

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
November 10, 2020

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was hosted from the Nobles County Public Works facility meeting room using Zoom video conferencing software. Present on-site was Dan Livdahl, administrator. Attending remotely were managers Casey Ingenthron, Rolf Mahlberg, and Jay Milbrandt. Also present from offsite locations were: Bob Demuth, Jr, and Matt Widboom county commissioners; Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor and Julie Buntjer, Globe reporter.

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 payments issued in October was discussed. Ingenthron moved to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills including the filter strip payments. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Lake Ocheda's water level was at the same elevation as the dam sill yesterday. Rain and snow since then has likely raised the lake level. The beaver may be trapped out between the dam and 310th Street since no more dams have been built.

Radio telemetry tags were surgically implanted in twenty carp on October 13th. The tagged carp were dispersed around Okabena last week with most in the lake's deeper water.

The college stormwater pond fish barrier was installed by Meinders Construction on October 23rd.

Contractor, Randy Graham, removed sediment from the W9 project northern forebay on October 30th. The silt was hauled to Gordon family farmland adjacent to the site.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Houston Engineering will provide a proposed scope of work for evaluating the feasibility of water quality projects on the District 518 Crailsheim property before the December board meeting. The proposal will be emailed to the managers when it is received and shared with the school district.

Mahlberg mowed the volunteer cottonwood and willow trees around the Prairie View ponds last week.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2021 budget will be discussed at the December board meeting. Mahlberg and Rogers will complete the employee performance review and discuss salary and benefits with Livdahl before the meeting. Performance review forms will be emailed to the managers and should be returned to Mahlberg.

The MAWD annual meeting will be held virtually during the first week of December. Ingenthron and Livdahl will be registered to attend. Ingenthron will be the district's authorized voting delegate.

PERMITS

Milbrandt moved to approve the following permit applications.

Todd Hieronimus – to install riprap on the shoreline at 625 West Shore Drive, Worthington.

V & O Properties – to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of a duplex at 1207 and 1209 South Shore Drive, Worthington.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held on December 1, 2020 in the Nobles County Public Works Building meeting room. Ingenthron moved to adjourn the meeting, Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.