

**MINUTES**  
**2022 Budget Public Hearing**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**September 7, 2021**

The Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District 2022 budget hearing was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were managers Steve Bousema, Casey Ingenthron, Rolf Mahlberg, and Jeff Rogers. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr, county commissioner; Kari Lucin, Globe reporter; Paul Langseth, SWCD supervisor and Dan Livdahl, administrator. Jay Milbrandt attended the meeting using FaceTime.

Copies of the 2022 proposed budget were distributed to attendees. No written comments were received before the hearing and no comments were made during the hearing.

Ingenthron moved to adopt the proposed budget as printed in the Globe and to certify the 2022 levy. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Ingenthron moved to close the hearing. Bousema seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**September 7, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:10 p.m. Present were managers Steve Bousema, Casey Ingenthron, Rolf Mahlberg, and Jeff Rogers. Also present were: Bob Demuth, Jr, county commissioner; Kari Lucin, Globe reporter; Paul Langseth, SWCD supervisor and Dan Livdahl, administrator. Jay Milbrandt attended the meeting using FaceTime.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Maggie Gross and Livdahl plan to remove some of the stoplogs from the Ocheda dam tomorrow to begin the lake level drawdown. All the stoplogs will be removed as needed to keep water flowing out of the lake. The Ochedan River beaver dam on district property near the Worthington Wells WMA was discussed. It is hoped that water will run over the ground around the dam without upstream agricultural land flooding.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Milbrandt, Mahlberg and Livdahl will meet with Superintendent Landgaard and members of the ISD 518 operations committee on Friday morning to discuss the water quality pond options for the Crailsheim property.

Water levels have recovered in Okabena and Ocheda lakes as the result of rains during the past two weeks. Lake Bella is still about 1.5 feet below the dam spillway elevation. Water is at the elevation of the sand filters in the Prairie View pond today.

A total of fourteen Lake Okabena algae bloom toxin tests have been performed this season. Algae blooms at Sailboard Beach tested positive for microcystins on August 2, 3 and 6. Another algae bloom near the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Lake Street tested positive on August 19<sup>th</sup>. There were no positive toxin tests at the Centennial Park swimming beach.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bousema's and Milbrandt's board terms expire at the end of October. Both plan to apply for additional terms. Application materials will be emailed soon.

**PERMITS**

Rogers moved to approve the following permit applications.

**Todd Hieronimus** – to perform erosion and sediment control during driveway construction and yard reshaping at 625 West Shore Drive.

**Johnson Builders and Realty** – to implement the stormwater pollution prevention plan during construction of a two unit condominium at 2343 and 2347 Cherrywood Lane, Worthington.

**Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation** – to perform erosion and sediment control during a natural gas service line replacement project in Worthington.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular board meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on October 5, 2021 in the Nobles County Public Works Building meeting room. Ingenthron moved to adjourn the meeting. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Rogers. Opposed: none. Meeting adjourned.