

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District Board of Managers**  
**February 11, 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, and Jeff Rogers. Also present were Bob Demuth, Jr, County Commissioner; Julie Buntjer, Globe editor, Paul Langseth, SWCD Supervisor, Al Langseth; Landowner, and Nathan Schuck, Administrator.

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

The Treasurer's report and bills payable were discussed. Schuck reported that there was an insurance premium for Dan taken out that shouldn't have. Reimbursement was made was mistake was found. Rogers moved to approve the January treasurers' report, pay the bills, and transfer money as needed from the money market account to checking. Ingenthron seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Rogers, Ahlberg, and Krohn. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

2026 Annual Plan was discussed and changes to the plan were made. Krohn moved to approve the 2026 Annual Report with changes made. Rogers seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Rogers, Ahlberg, and Krohn. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The Lake Ocheda water level drawdown was discussed. The Addendum for drawdown extension is still under review by the DNR Commissioners office.

Vehicle options were discussed and were tabled. Schuck will drive his personal vehicle for the time being and be reimbursed IRS mileage rate. Schuck will look for a used vehicle in the future for the watershed.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Parental Leave for Schuck was discussed. Schuck will be applying for Bonding and Medical leave.

Watershed district taxes were discussed. W2's and 1099's are being sent out by our payroll accountant.

Todd Wietzema from the city of Worthington reached out to Schuck to see if he would be interested in continuing to preform DO readings on Lake Okabena and reporting them to the City of Worthington, Schuck agreed to continue. Aerators on Lake Okabena started January 26<sup>th</sup> with thin ice signs posted around the area. Schuck discussed getting a new DO monitor for next year.

Schuck met with Centrol Crop Consulting and discussed the potential for cost share assistance to landowners to help better understand the nutrients that are already in their soil. This was discussed and considered for the 2026 annual plan.

Ahlberg and Schuck met with Jeff Strock on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Strock brought up many key points about phosphorus in watershed and potential ways to help deal with and remove phosphorus from the watershed.

Ahlberg and Schuck met with Gary Feyereisen on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Feyereisen talked about monitoring and research in key points in the watershed. A virtual tour of some key areas was done and a possible collaboration was discussed for monitoring and research purposes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A revised concept for the Crailsheim Project was received from Houston engineering. DNR permit, BWSR grant eligibility, and ISD518 consent were discussed. Rogers moved to approve the design and move forward with the design with DNR, BWSR, and ISD518 consent. Krohn seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Ahlberg, Krohn, and Rogers. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

## **PERMITS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting will be held at 4:00 on Wednesday March 4, 2026 in the Nobles County Public Works building meeting room. Rogers moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. Krohn seconded the motion. Affirmative: Ingenthron, Rogers, Ahlberg, and Krohn. Opposed: none. Motion carried.