

MINUTES
2021 Budget Public Hearing
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
September 1, 2020

The public hearing for the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District's 2021 budget was called to order at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was hosted from the Nobles County Public Works facility meeting room using Zoom video conferencing software. Present on-site was Dan Livdahl, administrator. Attending remotely were managers Steve Bousema, Casey Ingenthron, Rolf Mahlberg, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present from offsite locations was Julie Buntjer, Globe reporter.

The budget hearing notice, published twice in the Worthington Globe, was reviewed. No comments were received from the public.

Ingenthron moved to adopt the proposed 2021 budget. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion passed.

Rogers moved to adjourn the hearing. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion passed.

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Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
September 1, 2020

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:05 p.m. The meeting was hosted from the Nobles County Public Works facility meeting room using Zoom video conferencing software. Present on-site was Dan Livdahl, administrator. Attending remotely were managers Steve Bousema, Casey Ingenthron, Rolf Mahlberg, Jay Milbrandt and Jeff Rogers. Also present from offsite locations were: Paul Langseth, SWCD supervisor and Julie Buntjer, Globe reporter.

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

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Rogers moved to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The Ocheda Lake level drawdown began in August. Most of the stoplogs were removed from the dam on August 17th and 18th. The rest of the stoplogs were removed on August 22nd. There were no problems with flooding downstream in the Ochedan River or Lake Bella.

A motion passed at the August board meeting authorizing enough money to implant five additional carp with radio telemetry tags this fall. Livdahl signed the scope of work agreement to tag 20 carp.

A scope of work document to develop Lake Okabena carp containment alternatives and communicate with the DNR and public was discussed. Rogers move to approve the agreement with Wenck. Milbrandt seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Algae bloom samples were taken and preserved during August for species identification. The planned algae bloom toxicity testing did not occur because the testing kit's chemicals and reagents expired in April.

NEW BUSINESS

Rogers moved to certify the district's 2021 levy at \$253,000. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

PERMITS

Rogers moved to approve the following permit application.

Bedford Industries – to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of a new parking lot on Industrial Lane.

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

Bousema moved to approve the following permit applications.

Johnson Builders and Realty – to implement the stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of the Cherrywood Addition in Worthington.

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construction of two condominiums in the Cherrywood Addition, Worthington.

Steffes Companies, LLC – to perform erosion and sediment control during construction of a Scooter’s Coffee retail facility on Oxford Street in Worthington.

City of Worthington – to implement the erosion and sediment control plan during construction of the 10th Street Plaza project.

City of Worthington – to implement the stormwater pollution prevention plan during the Glenwood Heights 2nd Addition.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held on October 6, 2020 in the Nobles County Public Works Building meeting room. Rogers moved to adjourn the meeting, Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Milbrandt, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.