

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**October 6, 2009**

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

The minutes of the September regular board meeting and the 2010 budget hearing were reviewed. Williamson moved to approve the minutes as mailed. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. \$40,000 was transferred from the money market account into checking on October 2<sup>nd</sup> to cover CRP filter strip payments, payroll liabilities and other expenses expected during the month. CRP Filter Strip payments for 2009 total \$30,405.50. Worthington will reimburse the District \$7510.00 for its share of the incentive payments in the Lake Okabena sub-watershed. Mahlberg moved to approve the Treasurer's report, pay the bills and issue CRP filter strip and BMP cost-share payments. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**COST-SHARE**

Cost-share payments for **John Moberg's** septic system replacement and **Kelvin Vande Kamp's** well sealing project were approved as a part of the Treasurer's report. Livdahl will inspect CRP Filter Strip sites before mailing incentive payments. Six landowners need to provide updated copies of their CRP contracts before payments will be issued.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Construction site erosion control permit compliance was briefly discussed.

The rules update will be addressed at a future board meeting.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Livdahl will attend the BWSR Academy on November 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup>. The next regular board meeting will be moved to November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Johnson's ATV was used to spray thistles on the Bella Park, Lake Ocheda and St. John properties.

The Clean Water Partnership Joint Powers Board will meet at 7:30 a.m. on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Livdahl led tours at the Prairie Wetland Learning Area for 5<sup>th</sup> graders from St. Mary's, Worthington Christian and Prairie Elementary on September 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

A meeting will occur on October 8<sup>th</sup> between Worthington and the DNR about appropriating water from Lake Okabena for a proposed lawn irrigation system in the Woodland Court neighborhood. The City is the riparian owner and would have to apply for an appropriation permit.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mahlberg, Al Langseth and Livdahl met to discuss holding a meeting with Lake Ocheda landowners about a management plan for the lake. It was decided hold the meeting this winter. Photos will be taken of the lake's shoreline for a PowerPoint presentation. Possible management plan elements were discussed.

Livdahl attended a meeting about the Lessard-Sams Conservation Partners Legacy Grant program. Proposals are due on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mahlberg moved to write a proposal for enhancing the grassland at Lake Bella Park. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The SWCD, Pheasants Forever and Heron Lake Watershed District are forming a partnership to purchase a small, ATV pulled, native grass drill and trailer. The drill will be used for planting conservation practices and will be managed by the SWCD. Mahlberg moved to contribute \$1000 for toward the purchase of the equipment. Williamson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

## **PERMITS**

Mahlberg moved to approve the following permit applications:

**Minnesota Department of Transportation** – to perform erosion control and build stormwater facilities during the TH 60 Reconstruction Project, Phase I.

**Doug Anton** – to modify a permit issued on June 3, 2008 to install a total of 4400 feet of 5 inch diameter tile in the E ½, SE ¼, section 35, Worthington Township.

**Richard Fellows** – to install approximately 10,000 feet of 6 and 8 inch diameter tile in the SW ¼, section 11, Bigelow Township.

**Dorward Dykstra** – to build terraces and install approximately 1300 feet of new tile in the NW ¼, section 28, Bigelow Township.

**Russell Miller** – to install approximately 2500 feet of 6 inch diameter tile in the SW ¼, section 19, Worthington Township and install approximately 1500 feet of 6 inch diameter tile in the W ½, SE ¼, section 28, Worthington Township.

**Barb Van Grootheest** – to repair tile and replace broken tile intakes in the SE ¼, section 29, Lorain Township – on the condition that tile intakes be replaced with rock intakes.

**Scott Knigge** – to install tile in the NE ¼, NE ¼, section 32, Worthington Township.

**Rolf Mahlberg** – to install approximately 3600 feet of 4 and 5 inch diameter tile in the NW ¼, NW ¼, section 11, Bigelow Township.

Mc Gowan seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson.

Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular board meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. on November 10, 2009 at the Nobles County Public Works Facility, 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.