

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**October 2, 2012**

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 and Jeff Rogers. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr., county commissioner; Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor; Ed Lenz, SWCD manager; Julie Buntjer, Daily Globe reporter and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

The minutes of the 2013 budget hearing and the September regular board meeting were reviewed. Rogers moved to approve the minutes as mailed. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Money needs to be transferred from savings to checking to pay filter strip incentives, cost-share and the district's share for construction of the regional stormwater pond on the Minnesota West campus. Mahlberg moved to approve the Treasurer's report, pay the bills and transfer \$63,000 from the Worthington Federal money market account into the checking account at Wells Fargo. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**COST-SHARE**

The Langseth shoreline restoration project is complete. The cost-share payment of \$5000 will be made when the Langseth family submits the project bills and signs an easement to permanently protect the shoreline.

A list of sites eligible for 2012 filter strip incentive payments was reviewed. Mahlberg moved to issue the checks after the sites are inspected. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion on future watershed projects will occur at the November board meeting when Ingenthron is present.

Livdahl talked to Rick Schaeffer, R&G office manager, about the agreement for the St. John property. Livdahl explained to him that R&G will be charged \$500 per acre rent, for the entire site, if grading and restoration work isn't completed by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Les Johnson was appointed by the Nobles County Board for another three year term on the watershed district board. Jay Milbrandt was appointed to fill Mc Gowan's position on the board. Milbrandt's term will begin on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The other managers thanked Mc Gowan for his years of service.

Mahlberg will remove the dock at the Lake Bella landing sometime before winter. Fire breaks should be mowed around the newly seeded areas at Bella Park.

Livdahl installed about 160 storm drain markers around Worthington. He will help the local Girl Scout Troop install approximately 30 markers on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Construction work continues on the bike path along Crailsheim Road and County Highway 35. Nobles County is doing a good job of erosion control.

Worthington removed sediment at the intersection of Whiskey Ditch and County Ditch 12. City staff say erosion control matting will be installed on the disturbed ditch banks.

Livdahl will attend the BWSR Academy training session at the end of the month at Cragun's Resort.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A Clean Water Partnership Joint Powers Board meeting needs to occur before the end of the year. One of the managers will be appointed at the November meeting to take Mc Gowan's place on the board.

### **PERMITS**

A permit application from **Mark and Maria Thier** to landscape property along Lake Okabena was discussed. The project plan includes creating a bench on the steep bank above the lake that would not be in compliance with Worthington's shoreland rules. Mark Thier said he would be willing to modify his plan to be compliant. Livdahl suggested tabling the application until the new plan is received.

A permit application was received from **Southwestern Mental Health** to perform erosion control during construction of a facility at 1210 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The project's stormwater pollution prevention plan needs to be modified to comply with state requirements before a watershed district permit is issued.

Mahlberg moved to table the Thier and Southwestern Mental Health permit applications. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on November 13, 2012 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.