

MINUTES
2014 Budget Hearing
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
September 10, 2013

The hearing for the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District's 2014 proposed budget was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were managers Casey Ingenthron, Les Johnson, Rolf Mahlberg and Jeff Rogers. Also present were: Jim Mc Gowan, advisory board member; Julie Buntjer, Daily Globe reporter and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

The budget hearing notice published in the Daily Globe was reviewed. No comments on the proposed budget were received from the public.

Mahlberg moved to adopt the budget and certify the 2014 levy at \$170,000. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Hearing closed at 4:06 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 4:06 p.m. Present were managers Casey Ingenthron, Les Johnson, Rolf Mahlberg and Jeff Rogers. Also present were: Jim Mc Gowan, advisory board member; Stephanie McLain, NRCS District Conservationist; Julie Buntjer, Daily Globe reporter and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

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

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Mahlberg moved to approve the Treasurer's report, approve payment of the bills listed in the report and transfer \$6000 from savings into checking. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

COST-SHARE

Septic system replacement cost-share payments for Lyle Yackley and Robert Blume were approved with the Treasurer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Stephanie McLain was present to discuss planting cover crops on the St. John property. The managers decided the site will be used to demonstrate cover crops during the next few years. Mahlberg moved to spend up to \$2000 for seeding cover crops on the site this fall. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried. One or more seed mixes containing winter rye will be planted on the site as soon as possible.

Johnson reported that the rock ditch plug was installed on the St. John property on August 27th.

Mike Tow was retained to give advice on the Meyerdirk culvert replacement. According to Tow, the next step is to hire a licensed engineer to do an analysis on whether a culvert flow capacity change can be documented. Livdahl will contact an engineer.

The water quality study proposal from Wenck Engineering was reviewed by the board. Completing the study will require the district to contribute about \$4400 in staff time during 2014. The MPCA will pay approximately half the cost of the study. The proposal will be brought to the Clean Water Partnership Joint Powers Board for funding on September 13th.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

It has been difficult to get bids for installing riprap at the Lake Bella dam spillway pool because the job is too small. Two contractors who were asked to submit bids said they didn't want the job. Mike Fogelman said he could do the work for under \$3000. The price includes materials, labor and equipment for the earthwork, installation of geotextile fabric and placement of the Sioux Quartzite rock. Mahlberg moved to spend up to \$3000 for the Bella spillway pool repair. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Milbrandt, Mahlberg and Livdahl attended a demonstration of the Eco Harvester and viewed the total lake aeration system installed at Schmidt Lake in Plymouth on August 6th. Mike Faber said he would email videos to the district

showing the Eco Harvester removing algae from a lake in New York State. He later said the videos were somehow corrupted and are not available at this time.

Graphs were created showing Lake Okabena's dissolved oxygen levels during July and August.

The Clean Water Partnership Joint Powers Board will meet at 7:30 a.m. on September 13th. Johnson and Mahlberg are the district's representatives on the board.

NEW BUSINESS

Mahlberg applied to the Nobles County Board for reappointment to another term on the watershed district board. No other applications were received for the position. Rogers moved to send a letter to the County Board recommending Mahlberg's reappointment. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Rogers. Opposed: none. Abstained: Mahlberg. Motion carried.

PERMITS

Rogers moved to approve the following permit applications:

Worthington ISD #518 – to implement a stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of a bus garage on Stower Drive in Worthington.

Nobles County – to replace failing culverts under County Road 57 between sections 34 and 35, Bigelow Township.

City of Worthington – to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of a concrete trail along Lake Street and Lake Avenue.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on October 1, 2013 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.