

OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

AUGUST 14TH, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

TOWN OF OCONOMOWOC TOWN HALL

1. Call to Order

T. Godar 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

4. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present:

John Foley
Dee Schriver
Bruce Mueller
Tom Godar

Absent:

Carol Wilson

Also Present:

Brady Mullikin, Lake Operations Manager

Pat Furno, Accountant for the District

Linda Goehre, Website & Security

Arnold Groehler, Animal Control Specialist

5. Correspondence

- a. D. Schriver received a letter from the County to confirm Carol Wilson's retirement and announce Dee Schriver as the Waukesha County Representative.

6. Discuss and Act on Temporary Chairperson Appointment

- a. D. Schriver reported that C. Wilson's intent was to retire and that we will select officers at the organizational meeting. Until then we will need a temporary chairperson for 2 weeks.

B. Mueller moved to nominate D. Schriver to act as temporary chairperson until the Organizational meeting. J. Foley seconded the motion. D. Schriver accepted the nomination. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Comments from the Floor

- a. Brian Sichi, N63W33895 Dr. Oconomowoc, WI 53066 asked if there was any consideration given to the number of commissioners and if we have decided to add an additional commissioner this year. He stated that he asked the question at last year's annual meeting. J. Foley agreed that it would be beneficial to hear the pluses and minuses and that we will add it to a future agenda.
- b. Johnathan Long N53W34400 Road Q, Okauchee 53069, asked if we were going to be buying or getting the property next to the existing Lake Management that is for sale. D. Schriver reported that we are watching it, but we are no further along in the process. We are determining if it is valuable to our operation or not, and at what price.

8. Comments from Committee Members

- a. T. Godar announced that at the next meeting, we will elect a commissioner.
- b. B. Mueller stated that they did hear back from the DNR that they received the complaint that was submitted in reference to the number of piers on the lake. Additional neighbors have also filed and have not heard a response as of yet. The people that are grandfathered in before 2012 do have the ability to have more dock space that the new law allows.
- c. B. Mueller also stated that the local Oconomowoc police notified residents to remove buoys that were placed on their own accord. The town of Oconomowoc is the only authority that is able to place buoys.

9. Discuss & Act on Report of Treasurer

D. Schriver reported the following:

- a. Total revenues: \$390,622.61
- b. Total expenditures: \$219,788.43

This leaves a budgeted balance of: \$170,834.18

T. Godar asked if we expected to come in below budget for 2023. D. Schriver replied that we did expect to come in under budget by a small amount for this year.

J. Foley moved to accept the report of the Treasurer as presented. B. Mueller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Approved Checks & Vouchers

B. Mueller moved to approve payments submitted as of August 14th for approval by the Treasurer. J. Foley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (07-10-2023)

B. Mueller moved to approve the minutes from the 07/10/2023 meeting. J. Foley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Presentation on Okauchee Lake Laws and Rule Enforcement, by Waukesha County DNR Warden, Dan Hodge.

This will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

13. Discuss and Act on Reviews of Special Fees

a. D. Schriver stated that we have not reviewed the special fees in a few years. Previously, the board had hired two individuals to determine the average number of boats at each residence. The board will need to conduct a review of all special fees and special charges going forward in 2024.

b. Pat Furno agreed that we need to review the fee structure as there may be an average of 3 boats per property now.

c. B. Mueller stated that businesses such as the Golden Mast, Foolery's, The Hideaway, Hollywood's and Lakeview Acres all have a separate fee structure. The board needs to discuss reviewing that fee structure in the future.

d. T. Godar suggested that if this is a business being run on property then the taxes may be needed to be adjusted. He will make contact with Kay and Kay law firm to discuss the rules that should be followed.

14. Discuss and Act on 2024 Budget Workshop (07-25-23) Items and Finalize Annual Meeting Agenda

J. Foley moved to approve the Budget Meeting Minutes from 07/25/23. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Foley made a motion to modify the Annual Meeting Agenda. B. Mueller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Summary Status of Wildlife Control by Arnold Groehler, Animal Control Specialist

a. A. Groehler stated that he does agree that there are more piers on the lake. Recently he was in a meeting with the Wisconsin Secretary of Natural Resources, Adam Payne. Arnold stated that the DNR may be starting to monitor the use of wake boats more closely and may be announcing new rules of operation.

b. A. Groehler also stated that the muskrat population is the lowest that it has ever been. The calls that he receives are usually about the same muskrat that is making its rounds around the lake. As of now there is no significant beaver population that he is aware of on the lake. Most of his calls are due to animals that are relocated in Nashotah Park and the surrounding area. He foresees that the deer population that resides near Breezy Point, Road H, and the North part of the lake will be a source of calls in the future. He has received a few calls about voles near Whittaker Bay as well and the growing population of seagulls. The Geese population is very well maintained, and we seem to be in a maintenance phase. You will see an occasional bald eagle and, in the years to come these will become more prevalent. They are mainly located near Rock River and the East side by Garvin Lake.

16. Aquatic Plant Management Report

a. Brady Mullikin, Lake Operations Manager, reported that they have had fairly smooth sailing so far and that they have gotten around the entire lake one time. They are almost done with the 2nd rotation of the lake and will have this finished before Labor Day weekend. The crew continues its tradition of surface Fridays by canvassing the perimeter and removing about 3-4 dump trucks of weeds each Friday. They like to try to achieve this by 4pm each week. When they come across a tree stump, they also work at it to avoid it from becoming a hazard.

b. Brady said that the eel grass is starting to up-root. Nature is telling us that Fall is coming. The weather has been fairly cooperative for us this season and they have had to call very few rain days. Safety of the crew is of the utmost importance. During heavy rainfall the dump truck is not allowed to drive on the wet fields. While they are able to work during light rain, they can't empty the loads and will have to hold one load in the truck. This season there has not been as much Eurasian watermilfoil and it's mainly been the eel grass that they have seen.

c. Brady stated that the new engines have been working great and he reported that the money that was spent on preventative maintenance has started to pay off. This has allowed them to keep going with the operations as scheduled. They did have one conveyor belt that snapped during a large load and that was taken care of on the spot. They have been able to stop leaks, repair hoses on the fly and maintenance has not become a major issue as it was in the past. J. Foley agreed that the preventative maintenance results did show and thanked Brady for his hard work. T. Foley also commented that they appreciate the great work done by the crew.

d. Brady announced that 4 of the crew will be leaving for school but this should not affect the overall operation. There has been a verbal commitment from some of the crew that they will be returning next Summer.

17. Discuss and Act on Website

a. At this time there are no provisions to add to the website.

18. Future Agenda Items

a. Presentation by Arnold Groehler, Animal Control Specialist

b. Presentation by the Waukesha County DNR Warden Dan Hodge Rescheduled

c. Presentation by CD3 regarding the systems for Aquatic Invasive Plant Removal

19. Set Future Meeting Date

The Annual meeting is set for August 28th at 7:00pm.

The next meeting is set for October 9th 2023 at 7:00pm.

20. Adjournment

D. Schriver moved to adjourn the Aug 14th, 2023 Okauchee Lake Management District meeting. J. Foley seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.