

**OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**JULY 11, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.**

**TOWN OF OCONOMOWOC TOWN HALL**

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 & Town of Merton, two posting boards, Waukesha County website and on the OLMD Website.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present:

Carol Wilson  
John Foley  
Dee Schriver  
Bruce Mueller  
Tom Godar

Also Present:

Pat Furno, Accountant for the District  
Linda Goehre, Website Designer  
Brady Mullikin, Lake Operations Manager  
Stefanie Anderson, OLMD Admin support  
Amanda Schmitz & Faith James, Waukesha County AIS Coordinators

5. Correspondence

- a. An email from Angela Hall from Knight Barry Title was received inquiring about how the weed charges and special fees will be reflected on the tax bills for The Waters Condominiums since the transition from The Point Comfort (previous owner) was a single business and The Waters Condos will have multiple residents. This matter will be discussed later in the meeting.

6. Comments from the Floor

Jim O'Malley N52 W35002 Lake Dr. Unit # 101, questioned how the weed charges are to be collected for the residents of The Waters Condominiums. Residents Sean Heaney, unit 201 and Laurie Huntington, unit 303, were also expressing the same interest in how the weed charges and fees would appear on the tax bills going forward. There was some confusion and discussion regarding whether the weed charge assessments are related to property value. It was explained that the weed assessments are charged by tax key and not by property value. This matter will be discussed further later in the meeting.

7. Comments from Committee Members

John Foley described an email that he received regarding pier placement and a discussion between 2 neighbors. John referred the parties to Waukesha County and The WI DNR as OLMD does not decide on issues related to pier placement.

8. Discuss & Act on Report of Treasurer

D. Schriver reported the following:

- a. Total revenues, including \$80,000 loan revenues to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022: \$447,435.70
- b. Total expenditures: \$122,533.61

This leaves a budgeted balance of \$324,902.09

**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 payments submitted for approval by the Treasurer. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was a clarification discussion regarding the amount and timing of the chemical spraying invoice. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

10. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (06-13-2022)

**D. Schriver moved to approve the June 13th, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. J. Foley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

11. Discuss and Act on weed charges for the Waters Condos tax key ( OCON-0569-001)

B. Mueller described the scenario of the transition of the property formerly known as Point Comfort Restaurant and The Waters Condominiums. Point Comfort operated as a business and held a conditional use permit issued by Waukesha County and was charged

weed fees and special charges on one tax key. The Waters will be set up so that each individual owner (10) within the condo building will have individual tax keys.

There was discussion of other properties on the lake that have separate tax keys for individual units within an overall condominium. Lake Aire condos was discussed as an example. Lakeview Acres was also discussed, however, it is not a similar comparison as some property owners are charged access fees as they do not own an individual property but do have access.

There was discussion regarding the timing of the sale of the property formerly known as Point Comfort and the development of The Waters Condominiums as the transition has and will occur over multiple tax years (2021, 2022, & 2023).

**D. Schriver moved to charge the 10 fees for 2022 to one tax key for The Waters Condominiums. For 2023, as the individual units are assigned their own tax key, the weed charges will apply to the individual tax key. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, all were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

12. Introduction of Waukesha/Washington County AIS Coordinator

Amanda Schmitz was introduced at the meeting. She described her role as the Waukesha County AIS Coordinator. Also in attendance was Faith James who also assists Amanda with the education and outreach for the AIS program.

The commissioners expressed interest in the results and efforts with Starry Stonewort across the multiple lakes that have had exposure to Starry Stonewort. Since different lakes participated in different treatment methods, an overall summary of the results and data would be helpful. Amanda indicated she would look into the DNR's summary of the effectiveness of various treatments.

13. Aquatic Plant Management Report

a. Brady Mullikin, Lake Operations Manager, reported that the maintenance issues have been few to date. While the weed growth was slow until the first of June, the recent conditions have made the weed growth now close to normal. The weather conditions have been a bit more of an issue this year with a few more storms and high wind days. As a result of the conditions, the cutting schedule is altered periodically to accommodate areas of high weed growth and or poor conditions. For example, due to high water levels, only cutter C4 and the skimmer have been able to pass beneath the bridge recently.

b. Brady continues to operate with almost a full crew and is able to respond to most of the property owners needs as they arise. Most of the comments have been positive on the weed cutting operation.

- c. Brady is experimenting with the heaviest cutting days being in the middle of the week and Mondays and Fridays designated to addressing hot spots. The weather and heavy weekend boating traffic tend to “push” weeds into several bays and require a little extra effort to clean up.
- d. Marine Biochem chemically treated several areas on the lake where EWR (eurasion water milfoil) was identified as a significant problem during the week of June 27-30. A specific section of the lake was treated with ProCellaCor. The remainder of the treatment areas were treated with Weedar 24D.

14. Discuss and Act on Goose Round Up

Goose Roundup scheduled for Mid June and was canceled on the morning of the roundup due to the number of geese present on the lake was under the threshold to collect.

15. Discuss and Act on Waukesha Adopt a Drain Program

Stefanie Anderson presented a link to a Waukesha County Adopt a Drain program as a volunteer program to help reduce waste into the drains and ultimately into our lake.

**D. Schriver moved that we post a link to this program on the OLMD website. J. Foley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

16. Discuss and act on the website

No further discussion on the website

17. Future Agenda Items

- a. Invitation to the USGS to discuss the water quality program

18. Set Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting is set for the August 8th, 2022 @ 7:00PM.

There will be a budget workshop for the commissioners on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00PM.

19. Adjournment:

**D. Schriver moved to adjourn the July 11th, 2022 Okauchee Lake Management District meeting. T. Godar seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.**