

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**November 4, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were managers Jay Milbrandt, Casey Ingenthron, Les Johnson and Rolf Mahlberg. Also present were Bob Demuth, Jr., Nobles County commissioner; Robin Baumgarn, Daily Globe reporter and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

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

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Ingenthron moved to approve the Treasurer's report, pay the bills and transfer \$6,000 from savings into the checking account. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Lake Ocheda enhancement project memorandum of understanding and a letter pledging \$10,000 to help pay for the surveying and engineering design work were sent to Ducks Unlimited. Josh Kavanagh hopes the project will be funded during DU's November budget meetings.

Julie Buntjer said Scott DesLauriers was observed seining fish from Lake Ocheda last week. It is unknown whether he will continue fishing there.

A draft letter responding to action items identified in the district's performance review was reviewed. The letter will be mailed to the Board of Water and Soil Resources by the end of the week.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The district is a sponsor of the Extension cover crop field day on November 13<sup>th</sup> in Okabena. Managers were encouraged to attend.

Larye Mick completed the bottom survey of Lake Okabena and Sunset Bay in September. It is hoped we can compare the bottom elevations to the survey done in 1999.

The Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts annual meeting will be on December 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> at the Arrowwood Conference Center in Alexandria. Livdahl will register to attend the meeting.

Livdahl used Ingenthron's drag to prepare land for native grass and forbs seeding at Bella Park. If the weather permits, Scott Rall will broadcast the seed next week.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service is writing a 2015 controlled burn plan for their property adjacent to Bella Park. They asked permission to burn district property at the same time to eliminate the need for some fire breaks. Livdahl will tell them they can burn district property as needed to facilitate maintenance of the Waterfowl Production Area property.

Livdahl attended the Board of Water and Soil Resources academy last week at Breezy Point.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The 2015 annual plan and budget will be worked on at the December board meeting. Managers were asked to think about projects that should be in the plan and budget.

Mahlberg will lead the annual staff performance review process. Performance review sheets will be emailed or mailed to the managers and should be returned to Mahlberg.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on December 2, 2014 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.