

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**October 2, 2018**

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: Brad Harberts, county ditch inspector; Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor; Scott Rall, advisory committee member; Julie Buntjer, Globe reporter; and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Water levels are high in the Prairie View pond. Repairs of the sand filters and spillway are scheduled for this fall after water level to recede. The project engineer is trying to get the contractor to commit to a construction date.

Permit applications for the Lake Ocheda dam reconstruction were submitted to the DNR and Army Corps Engineers by Josh Kavanagh. Area hydrologist, Brian Nyborg, transferred to another position within the DNR. It is unknown whether this will affect the timely issuance of a state permit.

Milbrandt and Livdahl will attend a Worthington City Council work session on October 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss carp population management in Lake Okabena.

A list of landowners and 2018 filter strip incentive payment sites was discussed. Proof of current CRP filter strip enrollment is needed for some sites. Wayne Klumper sold his property during December 2017. Mahlberg moved to issue a prorated payment to Klumper. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Incentive payment checks will be issued in October after drive by inspections are complete and proof of CRP enrollment is received.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

An agreement to enroll 15 acres of the St. John property in the University of Minnesota pollinator study will be emailed to the district soon by Cristina Heron-Sweet. A honey bee mix will be planted on the site this fall after harvest. Heron-Sweet is looking for someone to do mowing and weed control there.

Osceola County still plans to replace the Iowa line road bridge at Bella Park this fall. It is hoped that stream flow will recede to make construction easier. Livdahl talked to the engineer about restoring the parking lot and fence after construction.

The Missouri River One Watershed One Plan draft document is nearly complete. It will be presented to the plan's advisory committee in November and the Policy Committee in December. After the Policy Committee approves the plan it will be submitted to BWSR for public comment and approval.

The memo from Wenck about possible BMP's to treat stormwater from downtown Worthington was discussed.

This is Les Johnson's final monthly board meeting. The managers thanked him for 30 years of service to the natural resources and residents of the district. Board officer elections will occur at the November board meeting. The board will also designate managers authorized to sign checks and manage bank accounts then.

Livdahl installed 53 storm sewer catch basin markers this month. Up to 96 more will be glued in place if the weather cooperates.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A joint powers agreement between the DNR and district for reconstruction and management of the Lake Ocheda dam was emailed to the managers. Mahlberg moved to approve and sign the agreement. Ingenthron seconded the motion.

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

Rall recommended that Steve Bousema be invited to an advisory committee meeting so they can tell him about the district's mission, goals, programs and projects.

Approximately 120 feet of riprap needs to be replaced around the Lake Bella dam spillway after the June rain event. The estimated cost is \$8,000 to \$12,000. The Osceola County engineer suggested having a local contractor do the work rather than adding it to the state line road bridge replacement project.

A FEMA disaster assistance meeting will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup> in Rushmore. Livdahl will attend and do what is necessary to apply for assistance for the Prairie View spillway and Bella dam riprap repair costs.

### **PERMITS**

Rogers moved to approve the following permit applications:

**Henning Construction** – to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of the Lakeside Travel Plaza project at the intersection of County Highway 57 and US Highway 60, Worthington.

**American Lutheran Church** – to perform erosion and sediment control during demolition and construction of a building addition at 915 Winifred Street, Worthington.

**Nienkerk Construction** – to perform erosion and sediment control during replacement of underground tanks at 1710 Humiston Avenue, Worthington.

**DK Buildings** – to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of a new home at 1771 Donavon Drive, Worthington.

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on November 13, 2018 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road.

Meeting adjourned.