

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
January 6, 2025

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were managers Steve Bousema, Casey Ingenthron, Tom Ahlberg, Ben Krohn, and Jeff Rogers. Also present were Bob Demuth, Jr, County Commissioner; Julie Buntjer, Globe editor, Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor, Nathan Schuck, Administrator.

The December meeting minutes were discussed. Rogers moved to approve the minutes. Bousema seconded the motion. Affirmative: Bousema, Ingenthron, Ahlberg, Krohn, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Rogers moved to approve the December treasurers' report, pay the bills, and transfer money as needed from the money market account to checking. Krohn seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Ahlberg, and Krohn. Opposed: none. Motion carried. An updated monthly report will be provided to the board when the payroll error is corrected.

OLD BUSINESS

2026 Annual Plan was discussed. Managers and staff will look over and bring changes to the next board meeting.

The Lake Ocheda water level drawdown was discussed. The Addendum for drawdown extension is still under review by the DNR Commissioners office. Water is currently flowing 3 inches over of the dam. Dissolved oxygen in the lake is around 25ppm.

Permit fees for erosion control were discussed. Ingenthron moved to raise the permit fee from \$25 to \$50. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Ahlberg, and Krohn. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Vehicle options were discussed and were tabled. Schuck was instructed to seek out more quotes and bring them to the next board meeting.

Meeting date change was discussed as Wednesday works better for some managers than Tuesdays. Rogers moved to move the regular scheduled meeting date to the first Wednesday of the month, time and location will remain the same. Bousema seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Ahlberg, and Krohn. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Purchasing subscription for a website editing platform was discussed. Schuck proposed Wix as the website for the editor, the basic plan is \$17 per month. Rogers moved to purchase the basic plan on Wix. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Ahlberg, and Krohn. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

PERMITS

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held at 4:00 on Wednesday February 4, 2026 in the Nobles County Public Works building meeting room. Ingenthron moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 p.m. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Ahlberg, and Krohn. Opposed: none. Motion carried.