

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
June 3, 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 Tom Ahlberg, Steve Bousema, Casey Ingenthron, Rolf Mahlberg and Jeff Rogers. Also present were Al Langseth, district landowner; Scott Runck, SWCD manager; Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor; Julie Buntjer, Globe editor/reporter, and Dan Livdahl, administrator.

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

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. The first half of the 2025 levy will be deposited this week. A CD matures at First State Bank on June 9th. Rogers moved to approve the report and pay the bills. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ahlberg, Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The DNR was expected to contact Houston Engineering after the May meeting with information about acceptable practices for a hybrid project on the Crailsheim site that includes structures and restored stream meanders, and how to calculate potential phosphorus and sediment capture. That didn't happen. Houston Engineering sent out a Doodle poll yesterday to schedule another Teams meeting about the subject.

The carp dumpster will remain in Centennial Park until the end of June.

Succession planning was briefly discussed. Livdahl suggested budgeting in 2025 to upgrade the Kubota and provide a vehicle for the next administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mahlberg began mowing the Bella Park trail in May. He likely will mow about every two weeks this summer. Mahlberg delivered the I-beams to the trail bridge site.

Okabena and Ocheda lakes water samples will be taken monthly from June through September in 2025. Okabena's water is extraordinarily clear this spring.

Storm drain markers and adhesive were ordered for installation later this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Scott Runck gave a presentation explaining state and federal conservation programs available to farmers in the district.

Last year's financial report is due to be submitted to the state auditor on June 30th. Katie Jacobson will soon finish the 2024 audit but wants to review the report with the board before submitting it to the state. She will request a 30-day extension and attend the July board meeting to present the 2024 report.

PERMITS

Rogers moved to approve the following permit application:

City of Worthington – to perform erosion and sediment control during East Fower Lane street and utilities improvements.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting will be held on July 1, 2025, in the Nobles County Public Works Department building conference room at 960 Diagonal Road, Worthington. Ingenthron moved to adjourn the meeting. Bousema seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ahlberg, Bousema, Ingenthron, Mahlberg, Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Administrator's Report
July 1, 2025

Ag vs Urban Land WQ Monitoring