

Minutes
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District 2009 Budget Public Hearing
September 2, 2008

The Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District 2009 budget hearing was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were Managers Galen Gordon, Les Johnson, Rolf Mahlberg, Jim Mc Gowan and Jeff Williamson. Also present were Roger and Larry Doeden, Norm Gallagher, County Commissioner; Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor and Dan Livdahl, Administrator.

The budget, as published in the Daily Globe, was discussed. No written comments were received regarding the budget. No other comments were made by the people present.

Mahlberg moved to adopt the proposed budget and levy \$130,000 in 2009. Gordon seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gordon, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Mahlberg moved to close the budget hearing. Mc Gowan seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gordon, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Williamson. Opposed: none. Hearing closed at 4:10 p.m.

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of
Managers
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The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:10 p.m. Present were Managers Galen Gordon, Les Johnson, Rolf Mahlberg, Jim Mc Gowan and Jeff Williamson. Also present were Larry and Roger Doeden, Norm Gallagher, County Commissioner; Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor and Dan Livdahl, Administrator.

The minutes of the August regular board meeting were reviewed. Mahlberg moved to approve the minutes as mailed. Williamson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gordon, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Gordon moved to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gordon, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

COST-SHARE

Cost-share payments for rain gardens at the **Dingman Funeral Home and Ag. Service Center** were approved with the Treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS

Mc Gowan opened and read the sealed bid proposals received for the two-year lease of the St. John property. Gordon moved to accept the highest bid of \$6385.00 per year from Larry and Roger Doeden. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gordon, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Williamson moved to send a letter to the other bidders informing them of the results of the bidding process. Mc Gowan seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gordon, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Livdahl and Gordon will write a lease document for the Doedens to sign.

Erosion control permit compliance was discussed. Livdahl will send follow up letters to permit holders about fall grass plantings.

Paul Kepka was contacted again about providing a bid to install riprap on the Lake Bella dam. Kepka said he will do it soon. Mahlberg moved to authorize Johnson and Livdahl to hire a contractor and spend up to \$3500 for the riprap project. Gordon seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gordon, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Johnson reported that the Clean Water Partnership Joint Powers Organization board met on August 21st. The JPO CWP agreed to pay for the filterstrip incentives, the Lake Okabena water quality sampling costs and half of the cost of the liability insurance with money from

the City fund. The option of buying the Siefert property sometime in the future was discussed. The W9 project site and wetland replacement site were inspected. It does not appear that maintenance needs to be done at this time.

Williamson and Mahlberg did a performance review of Livdahl on August 28th using the forms filled out by all the Managers. Mahlberg moved to give Livdahl a 4 percent cost of living increase and a 1 percent merit raise, added to the base, effective on October 1, 2008. Gordon seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gordon, Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Livdahl will write a Minnesota Waters grant application for about \$5000. He talked to the City writing an application to do a project in Lake Front Park demonstrating permeable pavers.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Heron Lake Watershed District is sponsoring a meeting on common carp control on September 15th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Heron Lake Community Center. The managers were encouraged to attend. The HLWD will also have a tour on the prehistory and history of the watershed district on this Thursday, September 4th from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Jeppsen repaired the road washout at Bella Park.

NEW BUSINESS

A draft of the Nobles County Comprehensive Water Plan was discussed. A number of requirements for updated watershed district management plans are missing from the document. The Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed District and the OOWD will each create separate chapters to be added to the plan. A draft of the OOWD chapter will be presented to the managers at the October board meeting.

PERMITS

Mahlberg moved to approve the following permit applications:

V & O Properties – to perform erosion control and stormwater management according to the stormwater pollution prevention plan for a project at 1070 and 1080 Crailsheim Drive, Worthington.

Joe Vander Kooi – to install approximately 7300 feet of 4 and 5 inch diameter tile in the S ½, SE ¼, section 12, Bigelow Township.

Bigelow Township – to replace the existing culvert under 310th Street in the SE ¼, section 16, Bigelow Township with the same sized culvert installed at the same elevation.

Mc Gowan seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gordon, Johnson, Mc Gowan, Williamson. Abstained: Mahlberg. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. on October 7, 2008 at the Nobles County Public Works Building, 960 Diagonal Road.

Meeting adjourned.