

MINUTES
2010 Budget Hearing
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
September 1, 2009

The public hearing for the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District's 2010 budget was called to order at 4:01 p.m. Present were Managers Les Johnson, Rolf Mahlberg, Jim Mc Gowan, Jeff Rogers and Jeff Williamson. Also present were Stephanie McLain, NRCS District Conservationist; Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor and Dan Livdahl, Administrator.

The 2010 budget as published in the Daily Globe was discussed. Paul Langseth told the board that his family will be applying for a grant this fall to stabilize shoreline on Lake Ocheda. He asked the board to consider levying enough money in the next two years to cost-share on the project. The costs of repairing the western shoreline of Lake Bella were also discussed.

Mahlberg moved to set the 2010 levy at \$130,000. Williamson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Mahlberg moved to close the budget hearing. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Hearing adjourned.

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
September 1, 2009

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:15 p.m. Present were Managers Les Johnson, Rolf Mahlberg, Jim Mc Gowan, Jeff Rogers and Jeff Williamson. Also present were Stephanie McLain, NRCS District Conservationist; Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor and Dan Livdahl, Administrator.

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

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Mahlberg moved to approve the Treasurer's report, pay the bills and transfer \$5000 from the money market account into checking. Williamson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

COST-SHARE

John Moberg will request cost-share for replacing his septic system when he receives the bills from the contractors. Mahlberg moved to approve the following cost-share contract:

Rusty Miller – Waterway – 50% of the total cost up to \$4079.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Construction site erosion control permit compliance was discussed. Livdahl worked with the YMCA construction site supervisor, Arne Green, and the earth work sub-contractor, Dan Ames, to bring the site into compliance with watershed district and state regulations. New silt fences were installed, storm drains were maintained, and sediment was removed from the swale draining the site.

The rules committee met to finish reviewing proposed changes to the rules. Livdahl will write a draft of the rules for review by the board and Advisory Committee.

The Managers completed a performance evaluation for Livdahl. Williamson moved to increase his salary to \$47,000 per year, effective immediately, and increase the insurance reimbursement to \$4200 in 2010. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Johnson talked to Wendy Krueger about whether horseback riding is allowed on state wildlife management areas. The activity is not allowed.

Livdahl plans to spray thistles at Bella Park in September. Johnson will let Livdahl use his ATV to do it.

Picnic tables at Bella Park were repaired and painted last week. Half of the restroom building was also repainted.

Dwayne Haffield asked that the cost of OOWD staff inspecting construction sites larger than one acre be added to 2010 storm water budget submitted by the District.

NEW BUSINESS

Mahlberg volunteered to work with Livdahl and Langseth to work on a management plan for Lake Ocheda.

McLain presented the board with a box of old plans for completed watershed district projects found in the NRCS Area Office archives.

The Clean Water Partnership Joint Powers Board should hold an annual meeting this fall. Livdahl will contact Mayor Oberloh to set a date and time.

PERMITS

Mahlberg moved to table the following permit until staff has time to review the application and erosion control plan.

Minnesota Department of Transportation – Second phase of the Highway 60 project.

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

Mahlberg moved to take the permit applications for Angeline Goebel, Paul Vander Kooi and David Vander Kooi off the table for discussion. Williamson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Rogers moved to approve the following permit applications:

Angeline Gobel – to replace a culvert and replace repair tile in the NE ¼, SE ¼, section 17, Worthington Township - on the condition that the culvert replaced under Oliver Avenue is the same diameter and installed at the same elevation and grade, and the landowner obtains written permission from the Township before working in the road right-of-way.

Paul Vander Kooi – to install approximately 500 feet of tile in the SW ¼, SE ¼, section 30, Lorain Township.

David Vander Kooi – to install approximately 400 feet of tile in the NE ¼, NE ¼, section 14, Bigelow Township and approximately 650 feet of tile in the SE ¼, SW 1/4, section 31, Lorain Township.

Tom Martin – to install approximately 2000 feet of 5 and 6 inch diameter tile and repair approximately 500 feet of tile in the S ½, SW ¼, section 36, Summit Lake Township

Randy Robinson – to install 4 inch diameter tile in then NW ¼, section 7, Indian Lake Township and the SE ¼, SE ¼, section 13, Bigelow Township.

Jerald Toussaint – to install approximately 13,000 feet of 5 inch diameter tile and repair existing tile in the N ½, section 33, Worthington Township.

Larry Hyink – to install approximately 3000 feet of 5 inch diameter tile in the NE ¼, section 7, Bigelow Township.

Jesse Drost – to install approximately 3000 feet of 5 inch diameter tile in the NE ¼, section 7, Bigelow Township.

Eldon Gerdes – to perform erosion control during the construction of a new home at 1780 Donovan Drive, Worthington.

Johnson Builders and Realtors, Inc. – to perform erosion control during construction of the Prairie Rehabilitation facility at 311 Oxford Street, Worthington.

Charles Middagh – to install approximately 1100 feet of 5 inch diameter tile in the NE ¼, SE ¼, section 29, Worthington Township.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. on October 6, 2009 at the Nobles County Public Works Facility, 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.