

MINUTES
2015 Budget Hearing
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
September 9, 2014

The Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board budget hearing was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were managers Casey Ingenthron, Les Johnson, Rolf Mahlberg, and Jeff Rogers. Jay Milbrandt attended the meeting electronically using FaceTime. Also present were Bob Demuth, Jr., Nobles County commissioner; Robin Baumgarn, Daily Globe reporter; Keith Schroeder, advisory committee member and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

The proposed budget published in the Daily Globe was reviewed. No written comments were received.

Mahlberg moved to close the hearing. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Hearing closed.

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

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Rogers moved to approve the Treasurer's report, pay the bills and transfer \$7000 from savings into the checking account. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A picnic of the Lake Ocheda Landowners was held on August 19th at the Langseth Retreat Center. About fifty people attended. Paul Langseth led a discussion about strategies for restoring Lake Ocheda. A draft plan for the lake was reviewed. The district purchased food and picnic supplies for the event.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Logan Ahlers conducted stream water quality sampling as a part of his internship this summer. He will present his results at the October board meeting.

Osceola County will clean the road ditch and repair the Bella parking lot driveway this week if the weather permits.

Board of Water and Soil Resources staff will be present at the October 7th board meeting to explain the results of the district's performance assessment. A written review will be sent to the board before the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The district must certify the 2015 levy by September 15th. Rogers moved to certify the levy at \$185,000. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Nobles County asked the district to recommend candidates for appointment to the OOWD Board of Managers. Three candidates applied for the two positions. Milbrandt moved to send a letter recommending the reappointment of Casey Ingenthron and Jeff Rogers. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Johnson, Mahberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Abstained: Ingenthron, Rogers.

A meeting was held earlier today with Bill Schuna and Josh Kavanagh to develop a memorandum of understanding between the DNR, Ducks Unlimited and district outlining responsibilities for the restoration of Lake Ocheda. Mahlberg explained draft agreement to the other managers. The agreement will be updated and reviewed by the DNR and DU before the district reviews and signs it.

Multiple applications of herbicide were made on six acres at Bella Park this year to prepare the land for the dormant seeding of native plants this fall.

PERMITS

Rogers moved to approve the following permits:

Craig and Karen Pfeifer – to install riprap and fill low areas along the lakeshore on Parker Subdivision Lot 23 V on West Lake Avenue.

Allan and Rhonda Schmidt – to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of a new home at 31151 297th Street, Worthington.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on October 7, 2014 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.