

OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

July 12, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair T. Godar called the meeting to order at 7:02 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

Tom Godar
Bruce Mueller
Dee Schriver

Absent

Carol Wilson
John Foley

Also Present

Pat Furno, Accountant for the District

5. Correspondence

D. Schriver received a sample of drone video footage from Brian Sichi that would be discussed in Item 12b. Emails had also been received from various OLMD residents regarding identification and removal of lake weeds near Foolery's and the Golden Mast restaurant.

6. Comments from the Floor

None.

7. Comments from Committee Members

T. Godar noted the Okauchee Music Festival recently took place without notice to residents living in the area. The OLMD had no authority or role in this matter; however, he had discussed the situation with Chief Wallis and Town of Oconomowoc Board Chair

Hultquist. It was explained that was no permitting from the Town of Oconomowoc for this music festival; however, a fireworks display permit for the same property had been noted.

8. Discuss & Act on Report of the Treasurer

D. Schriver reported the following:

Total Revenues:	\$370,892.80
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$158,069.74</u>
Total:	\$212,823.06

Anticipated budget expenditures related to actual replacement costs of two diesel cutter engines was questioned. D. Schriver explained two of the diesel cutter engines had been replaced in amount of \$30,000 with only \$8,000 reserved in the budget for that expense. Intended loan application information and related expenditures would be noted at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

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

9. Approve Checks & Vouchers

The Checks & Vouchers list was shared with Commissioners. An exception of \$3,000 was noted as a result of cancellation of the annual Goose Round-Up. P. Furno also requested a correction to the Checks & Vouchers list to include a payment to Marine Bio-Chemists in the amount of \$39,630.13.

B. Mueller moved to approve the bills to be paid for July 12, 2021, as presented with an amendment to include payment to Marine Bio-Chemists in the amount of \$39,360.13. D. Schriver seconded the amendment and motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

10. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

B. Mueller moved to approve the June 14, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

11. Aquatic Plant Management Report

B. Mullikin explained there were no major issues with weed cutting operations at this time. Maintenance of machinery was always required; however, one engine was being monitored to determine if additional repair was needed. The first complete tour of the lake was nearly complete with a second tour set to begin in the same order around the lake in the next week. Cutting operations were on target in comparison with prior years' rotation schedule. The area near Highway C had extensive weed growth and required substantial cutting. Sometimes it was necessary to go out of order. "Skimming Fridays" was going well. Calls from residents noting "Hot Spots" had decreased. To date, 81 small dump truck loads had been completed with approximately 19 of those loads harvested in three days. Rainy weather posed an issue for certain dumping sites. The weed harvesting crew previously was comprised of 13-14 members and this year had been running well with 11-12 members. CDL drivers were still actively being sought. The telephone issue earlier in the year had been resolved.

a. Update on Goose Round-Up

The 2021 Goose Round-Up had been cancelled due to a lack of geese present. In earlier counts ahead of the Goose Round-Up date, approximately 60 geese were seen on the lake; however, in the days leading up to the Goose Round-Up only 25 geese could be located. This was below the threshold required by the USDA for collection, thus, the Goose Round-Up was cancelled for this year. Few geese had been observed on the lake since that time.

b. Discuss & Act on Okauchee Lake Chemical Weed Spraying Program & Funding

D. Schriver explained Marine Bio-Chemists had chemically sprayed the targeted weed areas this year. Some of the sprayed areas were heavily impacted with Eurasian Watermilfoil. Some areas to be sprayed included sections of the lake with pier work being completed so those areas were completed on a different date in order to allow completion of the pier work to take place. DNR staff approval was needed to continue spraying after July 4th. To date, no word had been received that DNR staff had visited the lake to determine if other specific areas of the lake that had heavy weed growth were allowed to be sprayed. At the end of last year, DNR staff had confirmed that the Starry Stonewort plants near the bridge had not expanded or increased in size. An extensive review of the site with a report to the Commission was still anticipated. No action was necessary at this time.

c. Discuss & Act on Grant for Diesel Engines

The grant application for diesel engines had been received and all applications were being evaluated at this time. Award of the grant would be determined by the end of July or early August 2021.

12. Discuss Website Items

Monthly updates to the Waukesha County Aquatic Invasive Species newsletter, updated lake levels and weed cutting updates had been added to the OLMD website since the last meeting.

a. Discuss & Act on Estimate for New Website

Linda Goehre, of Goehre Creative, was present. She provided information about her experience as a graphic/ website designer, history related to recent actions to migrate the OLMD website to a new location and reviewed a proposal for a new OLMD website. The migration had only provided time to the District for website use, but functionality of the existing website could not be retained into the future and thus, a new website was needed. L. Goehre confirmed the proposal provided would include remedy of the existing problems as part of creating a new website. A new website would have up-to-date technology and security necessary to function appropriately for the needs of the OLMD. Discussion ensued. Commissioners discussed the appropriate location of weed cutting information on a new website and funding in the budget that could support the proposal for a new website.

D. Schriver moved to approve the proposal submitted by Goehre Creative for a new OLMD website as presented. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Brian Sichi, N63W33895 Lakeview Dr., suggested that information could be placed on the website in more than one place to make it easier for people to locate it. It was important to continue to close the information gap with the community and this was one way to do that.

Discussion also took place regarding forming a sub-Committee regarding the types of information to be included on the new website.

b. Discuss & Act on Possible Drone Video Footage

D. Schriver explained that B. Sichi had voluntarily provided a video of drone footage of the OLMD weed operations to her in advance of this meeting. She had not distributed the video footage and was not able to bring the video with her to the meeting. She questioned the use of the footage and whether to proceed with sharing the video provided to her. Discussion ensued regarding the educational and training aspects of such video footage. Some people were not technologically savvy, and the targeted audience might not view it. Protection of viewpoints about lake weed spraying had to be considered as well as the purpose for sharing such footage. Additional discussion could take place in the future. B. Sichi suggested options for future video efforts so that the crew would not be distracted by filming. No action was taken.

13. Future Agenda Items

The following items were requested for the next meeting:

- Discuss & Act on Hiring a New OLMD Attorney
- Discuss & Act on Possible Use of Drone Video Footage

14. Set Future Meeting Date

A Budget Workshop meeting would be held on July 26, 2021, beginning at 6:00 P.M. and the next regular OLMD meeting was scheduled for August 9, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.

15. Adjournment

B. Mueller moved to adjourn the July 12, 2021, Okauchee Lake Management District meeting. D. Schriver seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.