

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
October 5, 2021

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, Rolf Mahlberg, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr, county commissioner; Kari Lucin, Globe reporter and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

The minutes of the 2022 Budget Hearing and the September regular board meeting were reviewed. Ingenthron moved to approve the budget hearing minutes. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Ingenthron moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Milbrandt moved to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The Ocheda Lake level drawdown progress is slower than expected due to regular rainfall and obstructions downstream. Vegetation and a beaver dam in the Ochedan River channel are slowing the flow. Mahlberg removed about a third of the beaver dam with an excavator. The rest will be removed by hand as time permits.

The OOWD board and District 518 school board will hold a joint meeting on October 19th to discuss the possibility of building a water quality improvement pond on the Crailsheim property. A meeting notice will be posted soon.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Approximately 130 storm water education curb markers will be installed this fall if time and weather allow it.

Mahlberg mowed the Bella Park trails last week for the final time this year. He also removed the dock at the boat landing.

The Prairie View pond water level is about nine inches below the filter bench elevation because water is flowing out through the open manhole. The manhole cover will remain off until vegetation is well established around the filter benches.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2021 filter strip incentive program was discussed. Rogers move to issue the payments for eligible filter strips. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Bousema and Milbrandt were reappointed to three year terms on the board.

Fishing to remove carp from Lake Okabena may occur in October. Scott Deslauriers said last winter that he hope to fish this fall. Milbrandt move to subsidize seining, if needed, not to exceed \$3500. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Buying a drone to document site conditions and facilitate inspections was discussed. Rogers moved to purchase a drone not to exceed a cost of \$3000. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on November 2, 2021 in the Nobles County Public Works Building meeting room. Meeting adjourned.