

**OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

May 10, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.  
Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall

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**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

C. Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Meeting Notice Announcement

The meeting notice announcement was distributed to local newspapers, posted at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall, two posting boards, and on the OLMD website.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present

Carol Wilson  
Tom Godar  
Bruce Mueller  
Dee Schriver

Absent

Dennis Johnson

Also Present

John Foley  
Pat Furno, Accountant for the District

5. Correspondence

Correspondence had been received from the OLMD attorney relative to the Laugerman boat insurance claim, GERALYN McGEE regarding Road T boat access signage, and William Grey pertaining to a non-conforming marina near Foolery's that was started before the annual newsletter was distributed. In addition, earlier in the day a letter from Hans Weissgerber had been delivered to the Town Hall regarding the Spring 2021 OLMD newsletter article pertaining to limitations on boat access and was read into the record at this time.

6. Comments from the Floor

**Brian Sichi, N63W33895 Lakeview Dr.**, noted that the issue of private nonconforming properties needed to be monitored and addressed in terms of paying extra shares for rented boat slips.

7. Comments from Committee Members

None.

8. Discuss & Act on Report of the Treasurer

D. Schriver reported the following:

Total Revenues:	\$364,667.54
Total Expenditures:	\$40,569.49
Total:	\$324,098.05

**T. Godar moved to accept the Report of the Treasurer as presented. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

9. Approve Checks & Vouchers

**B. Mueller moved to approve the bills to be paid for May 10, 2021 as noted. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

10. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

**T. Godar moved to approve the April 12, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

11. Aquatic Plant Management Report

B. Mullikin explained the weed harvesting would begin June 1, 2021. A new dumping location for lake weeds had recently been found that was close to the operations facility. With regard to equipment, the two harvesters and skimmer were in the water. The Kubota engines would be put in at the end of this week and the last two should be placed in the next few days. The cranes were operating well, and the truck inspection and fire

inspections were underway. The weed harvesting crew was nearly complete with more interested in positions than were available. Training for the four new staff members would take place at the end of May with the returning nine crew members beginning a few days later. Thirteen total crew members worked well with 11 on the water throughout the day. One new Mercury outboard suffered a small setback. A snail had unknowingly gotten sucked up into the intake. This caused water in the crank case and a repair would take place later this week. In addition, last year a homemade gasket was used in one of the pontoon Yamaha engines and additional repairs were now needed as a result.

a. Update on Muskrat Control Program

**Arnold Groehler, Animal Damage Control Trapper**, provided an update on the Muskrat Control Program activities that took place since fall of 2020. Progress was made in traditionally difficult areas of the lake where the muskrats liked to be active. One area of concern at this time was the stormwater runoff pond near the intersection of Roads B and C. Once ownership of the pond was established, permission had been granted to trap the pond. The spring weather impacted the animal movements. When the weather was warm, animals were more active. Typically, animals would come upriver from the Pabst Farm area along the Oconomowoc River. He usually trapped Upper Oconomowoc Lake once the ice was out, then came upriver to the main channel, Tierney Bay, Icehouse Bay and lastly the north shore including Whittaker Bay and Breezy Point and the remaining northwest corner of the lake. His previously contracted two-week trapping period for Okauchee Lake started March 15, 2021, was ongoing at this time, and would be done approximately June 1, 2021. A two-week trapping period would be impractical in the future. Beavers had begun to set in around the lake with 15 trapped so far. He had stopped trapping them at this time because this was the time of year that babies were born and the DNR was sensitive to this and required that beaver trapping cease. There was a very active colony near Roads C and L.

Discussion ensued regarding resident requests for A. Groehler to trap outside of the designated two-week contracted time period. Residents should be charged individually outside of that time frame according to his contract with the OLMD. Some residents called upon him outside the contracted period after traveling over the winter and requested his services immediately.

A. Groehler explained the use of various traps used to collect the beaver. He anticipated beavers being a problem in the future due to the active growing colonies around the lake.

**Bob Sokolowicz, N64W34899 Road J**, noted there were signs of beavers actively working on trees near Crazy Man's Island. A. Groehler explained this was due to the preferred type of tree located on the island for the beaver's diet.

b. Discuss & Act on Aquatic Plant Management Plan

There was nothing new to report.

12. Discuss & Act on Resignation Letter & Appointment of New Commissioner

C. Wilson explained a resignation letter from Dennis Johnson had been received and it was the role of the Chair to appoint a new Commissioner to fill out the remainder of D. Johnson's term on the OLMD Board of Commissioners. **John Foley, W334N5875 Road M**, was present to answer any questions the Board had of him. J. Foley provided a brief history of his previous career and volunteer experience in working with various non-profit organizations.

**Brian Sichi, N63W33895 Lakeview Drive**, noted no clear transparent information was listed anywhere that he could find to become an OLMD Commissioner. He had been interested in being on the Board for a while but did not know how that was to be accomplished. C. Wilson explained the process that took place at each Annual Meeting at the time of "Nomination of Candidate to the OLMD Board" on the agenda. B. Sichi noted there were no bad choices for Commissioners in the room; however, he thought the process should be made more transparent in the future.

**C. Wilson moved to accept the resignation of Dennis Johnson and to appoint John Foley to fill the remainder of Dennis Johnson's term on the OLMD Board of Commissioners. T. Godar seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

John Foley assumed the role of Commissioner at this time and agreed to serve for the remainder of Dennis Johnson's term that ended in 2023.

13. Update on Spring 2021 Newsletter

The annual Spring 2021 newsletter had been distributed on May 5, 2021 to all OLMD residents.

14. Discuss & Act on Website Items

a. Discuss & Act on Website Invoice

An invoice had been submitted from Linda Goehre, of Goehre Creative, for work completed to migrate the OLMD website to a new location in order to maintain functionality in its current format as authorized at the last meeting. The invoice for this work was reviewed and discussed. Recommendations related to this work included a suggestion to update the current website in the next year, continue security of the site and an option to include a Google Map profile at this time if possible . Discussion ensued.

**B. Mueller moved to approve payment of the Goehre Creative invoice in full in the amount of \$1,035.00. D. Schriver seconded the motion.** Discussion ensued regarding the option to include the Google Map profile. **B. Mueller moved to amend the motion to pay the Goehre Creative invoice in the amount of \$1,035.00 and to pay the monthly maintenance fee of \$75.00 per month in the future. D. Schriver seconded the amended motion.** The submitted invoice included a monthly maintenance fee for May 2021 at \$50.00; however, the fee going forward should be the customary \$75.00 per month. The website had been migrated with appropriate security levels that should remain in place. Ongoing security issues would result if the maintenance were removed. The customary maintenance amount of \$75.00 was appropriate for the work being done each month. **There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

15. Future Agenda Items

The following items were requested for the next regular OLMD meeting agenda:

- Discuss & Act on Seeking New OLMD Attorney
- Update on Report on Chemical Treatment of Starry Stonewort

Any additional agenda items should be directed to C. Wilson in advance of the next meeting.

16. Set Future Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for June 14, 2021.

17. Motion to enter Closed Session pursuant to §19.85(1)(g): “Conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation. (Related to claim of boat damage.)

This item was not needed at this time. No discussion took place.

18. Reconvene into Open Session

This item was not needed at this time. No discussion took place.

19. Discuss & Act on Closed Session Item

This item was not needed at this time. No action was taken.

20. Adjournment

**D. Schriver moved to adjourn the May 10, 2021 Okauchee Lake Management District meeting. B. Mueller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.**