

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
October 3, 2017

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: Bob Demuth, Jr, county commissioner; Julie Buntjer, Globe reporter; Brad Harberts, county ditch inspector; Keith Schroeder, advisory committee member; Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor; and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

The minutes of the 2018 budget hearing and September regular board meeting were reviewed. Ingenthron moved to approve the minutes. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Ingenthron moved to approve the Treasurer's report, pay the bills and transfer \$50,000 from savings into checking. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Approximate 4.8 inches of rain were received during the last 24 hours in the Prairie View project area. Duinink completed the installation of the Flexamat and riprap on the emergency overflow over the weekend in preparation for the predicted rains. Water levels rose quickly to the expected high water level. Water is presently leaving the site over the overflow spillway and through the filters' cleanout pipes.

Milbrandt and Livdahl will attend a Worthington City Council work session on October 18th to discuss ownership and recreational options for the Prairie View property.

The Managers discussed a proposal from Wenck Associates to do a Best Management Practices assessment for the School District's Vogt property and Olson, Slater and Sailboard Beach parks. Mahlberg moved to approve the proposal. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Lake Ocheda Management Plan hearing will be on October 10th at the Norwood Inn meeting room beginning at 7:00 p.m. A public notice was printed in the Globe. It needed to be reprinted to correct dates for receiving public comments. The original public notice was mailed to the Lake Ocheda riparian landowners and the corrected notice was mailed to the same landowners today.

The advisory committee met yesterday to discuss the Lake Ocheda management plan and how to bring supporters of the plan to the hearing. The committee recommended purchasing a Globe advertisement for up to \$400 to invite the public to participate in the hearing. The advertisement will be printed in the Saturday edition.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The 5th grade students from the Worthington Middle School, St. Mary's and Worthington Christian attended the Prairie Wetland Learning Area event over three days last week. Staff from the USFWS, SWCD and district led tours of the area. Worthington High School students did presentations at the sampling dock and duck blind. All the students attended sessions on the Prairie Ecology Bus. The district will pay the bills for the bus and a restroom.

Livdahl did soils presentations at the Elementary Field Days in Lambertton on September 12th – 14th. Approximately 750 students participated.

Livdahl will be doing a presentation on Lake Okabena and water quality on October 9th for the Worthington Garden Club.

NEW BUSINESS

Filter strip incentive payments for 2017 were discussed. District records show eight of the sites' CRP contracts have expired. Their status need to be checked before payments are made. Drive-by site inspections have not been done yet. Mahlberg moved to issue the filter strip incentive payments after site inspections and CRP status are reviewed. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Wenck staff will do the Lake Okabena carp assessment early next week if it is not too windy.

PERMITS

Mahlberg moved to approve the following permit applications.

Bedford Industries – to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of a building addition on Industrial Lane, Worthington.

Bedford Industries – to perform erosion and sediment control during a project to replace gravel lots with grass on company property adjacent to Rowe Avenue, Worthington.

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

Mahlberg moved to approve the following permit application.

City of Worthington – to perform erosion and sediment control while building an amphitheater in Ludlow Park.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. on November 7, 2017 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road.

Meeting adjourned.