

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
November 1, 2016

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, and Rolf Mahlberg. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr., county commissioner; Scott Rall, advisory committee member; Julie Buntjer, Daily Globe reporter; Paul Langseth, SWCD supervisor; and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

The minutes of the October regular board meeting were reviewed. Ingenthron moved to approve the minutes. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg. 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 \$8,000 from savings into checking. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A public meeting about the draft Lake Ocheda management plan will be held in January. At least one additional meeting will be held before spring.

Mahlberg met with the Iowa Lakes Lab staff about the data buoy installed in East Okaboji. They reported the buoy was time consuming to deploy, operate and maintain. Mahlberg said the Iowa Lakes Lab staff were not positive about the buoy, and without a research need for the data, he couldn't recommend installing one in Lake Okabena.

Maintenance at Bella park was discussed. Mahlberg pulled the landing dock onto shore for the winter. The dirt track between the two shelters will be closed. Mahlberg will contact Jeppesen to do more road grading and repair the short road into the north park shelter.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Terry Neugebauer created a 2017 rental agreement for the agricultural land on the St. John property. Livdahl signed the agreement for the board.

The district rules regulating agricultural tile surface intakes will be reviewed this winter.

Mahlberg will complete the annual performance evaluation for Livdahl before the December board meeting. Evaluation forms will be emailed or mailed to the other managers for their input.

The Ocheda dam fish barrier was opened for the winter on October 14th.

Two floating islands broke free of their anchors in Sunset Bay. They will be re-anchored this week.

Nobles SWCD sent letters stating that riparian buffers are required on twelve parcels belonging to the district. At this time, the buffers already in place conform with state requirements.

NEW BUSINESS

A meeting was held today between the partners in the Missouri River One Watershed/One Plan group. A series of meetings will be scheduled over the next two months to set up the agreements and committees necessary to receive the grant from BWSR.

The 2017 budget will be discussed in detail at the December board meeting.

The office space lease expires at the end of January. Nobles County is working on a lease agreement for the next five

years. It should be ready for review at the December meeting.

PERMITS

Ingenthron moved to approve the following permits:

South Lake Development - to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of housing units near the intersection of First Avenue SW and Knollwood Drive.

Merck - to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of a building expansion at 275 South Lake Street, Worthington.

Newport Laboratories - to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of a building addition and installation of a water line at 2020 Circle Drive, Worthington.

Marthaler Ford - to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of a building addition, expansion of the lot area and resurfacing of the existing lot at 611 Oxford Street, Worthington.

Lewis and Clark Regional Water System - to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of a water transmission line into Worthington.

New Vision Cooperative - to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of a truck storage building at 1301 County Road 5, Worthington.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on December 6, 2016 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road.