

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**November 5, 2019**

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, Rolf Mahlberg and Jay Milbrandt. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr. county commissioner; Brad Harberts, county ditch inspector; Paul Langseth, SWCD supervisor; Julie Buntjer, Globe reporter; and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

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

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. A list of filter strip incentive checks mailed in October was reviewed. Ingenthron moved to approve the Treasurer's report, pay the bills and transfer \$20,000 from savings into checking. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Construction on the Lake Ocheda dam project is expected to begin within two weeks.

A FEMA recovery scoping meeting was held on October 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss disaster assistance for the Prairie View spillway repair. Program Delivery Manager, Dallas Flint, was present with his supervisor and staff from Minnesota Emergency Management. It is expected that the full repair cost will be eligible for reimbursement from FEMA and the state. Excess funds received for 2018 disaster assistance may be kept and used for other mitigation expenses.

Randy Graham completed installing riprap around the Lake Bella dam spillway pool last month. The cost was \$12,000.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Casey Ingenthron will be designated as the district's voting delegate at the MAWD annual meeting.

A Clean Water Partnership Joint Powers Board meeting needs to be scheduled before the middle of December. Possible dates for the meeting were discussed.

The 2020 budget will be discussed at the December board meeting. Mahlberg and Rogers will complete the administrator's annual performance evaluation before then.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The engineering costs for the Lake Ocheda dam may exceed the \$80,000 cost limit in the Ducks Unlimited professional services agreement. Jim Streifel recommends modifying the agreement to authorize spending up to a total of \$90,000. Ingenthron moved to change the total compensation listed in schedule B of the agreement to \$90,000. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Board of Water and Soil Resources approved the Missouri River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The planning group's Policy Committee will meet on November 13<sup>th</sup>. They will recommend the planning group members adopt the plan before the end of the year. The Policy Committee will also likely approve the Joint Powers Agreement for plan implementation and ask members to sign it. The plan adoption resolution and joint powers agreement will be discussed at the December meeting.

## **PERMITS**

Ingenthron moved to approve the following permit application.

**Joel Lorenz** – to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of a new home at 1953 Woodland Court, Worthington.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on December 3, 2019 in the Nobles County Public Works Building meeting room at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington. Milbrandt moved to adjourn the meeting. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Meeting adjourned.