

MINUTES
2011 Budget Hearing
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
September 7, 2010

The Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District budget hearing was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were Managers Les Johnson, Rolf Mahlberg, Jim Mc Gowan, Jeff Rogers and Jeff Williamson. Also present were: Gene Foth, County Commissioner, and Dan Livdahl, Administrator.

The 2011 budget, as published in the Daily Globe, was reviewed by the Managers. No members of the public were present to comment and no written comments were received.

Mahlberg moved to close the budget hearing and adopt a levy of \$130,000 for 2011. Williamson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Hearing closed at 4:10 p.m.

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Regular Meeting
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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 Les Johnson, Rolf Mahlberg, Jim Mc Gowan, Jeff Rogers and Jeff Williamson. Also present were: Gene Foth, County Commissioner; Stephanie McLain, District Conservationist; Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor; Al Langseth, District resident; and Dan Livdahl, Administrator.

The minutes of the August board meeting were reviewed. Mahlberg moved to approve the minutes as mailed. Rogers 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 \$3000 from the money market account into the checking account. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

COST-SHARE

Rusty Miller's waterway is nearly complete. The cost-share payment will be issued when the bills for construction are submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

Erosion control permit compliance was discussed.

The Bella Park reseeding project was discussed. Livdahl and Mahlberg looked at the site to be reseeded. It was decided to do tillage before spraying the site again. John Ahlers will disk the site soon.

Williamson will work on the employee performance evaluation before the October board meeting.

Cathy and Bob Seifert would like to sell approximately 27.8 acres along the Ochedan River. Pheasants Forever would be the purchaser with the OOWD contributing money for the purchase. Mahlberg moved to communicate with Pheasants Forever, Worthington Public Utilities and the City of Worthington to look at purchasing the property. Williamson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Foth asked the Managers to reconsider pledging a match for the state grant application to repair the Langseth shoreline. The managers discussed the difference between requests for financial assistance for shoreline beautification and stabilization projects. Pledging a grant match may set a new precedent for assistance on shoreline stabilization projects. Mahlberg moved to spend up to \$5000 for a grant match. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Lake Ocheda landowners meeting was cancelled again due to the threat of rain. The next meeting attempt will likely be this winter.

Marv Rall is working to create a prototype fish barrier for one of the ten stoplog bays in the Lake Ocheda dam. Livdahl told Rall that the District would reimburse him for materials. Livdahl talked to Tom Kresko about installing the model barrier this fall to see how it works during winter and spring. Kresko said an engineer's analysis and a DNR permit would be required before a fish barrier is installed on whole dam.

Johnson signed the purchase agreement for the St. John property. Since no correspondence has been received from

MN DOT about access to the remaining land, it has not been mailed.

The rental agreement for the St. John property expires this fall. Mahlberg moved to offer the land for rent in 2011 to Roger and Larry Doeden at the same rate. Williamson seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Okabena-Ocheda-Bella Clean Water Partnership Joint Powers Board will meet on September 4th at City Hall.

Filter strip payments are normally made in October. Livdahl will inspect the sites before checks are mailed out.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program local work group meeting will be on September 14th.

NEW BUSINESS

The Army Corp of Engineers is holding a public meeting at the Minnesota West tonight from 7:00 to 8:00.

Cost-share and incentive programs have been created by board motions in the past. A list of existing programs was discussed. Written cost-share policies for the OOWD may be advantageous for the District and NRCS and SWCD partners.

PERMITS

A permit application from **Theodore and Rosalie Hayenga - Hostikka** to install riprap on the shoreline of their lot on Lake Ocheda was discussed. Nobles County issued a conditional use permit for vegetation removal on the shoreline on August 25th. The permit requires T.D. Hostikka to replace shoreland trees removed with native trees, at a 2:1 ratio. Tom Kresko viewed the site last week. He will likely require that some vegetation remain unmowed below the ordinary high water level of the lake. Tom stated some larger rocks may be installed below the ordinary high water level to control shoreline erosion. Rogers moved to approve the permit on the condition that DNR requirements are followed. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahlberg, Mc Gowan, Rogers, Williamson. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Mahlberg moved to approve the following permit applications:

Alan Oberloh – to perform erosion control during construction of a storage facility at 1035 Oxford Street.

Johnson Builders and Realtors, Inc – to perform erosion control during the construction of the Sterling Drug facility on 10th Street.

City of Worthington – to perform erosion control during construction on Ryan's Road, Ray Drive and US Highway 59.

Rogers 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 5, 2010 at the Nobles County Public Works Facility.

Meeting adjourned.