

OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

October 23, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.

Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall

www.olmd.org

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 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

Dee Schriver

Absent

Dennis Johnson

Bruce Mueller

Also Present

Pat Furno, Accountant for the District

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Comments from the Floor

None.

7. Comments from Committee Members

None.

8. Discuss & Act on Report of the Treasurer

D. Schriver reported the following:

Total Revenues:	\$337,757.51
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$ 312,614.09</u>
Total:	\$ 25,143.42

C. Wilson 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

T. Godar moved to approve the bills paid from August 28, 2017 through September 18, 2017. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place regarding electrical costs related to the aerator in the small pond near Tierney Bay.

T. Godar moved to approve the bills paid from September 18, 2017 through October 23, 2017. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

D. Schriver moved to approve the August 14, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. C. Wilson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. Wilson moved to approve the August 28, 2017 (Organizational) meeting minutes as presented. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

8. Review 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes

This item will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

9. Aquatic Plant Management Report

There were 184 large dump truck loads of weeds removed from Okauchee Lake this past year. Cutting took place until October 6, 2017 and barging was complete on October 13, 2017. There was one additional barging effort on October 16, 2017 for those that forgot on October 13, 2017. All equipment had been removed from the water and was in winter storage. New motors were ordered with delivery anticipated in April, 2018.

10. Discuss & Act on Aquatic Plant Control Special Charge

P. Furno explained the Aquatic Plant Control Special Charge was \$236.50 compared to \$233.84 in 2016. Discussion ensued regarding potential impacts to the budget as a result of this change. No changes to the approved budget were required at this time.

C. Wilson moved to approve the Aquatic Plant Control Special Charge of \$236.50. T. Godar seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

11. Discuss Fish Stocking Options for Okauchee Lake

This item was placed on the next OLMD meeting agenda for discussion and consideration.

12. Discuss & Act on Muskrat Removal Process

Discussion took place regarding the muskrat removal process outlined by Arnold Groehler in past meetings. Notification to property owners via the website and a mailing requesting consent was desired. A consent form for OLMD residents would be drafted with a potential mailing distributed in early December, 2017.

C. Wilson moved to approve the muskrat removal process and distribution of a mailing to OLMD residents to authorize consent of muskrat removal from interested property owners. T. Godar seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

13. Discuss & Act on Request for Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant

Discussion took place regarding the Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) grant program. Other lake districts had found success in offering the program with a mix of volunteers and law enforcement officers at boat launches. The program operated during the summer season and approximately 20 committed volunteers would be required at certain launch

sites on Okauchee Lake, including the Golden Mast launch site. Time and effort would be required to organize and coordinate the volunteers for approximately 10 hours per week during the boating season. Volunteer participation in staffing the boat launches for the CBCW Program would be solicited through the OLMD website. T. Godar volunteered to apply for the CBCW grant.

T. Godar moved to apply for the Clean Boats, Clean Waters grant and to work toward initial coordination and organization efforts of volunteers by the next OLMD meeting in spring, 2018. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

14. Discuss Buoy Placement and Fencing to the Lake Shore

Commissioners discussed the use of buoys by riparian owners to mark off shoreline from the rest of Okauchee Lake for safety reasons. A request from a riparian owner had come forward to the Town of Oconomowoc Town Board to allow placement of a buoy or buoys in the lake that would allow segregation of shoreline from the lake to allow children to safely swim in the created roped off area. Historically a “Slow No Wake” buoy had been placed near the requested area but it had disappeared and been replaced with white mooring buoys. The Town Board had not taken action on the request. “Slow No Wake” buoys were typically placed to protect the lake’s shoreline from erosion. The request from the riparian would involve user protection issues and this was of concern. Concern was also expressed regarding effective planning and enforcement required in the event numerous riparian buoy requests were approved for placement. Discussion further ensued regarding a recommendation from the OLMD to the Town Board to exercise caution in approving a recommendation to the DNR to allow “Slow No Wake” buoys in Okauchee Lake based on criteria other than shoreline erosion. It was noted that certain buoys were permitted on the lake only under state regulations. Mooring buoys were white with blue stripes and those required specific placement relative to a projected pier. Discussion also took place regarding placement of fencing of properties to the water’s edge on riparian shorelines. Awareness of state regulations was considered important in buoy placement and fencing by riparian owners.

15. Discuss Website Items

Updated lake level information, monthly updates to the Waukesha County Aquatic Invasive Species newsletters, and final weed harvesting information had been added to the OLMD website since the last meeting. Information about regulated buoys and buoy placement would be added to the website as well as a consent form for muskrat removal.

16. Future Agenda Items

The following items were suggested for inclusion on the next regular meeting (March or April, 2018) agenda:

- Discuss & Act on Spring 2017 Newsletter
- Discuss & Act on Fish Stocking Options for Okauchee Lake
- Update on Clean Boats, Clean Waters grant program
- Update on Muskrat Removal program

17. Set Future Meetings

The next meeting was scheduled for March or April, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall.

18. Adjournment

T. Godar moved to adjourn the October 23, 2017 Okauchee Lake Management District meeting. D. Schriver seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Minutes prepared by:

Accurate Business Communications, Inc.