installation notification form was received for the project in February 2011. Since Livdahl believed the site to be a wetland, the form was forwarded to Ed Lenz at that time.

Livdahl met with Gary Prins and Don Basche about the Hospice Cottage board's rain gardens. The board will decide soon whether to reestablish the vegetation or refund the cost-share to OOWD and the RC&D. Livdahl talked to Gary and Don about the option of using vegetation similar to the rain garden at the Nobles County Public Works Facility.

Livdahl attended the Board of Water and Soil Resources Academy last week at Breezy Point. He participated in training sessions on construction site management, stormwater systems, drainage law, water quality monitoring, invasive species and weed control, estimating pollution loading, lake protection funding, and selling conservation programs.

The Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts annual meeting is on December 1-3 at Arrowwood in Alexandria.

Mahlberg will remove the dock at Lake Bella when the seining project is completed.

The annual Clean Water Partnership Joint Powers Board meeting date has not been set yet.

Larson Crane will remove accumulated sediment from the W-9 forebay this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

Mahlberg will conduct the Administrator's annual performance evaluation. Evaluation forms will be mailed to the other managers soon for their input.

NEW BUSINESS

Mahlberg moved to recognize Jeff Williamson for six years of excellent service on the watershed district board. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg Mc Gowan. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The office lease expires in February. Ingenthron moved to sign a lease amendment agreement extending it for another five years. McGowan seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg Mc Gowan. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Richard Fellows complained to Mahlberg and Livdahl about the possibility of increased flooding on land he farms adjacent to the St. John property due to fill being deposited as a part of the Highway 60 project. Mahlberg and Livdahl will meet with him on site to discuss it.

Potential for the 2012 annual plan were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. on December 6, 2011 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.