

MINUTES
2016 Budget Hearing
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
September 1, 2015

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 Jay Milbrandt. Also present were Bob Demuth, Jr., Nobles County commissioner; Julie Buntjer, Daily Globe reporter; Ed Lenz, BWSR conservationist and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

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

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

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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 Casey Ingenthron, Les Johnson, Rolf Mahlberg and Jay Milbrandt. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr., county commissioner; Paul Langseth, SWCD supervisor; John Shea, SWCD manager; Ed Lenz, BWSR conservationist; Joel Olson, district resident; Julie Buntjer, Daily Globe reporter; and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

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

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Milbrandt moved to approve the Treasurer's report, pay the bills and transfer \$14,000 from savings into the checking account. Mahlberg seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

COST-SHARE

Joel Olson requested cost-share from the district to plant cover crops this fall on 50 acres in the NW 1/4, section 2, Bigelow Township. Mahlberg moved to cost-share 75% of the actual cost, up to a maximum of \$1256.25. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

After meeting with staff from the Heron Lake, Kanaranzi-Little Rock and Okabena-Ocheda watershed districts, the SWCD created a joint agricultural drainage projects notification form. If adopted, the form would replace the district's exiting notification form. Mahlberg moved to approve the new form. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Planting fall cover crops on the St. John property was discussed. Seed ordered for the site arrived today. The soybeans growing there may be too short to harvest. Mahlberg and Rogers will look at the site and decide what should be done.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The signs for the floating islands in Olson Park and the E.O and Bella Olson Regional Stormwater Pond were installed this week.

Johnson mowed the new grass planting at Bella Park twice this year. Fire breaks will be mowed this fall to prepare for burning part of the prairie next spring.

John Ahlers asked the district to remove cedar trees at the intersection of County Road 57 and 330th street. The trees in the northwest corner of the intersection block the view of oncoming traffic and cause snow to drift onto the roads.

Livdahl completed a jury duty term yesterday. He will reimburse the district for per diems received.

The district inspects construction sites that are one acre or larger for compliance with the projects' stormwater pollution prevention plans. Worthington pays the district approximately \$3000 to do the inspections. Eight sites are presently being inspected regularly. Non-compliance issues and enforcement procedures were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2016 levy certification form must be submitted to the Nobles County Auditor/Treasurer by September 15th. Mahlberg moved to certify a levy of \$190,000. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Johnson, Mahlberg, Milbrandt. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Paul Langseth reported that Ken Meyerdirk asked Indian Lake Township for permission to remove sediment from the road right-of-way on James Langseth's land. The township board told Meyerdirk to get permission from the district first. Livdahl will view the site.

PERMITS

Ingenthron moved to approve the following permits:

V & O Properties - to perform sediment and erosion control during construction of a condominium duplex in the Park View Acres development, Worthington.

Lois Graf - to perform erosion and sediment control during removal of a boat house and complete permanent site stabilization at 625 West Shore Drive, Worthington.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on October 6, 2015 in the Nobles County Public Works Building at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington.

Meeting adjourned.