

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
October 4, 2022

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 and Jay Milbrandt. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr., County Commissioner; Paul Langseth, SWCD supervisor; Kari Lucin, Globe reporter and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

The minutes of the 2023 budget hearing and September regular board meeting were reviewed. Milbrandt moved to approve the minutes of the hearing and board meeting. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

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

COST-SHARE

A septic system replacement cost-share payment for Ryan Lee was approved with the Treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS

Sediment was removed from the Prairie View filter benches using a tracked skid loader. The sand and sediment mix was placed in piles that will need to be removed sometime in the future. The cost was \$1250.00. Future filter bench cleanings will be more expensive because the dirty sand will need to be hauled away and clean sand trucked in and installed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Randy Erwin placed beaver traps by the 310th Street culverts. It is likely that trapping will need to continue there until water is again flowing over the Lake Ocheda dam. The beaver dam on OOWD property immediately downstream of the Worthington Wells WMA was rebuilt over the summer. Ochedan River levels will be monitored and the dam may be removed if the backwater causes cropland flooding.

Worthington 5th grade classes were given tours of the Prairie Wetland Learning Area and spent time on the Prairie Ecology Bus during three days in September. The OOWD will pay for the Ecology Bus and portable restroom.

The MAWD Annual Meeting will be held at Arrowwood in Alexandria on December 1-3. The registration period is now open.

Livdahl has installed 124 storm sewer catch basin markers to date. Up to 50 more will be installed if the weather is good and street construction projects are completed.

NEW BUSINESS

A list of likely 2022 filter strip incentives payments was discussed. Inspections of the sites will be conducted to make sure filter strips are in place before payments are issued. Documentation is needed for four sites to verify they are in current CRP contracts. Milbrandt moved to issue the payments after appropriate inspections and the verification of CRP status. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

PERMITS

Milbrandt moved to approve the following permit applications.

Rick Heidebrink – to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of a shoreline stabilization project at 1102 South Shore Drive, Worthington.

Brad Hoekstra – to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of a new home at 1904 Woodland Court, Worthington.

Ridley Block – to implement the project stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of a new storage building at 2740 County Highway 35, Worthington.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on November 1, 2022, in the Nobles County Public Works Department building conference room at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington. Ingenthron moved to adjourn the meeting. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Meeting adjourned.