

**OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
August 29th, 2022 – Annual Meeting  
**To be held at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall**  
W359 N6812 Brown Street | Oconomowoc | Wisconsin | 53066  
[www.olmd.org](http://www.olmd.org)

Minutes

Call to Order

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

Meeting Notice Announcement

The meeting notice announcement was distributed to local newspapers, posted at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall, two posting boards, sent via U.S. Mail to all riparian owners within the Okauchee Lake Management District (OLMD) and on the OLMD Website.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairperson will open the meeting

Introduction of Commissioners

Chairperson and County Representative Carol Wilson introduced herself and the OLMD Commissioners present: Dee Schriver, Treasurer; Tom Godar, Secretary; John Foley, Commissioner; and Bruce Mueller, Town Representative. C. Wilson also introduced Brady Mullikin, Lake Operations Manager, Pat Furno, Accountant for the District and Arnold Groehler, Animal Damage Control Trapper

Approval of Minutes of the Previous Annual Meeting

**Lou Hernandez, N55W34553 Rd E Oconomowoc, WI 53066 moved to approve the minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting. Susan Lincoln W345N5288 Tearney Rd Okauchee, WI 53069 seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report, Discuss and Act

Treasurer D. Schriver reviewed the July 2022 Treasurer's Report and reported the following:  
Revenues \$447,435.70  
Expenditures \$159,754.20  
Balance \$287,681.50

**Paul Yelk, N51W34981 Lake Dr. Okauchee, WI 53069 moved to accept the report of the Treasurer as presented. Jonathon Long, N53W34400 Rd Q Okauchee, WI 53069 seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

Proposed 2023 Budget Discuss and Act

D. Schriver stated that we were granted a loan from the state for \$80,000 for equipment repairs and have spent part of the proceeds on the 2 new motors in 2022. We also have 2 more motors that are arriving in the Fall.

The proposed 2023 budget was reviewed and discussed.

**Paul Yelk, N51W34981 Lake Dr. Okauchee, WI 53069 made a motion to approve the 2023 proposed budget. Susan Lincoln W345N5288 Tearney Rd Okauchee, WI 53069 seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

Police Department Reports

Lake Patrol

Town of Oconomowoc Police Officer Andrew Williams was present and reported the following: YTD Statistics from 2022 were:

Patrol hours to date 307

Citations issued 49 (4 boat OWI's included)

Warnings issued 129 (a ratio of 6.2 lake patrol hours per citation)

2022 Okauchee Lake Tie-Up

The Town of Oconomowoc Police Department provided two patrol boats; the DNR provided three patrol boats; the Town of Merton provided no patrol boats and the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department provided no patrol boats. The number of arrests for operating while intoxicated were:

Town of Oconomowoc Police Department: 1 (Including OWI and DUI)

DNR: 0

Town of Merton: 0

Waukesha County Sheriff's Department: 0

EMS Boat Calls 0

Officer Williams noted that everyone was respectful and decent this year as the crowd is getting older and they are not bringing a younger crowd into the mix. The citations went down from the previous year. There were no accidents this year during the tie up.

Questions:

J. Foley asked about how many boats go out for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Firework Celebration. Officer Williams replied that this year seemed to be a little lighter and the crowd respected the boundaries staying further back from the launching area for the fireworks. There is no way to

know the exact number of boats that were out but there was only one incident this year during the celebrations.

### Aquatic Plant Management Report

Brady Mullikin, Lake Operations Supervisor, is in his second year running the OLMD from the lake. He reported that last year was hotter and very sunny with not as much rain. This resulted in faster weed growth and 367 dump truck loads that were taken to local farms. This year we are at 200 dump truck loads to date and just finalizing the second complete lap around the lake. Brady informed that this year's spraying was highly effective against the Milfoil and Eelgrass. The cutting crew has stuck to an altered schedule this Summer starting with Monday morning clean up. They usually come out with 2 dump truck loads after the weekend. They continue Monday with heavy cutting until Thursday. "Surface Fridays" took place again this year and that includes skimming the lake surface and collecting usually 3-4 dump truck loads of aquatic plants in preparation for weekend activity. Brady feels that the system is working fairly well and is happy with the crew's performance.

With regard to the mechanical equipment Brady stated that the preventative maintenance that was performed last year resulted in no blowouts of the hoses this year. The 2 new cutting motors are still scheduled to be delivered this Fall. B. Mullikin remained enthusiastic about his role as Lake Operations Supervisor and looked forward to returning next year as well.

Luke Bebeau W335N6528 Lakeview Dr. Oconomowoc, WI 53066, a resident in the "Crane's Nest" provided feedback that Brady and the crew were doing a fantastic job. They have lived there for many years and this has been the best year yet.

Kristine Long N53W34400 Rd Q, Okauchee, WI 53069 also agreed with Luke's statement and that Brady was doing a great job as well as the crew. She stated that they were still looking for two of their buoys that were ripped out near their property by a boat who came speeding through. Brady commented that they were on the lookout and will let them know if they are spotted.

### Update on Animal Control Programs – Goose, Muskrat & Beaver

Arnold Groehler, Animal Damage control Trapper reported that the muskrat population was dwindling and beavers increased in the Spring. This Summer in regards to the muskrats, Stumpy Bay, Tearney and Icehouse were all quiet. The main channel was the hotspot and he has traps set out there currently. This Summer the snapping turtles made an appearance and they can become aggressive. The main call that he has received in the month of August was for snapping turtles in which they will pick up and relocate.

#### Questions:

Brian Sichi, N63W33895 Lakeview Dr. Oconomowoc, WI 53066 He asked if Arnold had found anyone to help out with the muskrats. Arnold replied that he has not but is always open. He will be leading a class on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of September and the average student is about 55 and owns land up North where they are looking to trap.

Susan Lincoln W345N5288 Tearney Rd Okauchee WI, 53069 stated that she did not know that snapping turtles were invasive. Arnold replied that yes they do become territorial and aggressive and they will relocate them.

#### Nomination of Candidate to the OLMD Board

C. Wilson explained that Commissioner T. Godar's three-year term was complete, and his Board position was up for re-election. C. Wilson explained the nomination process, the responsibilities of the OLMD Commissioners and then asked three times whether anyone in the audience would like to run for this Commission seat. No one from the audience wished to pursue nomination to the OLMD Board.

#### Self-introduction and Questions to Candidate from the Board and Floor

T. Godar introduced himself, noting he was willing to serve another three-year term on the Board.

#### Election of Commissioner

Lou Hernandez, N55W34553 Rd E Oconomowoc, WI 53066 made a motion to elect T. Godar to the role of Commissioner on the OLMD Board. Nancy Miller W347N5241 Elm Ave, Okauchee WI, 53069 seconded the nomination. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Report on Results of Election

T. Godar was re-elected and would be reinstated as Commissioner for a three-year term from 2022-2025 for the Okauchee Lake Management District.

#### Other Lake Management Issues or New Business, Discuss & Act within Open Meeting Law Limits

Brian Sichi, N63W33895 Lakeview Dr. Oconomowoc, WI 53066 has been doing research on the Legislation laws and has determined that the board could have two more Commissioner positions. He would like the board to look into this and suggested that one of them be from the town of Merton to increase Merton's participation and expand the size of the board.

Jonathon Long, N5353W300 Rd Q, Okauchee WI 53069 questioned what can be done regarding the wave activity and damage that occurs from wakeboats. He just spent \$70,000 updating his water frontage and it is a growing problem. Brian Sichi, N63W33895 Lakeview Dr. Oconomowoc, WI 53066 stated that the Wisconsin state law holds boat owners responsible for damage if registration number of the boat is obtained and a police report is filed.

D. Schriver stated that North Lake has done an extensive survey on wakeboats the impact to the shoreline.

#### Adjournment of Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing

**Nancy Miller W347N5241 Elm Okauchee, WI 53069 moved to adjourn the August 28th, 2022 Annual Okauchee Lake Management District meeting. Paul Yelk, N51W34981 Lake Dr. Okauchee, WI 53069 seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.**