

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
October 7, 2008

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were Managers Galen Gordon, Rolf Mahlberg, Jim Mc Gowan and Jeff Williamson. Also present were Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor and Dan Livdahl, Administrator.

The minutes of the 2009 Budget Hearing and the September regular board meeting were reviewed. Williamson moved to approve the minutes as mailed. Mc Gowan seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gordon, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. A list of checks for CRP filter strip incentives was reviewed. Gordon moved to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Williamson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gordon, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

CRP INCENTIVE PAYMENTS

A list of the people eligible for CRP filter strip incentives was reviewed with the Treasurer's Report. Landowners need to have valid CRP contracts at the end of the federal fiscal year to be eligible for payment. According to OOWD records, ten contracts expired in 2007. According to Farm Services Agency staff, eight of these sites were reenrolled in the program. Livdahl drove by the sites to confirm that grassed filter strips were in place during the last week of September. A letter will be sent to landowners with CRP contracts expiring in 2007 and 2008 informing them that a copy of the new CRP contract must be provided to the District before future payments can be made.

OLD BUSINESS

Livdahl worked with the Lake Okabena Improvement Association to write a Minnesota Waters Grant application for a rain barrel cost-share project. The LOIA submitted the application because they are members of Minnesota Waters.

A chapter for the OOWD needs to be added to the Comprehensive Water Plan/Watershed District Management Plan to meet the requirements of Minnesota Statute 103D. The managers reviewed a draft of the chapter. The public hearing for the plan will occur during the Nobles County Commissioners meeting on November 4th. The plan will be submitted to the DNR for review after the local hearing.

Erosion control permit compliance was discussed. A report on the status of sites permitted in 2007 and 2008 was reviewed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Nobles County Public Works Facility will be a polling place on November 4th. The November board meeting will occur on the Minnesota West campus. A notice for the

meeting location change will be posted.

A draft lease for the St. John property was given to the board for comment.

The OOWD was added to the Nobles County Public Works Facility sign. The cost will be between \$200 and \$300.

Jeff Williamson was reappointed for another term on the OOWD Board. Jeff Rogers was appointed to a three year term beginning on November 1st. The other managers thanked Galen Gordon for his admirable work protecting the resources of the District during the last 18 years.

An email was sent to members of the LOIA by Bob Rohrer proposing that a survey be done of Lake Okabena's bottom contours. The new survey would be compared to the survey completed in 1998. It is unknown whether there is public support to do this study, but if there is, the Olson Trust is a possible source of funding.

NEW BUSINESS

Copies of the 2007 financial audit were distributed to the Managers. A copy will be mailed to the State Auditor.

PERMITS

Gordon moved to approve the following permit applications:

City of Worthington – to perform erosion control during construction of a sanitary sewer pipe and water main.

M & M Warehouse – to perform erosion control during construction of a warehouse facility on Industrial Lane in Worthington.

Jesse Drost – to install approximately 2000 feet of 4 and 5 inch diameter tile in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, section 7, Bigelow Township.

Dean Selberg – to install a total of 6400 feet of 5 inch diameter tile in the E $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, section 8, Bigelow Township and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, section 17 Bigelow Township.

Bousema Farms – to install approximately 10,000 feet of 4 and 5 inch diameter tile in the N $\frac{1}{2}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, section 1, Dewald Township.

Bousema Farms – to install approximately 4500 feet of 4 and 5 inch diameter tile in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, section 12, Dewald Township.

Weg's Blue and White Dairy – to install approximately 4200 feet of tile and two Hickenbottom units to be used as inspection ports in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, section 17, Bigelow Township on the condition that the Hickenbottom units may not be installed in a manner to promote surface water drainage.

David Vander Kooi – to install approximately 1200 feet of 5 inch diameter tile in the SE ¼, Se ¼, section 4, Bigelow Township.

James Russell – to repair waterways in the SE ¼, section 29, Bigelow Township.

Henry Pfeil – to install approximately 600 feet of tile in the SW ¼, SE ¼, section 3, Bigelow Township.

Brad Hoekstra – to install approximately 3500 feet of 5 inch diameter tile in the W ½, SE ¼, section 18, Bigelow Township.

Mc Gowan seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gordon, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Williamson.
Opposed: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. on November 4, 2008 at the Minnesota West Community and Technical College, Worthington Campus. The meeting room location will be posted at the Public Works Building and included with the agenda and minutes mailing.

Meeting adjourned.