MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
August 4, 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. Also, present Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor; Julie Buntjer, Globe Reporter; Gerry Anderson, Landowner; Tyler Wadzinski, Landowner; and Nathan Schuck, Administrator.

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

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

2025 Audit Report
Katie Jacobson presented her audit report for the Watershed District for calendar year 2025. Katie will submit the audit to the state of Minnesota. Ingenthron moved to approve the audit. Krohn seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Ahlberg, Krohn. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS
Schuck presented a quote from Frontier Precision for a DJI Mavic 3M Multispectral Drone and a battery kit. The new quote was cheaper than Drone Nerds and is local. Krohn moved to purchase the drone through Frontier Precision. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Ahlberg, Krohn. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Raising the credit card limit was discussed to pay for the drone. Ingenthron moved to raise the credit card limit to $10,000 for the months of August and September 2026. Krohn seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Ahlberg, Krohn. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
The Crailsheim project was discussed. The DNR has started their comment period for the Crailsheim Project permit. 60% complete plans were presented and discussed. Construction is currently estimated over budget but after bid are returned engineers can adjust to fit the budget. DNR comment period closes 8/24. The DNR permit cost $4,150.00

LG Sonic MPC-Buoy for Lake Okabena was discussed. Information and quotes for Lake Okabena and Sunset Bay were presented. These solar powered buoys emit low frequency ultrasonic waves to help control algae. 1 buoy is needed for Sunset Bay and 13 are needed for Lake Okabena.

Lake Ocheda drawdown was discussed, local landowner Gerry Anderson asked questions about a potential drawdown. DNR has still not responded to the proposed Addendum for a summer drawdown. Schuck will look into a winter drawdown.

Tyler Wadzinski presented information though the MPCA about a possible phosphorus loading feasibility study for Lake Okabena. Schuck will present the idea to our consultant Gary with Hydro Ag LLC and get his take.

NEW BUSINESS
A draft of the 2027 budget was discussed. Some addition and withdrawals from the budget were made. Schuck will continue to work on the budget.

PERMITS
Johnson Builders and Reality new home build permit was discussed. Ingenthron moved to approve the permit. Krohn seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Ahlberg, Krohn. Opposed: none. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT
The next regular meeting will be held at 4:00 on Wednesday September 2nd, 2026, in the Nobles County Public Works building meeting room. Ingenthron moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. Krohn seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Ahlberg, Krohn. Opposed: none. Motion carried.