MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
July 7, 2026

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

The June meeting minutes were discussed. A small wordage change was made to the Prairie View Tile. Ingenthron moved to approve the minutes. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Ahlberg, Krohn, Rogers, and Bousema. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Rogers moved to approve the June treasurers' report, pay the bills, and transfer money as needed from the money market account to checking. Bousema seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Ahlberg, Krohn, Rogers, and Bousema. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
The Crailsheim project was discussed. Engineers are hoping to get a final preliminary design to DNR soon to start permitting process. They are submitting the design earlier in the design process than usual. They had expressed some risks about submitting early. Hoping to finish the project this year.

Lake Okabena update was given. Water clarity reading remains around the same as last month .6 meters average in the 5 sample locations. Pictures of Sago Pondweed, American Pondweed, and Curly-leaf pondweed were shown and talked about their locations in the lake. Local landowner Natalie Karels voiced concern about the quality of Lake Okabena and proposed possible solutions.

Bella Park Trail Bridge was completed and now has ramps and reflectors on both ends for better access onto the bridge.

Schuck proposed a social media giveaway on our Facebook page, once we hit 100 followers of a $20-30 fishing kit. Rogers moved to purchase a fishing kit for $20-30 for a giveaway. Like the post, follow the page, and share the post to be entered to win. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Ahlberg, Krohn, Rogers, and Bousema Opposed: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS
Schuck presented a quote from Drone Nerds for a DJI Mavic 3M Multispectral Drone and a battery kit. The board discussed and tabled to look into a local option that the college uses for drone purchasing.

Raising the credit card limit was tabled also until a drone purchase was decided.

PERMITS
ISD518 Softball Complex permit was discussed. Rogers moved to approve the permit. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Ahlberg, Krohn, Rogers, and Bousema. Opposed: none. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT
The next regular meeting will be held at 4:00 on Tuesday August 4th, 2026, in the Nobles County Public Works building meeting room. Krohn moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:12 p.m. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Ahlberg, Krohn, Rogers, and Bousema. Opposed: none. Motion carried.