

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers
June 3, 2026

The regular meeting of the Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers was called to order at 4:02 p.m. Present were managers Casey Ingenthron, Tom Ahlberg, Ben Krohn. Also, present Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor; and Nathan Schuck, Administrator.

The May 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 May 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.

OLD BUSINESS

Prairie View sand filter maintenance was discussed. The sand filter is plugged and not working correctly. Possible options were talked about for sand removal. Schuck was instructed to perform maintenance as needed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Crailsheim project was discussed. Engineers have requested the title to be located and surveyed to more accurately design the project. Schuck contacted a tile locator; they will be completing that soon. An updated plan was given from Houston, but tile location and elevation could change aspects. Hoping to get a final preliminary design to DNR soon to start permitting process.

Gary Feyereisen/Hydro Ag Solutions LLC meeting update was given. Data compilation in one common spot was discussed. Gary presented a diagram of needed equipment for lift station site to get data for the Ag VS Urban project. Schuck will gather needed information from the city engineer and on site once reconstruction is complete. Gary recommended changing the maintenance tile to a 45 or 90 degree upward facing inlet to help with trash and aquatic animals.

Lake Okabena update was given. Water clarity has remained about the same with average clarity depth of 1.86m=6.1ft in late April and 1.8m=5.9ft in late May. May water samples were gathered and sent to MVTL in New Ulm.

Bella Park Trail update was given. The DNR pond east of Bella Park had overflowed into the emergency spillway because of a pipe plugged from beavers. This is causing water to flow over the walking trail at the park. DNR was contacted and will get a trapper out to the site. Rolf Mahlberg had performed some maintenance of the dock with a new tire installed and installing the dock into Lake Bella. Rolf is also mowing the walking trail again this year.

2025 Audit has begun. Schuck is gathering the information needed and will deliver that to the Auditor.

Drone for mapping Lake Okabena was discussed. Curly-leaf pondweed is the invasive aquatic plant we are looking to map. Schuck will keep looking into options.

NEW BUSINESS

Moving regular meeting days were discussed. To better accommodate board members, meeting dates will be on the first Wednesdays of the month in the months of April, May, September and October. All other months will be held on the first Tuesday of the month.

PERMITS

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held at 4:00 on Wednesday July 7th, 2026, in the Nobles County Public Works building meeting room. Ingenthron moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 p.m. Krohn seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Ahlberg, Krohn. Opposed: none. Motion carried.