OKABENA-OCHEDA WATERSHED DISTRICT

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OKABENA-OCHEDA WATERSHED DISTRICT
2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Clean Water Partnership
1. Contributed $2,277 to the Okabena-Ocheda-Bella Clean Water Partnership Joint Powers Organization (JPO) for operating expenses.
2. Provided administrative and technical assistance to the JPO to manage board affairs and structures.
3. Conducted water quality monitoring of Lake Okabena monthly from May through October.
4. Worked with volunteers from the Okabena Bees 4-H Club to complete monthly water quality monitoring of Lake Bella from June through September.
5. In partnership with Worthington, issued incentive payments for 162 acres of filter strips covering 90 percent of the streams in the Lake Okabena sub-watershed.

Conservation Practices
1. Issued 56 CRP filter strip incentive payments totaling $32,010.50 covering 328.1 acres throughout the District. These filter strips protect about 13 miles of stream courses and 14 miles of lake and wetland shorelines.
2. Contributed $5000 of local match money to complete a $180,000 Legacy Grant funded shoreline restoration project on Lake Ocheda. Received a permanent easement from the landowners insuring future maintenance of the new shoreline structure.
3. Made cost-share payments totaling $965 to seal four unused wells.
4. Made a cost-share payment of $300 to build a rain garden.
5. Contributed $15,000 to complete the Olson regional stormwater pond on the Minnesota West Community and Technical College campus in Worthington. Partners contributing construction of the stormwater pond were, Minnesota West, Nobles County, The City of Worthington and the Olson Trust.
6. Cost-shared $941.88 to rebuild a grass waterway in the Lake Ocheda sub-watershed.

Invasive Species Exclusion
Worked with the Department of Natural Resources and Worthington Public Utilities to develop a plan temporarily closing the Herlein-Boote diversion to prevent Asian carp from using the channel to enter the watershed district and the Des Moines River watershed. The diversion will remain closed until a permanent plan is developed and public meetings are held on options for management of the Herlein-Boote wetland to exclude invasive species.

Lake Levels and Worthington’s Water Supply
1. Increased lake level monitoring to document high water conditions in May and drought conditions from June through December.
2. Held discussions with the Department of Natural Resources, Worthington Public Utilities, a contractor and an engineer about options for diverting water around the Lake Ocheda dam to recharge Worthington’s wells at Lake Bella.

Public Information and Education
1. Sponsored and led educational tours for 5th grade students using the Prairie Ecology Bus at the Worthington Prairie Wetland Learning Area.
2. Paid for a Prairie Ecology Bus session at the Prairie Wetland Learning Area for the Worthington Montessori Preschool students and parents.
3. Conducted SIREN classroom sessions for high school classes in Worthington, Fulda, Slayton and Storden, educating students about sustainable agriculture.
4. Led watershed tours for Worthington High School agriculture and wildlife classes, and Minnesota West Community and Technical College students.
2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS (continued)

5. Helped coach one Worthington High School Envirothon team.
6. Gave two classroom presentations to Minnesota West students on soils and watershed management.
7. Led Minnesota West Kids College classes on stormwater management.
8. Updated the district website monthly.
9. Worked with Worthington to accomplish educational components of the city’s Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan including:
   - Distributing two pollution prevention factsheets to Worthington Public Utilities customers.
   - Installing 180 catch basin markers in Worthington.
   - Worked with a Girl Scout troop to clean around and mark ten storm sewer catch basins.

Construction Site Inspections
Completed semi-weekly inspections of construction sites with NPDES stormwater permits in Worthington from March through December. Communicated regularly with Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan responsible parties about installation and maintenance of Best Management Practices required by their plans.

District Property Management
1. Worked with the R and G Construction Company restore the St. John property to farmable conditions after muck was placed on the property in 2011 and 2012. Created a drainage swale along the east side of the property to maintain the neighbor’s farmland drainage. A portion of the property may be used in 2013 for storage of black soil during completion of the Highway 60 project in Worthington.
2. Completed mowing and weed spraying to help establish the grasses and forbs planted in 2011 using the Conservation Partners legacy grant money. Mowed fire breaks to allow the property to be burned for maintenance during spring 2013.
3. Repaired and painted Bella Park picnic tables and restroom.
4. Picked up litter and mowed weekly at Bella Park.
5. Sprayed to control thistles on the Ocheda Dam, St. John, and Bella Park properties.
6. Cleaned up litter multiple times at the St. John Property.
7. Constructed, installed and monitored a fish barrier at the Lake Ocheda dam.
8. Planted 500 willow tree cuttings on western shore of Lake Bella to improve bank stability.

Permits and Drainage Project Notifications
Issued twenty-four permits for projects. Monitored erosion control activities on twenty-one permitted construction sites. Received and reviewed notification forms for eighteen tile drainage projects.
### Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District
#### 2011 Income and Expenses

**Ordinary Income/Expense**

**Income**

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2011 Income and Expenses
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Other Income/Expense

Other Income

Other reimbursements 80.00
Total Other Income 80.00

Other Expense

Legacy Grant Expenses 121.10
Total Other Expense 121.10

Net Other Income -41.10

Net Income 9,748.30

Balance Sheet
December 31, 2012

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings
District Checking 1,396.99
Wells Fargo Checking 25,679.50
Wgtn Federal Money Market Acct. 88,683.05
Total Checking/Savings 115,759.54

Total Current Assets 115,759.54

TOTAL ASSETS 115,759.54

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Opening Bal Equity 193,655.50
Retained Earnings -87,644.26
Net Income 9,748.30
Total Equity 115,759.54

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 115,759.54