

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
October 6, 2015

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, Les Johnson, Rolf Mahlberg, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present were: Keith Schroeder, advisory committee member; Paul Langseth, SWCD supervisor; John Shea, SWCD manager; and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

The minutes of the 2016 budget hearing and the September regular board meeting were reviewed. Rogers moved to approve the minutes. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Rogers moved to approve the Treasurer's report, pay the bills and transfer \$47,000 from savings into the checking account. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

COST-SHARE

A well sealing cost-share payment for Kim Ryle was approved with the Treasurer's report. A cost-share payment for Terry Neugebauer will be issued after money is transferred into the checking account.

OLD BUSINESS

The soybeans at the St. John property were too short and sparse to harvest. Cover crop seed was planted into the standing soybean plants on September 22nd. The cover crop is growing well. Future use of the site was discussed. Mahlberg recommended nursing the property back to health before renting the ground to someone else to farm. The rye cover crop planted there this fall may be left to grow next year.

The 2015 Nobles County invasive species program was discussed. Livdahl explained that the invasive species grant money could be used to provide incentives to sein common carp from Lake Okabena. Some advisory board members recommended doing this. The managers do not support seining since it does not reduce a lake's long-term carp population.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Paul Langseth will provide a cost estimate for removing the cedar trees on district property at the intersection of 330th Street and CSAH 57. The trees block the view of traffic at the intersection and may lead to snow drifting onto the roads.

Mahlberg said he will remove the dock at the Bella Park landing before winter.

Johnson will mow fire breaks to prepare for burning part of the prairie at Bella Park in 2016.

Livdahl will work with John Moberg to remove more barbed wire fence on the boundaries of Bella Park.

The NRCS got money to do an assessment of the State Line Dam in Bella Park. A meeting will be held sometime next week to explain the process.

The fish barrier at the Lake Ocheda dam will be opened soon. Water flowed over the dam only briefly this year.

Livdahl in the middle of installing about 300 "no dumping" storm sewer catch basin markers around Worthington.

NEW BUSINESS

A list of fifty-seven filter strip sites scheduled to receive 2015 district incentive payments was reviewed. Livdahl will drive by the sites to verify the filter strips are in place. Rogers moved to issue the payments, totaling \$36,882, after verification. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

A Clean Water Partnership Joint Powers Board meeting will be scheduled before the end of the year.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on November 3, 2015 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.
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