

**OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

August 10, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.  
Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall

[www.olmd.org](http://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 posting 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  
Dennis Johnson  
Bruce Mueller  
Dee Schriver

Absent

Also Present

Pat Furno, Accountant for the District

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Comments from the Floor

None.

7. Comments from Committee Members

None.

C. Wilson moved to Item 12.

8. Discuss & Act on Report of the Treasurer

The Treasurer reported the following:

Total Revenues:	\$366,324.13
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$220,356.04</u>
Total:	\$145,968.09

**D. Johnson 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 the bills to be paid for August 10, 2020. D. Schriver seconded the motion.** The amount indicated for the spraying operations relative to chemical weed treatment was questioned. P. Furno clarified the chemical application amount to be paid was included in the spraying operations amount and was not additional. **There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

10. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meetings

**D. Johnson moved to approve the July 13, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

**D. Schriver moved to approve the July 27, 2020 (Budget Workshop) meeting minutes as presented. T. Godar seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

11. Aquatic Plant Management Report

D. Johnson explained that at the last meeting notification had been provided to the Board that many parts of the weed cutter engines required replacement due to age and wear. The OLMD weed cutting engines were the longest running engines in Wisconsin at this time. The oldest one had been purchased sometime in the 1980's and the newer ones were purchased not long after that. Parts and repair were not going to be available much longer. For this reason, additional monies were needed in the budget to allow a purchase to take place in the next year. Discussion ensued regarding how best to proceed using a loan as a capital expenditure for the weed cutting engines. Grants could be pursued to

assist in financing the purchase. Additional information on this topic would be provided at the August 31, 2020 Annual Meeting.

Overall lake weed cutting operations were going well. Additional farmers were needed to take lake weeds. Other than a few breakdowns in machinery, things had gone well with no significant damage incurred to any properties or equipment.

a. Update on Starry Stonewort

Chemical treatments had been applied to Starry Stonewort in Okauchee Lake since the last regular meeting. Divers would manually pull the remaining weeds that chemical treatment had left behind. A barge would be provided to allow divers to hand-pull the weeds, place them in sealed bags on the barge and then transport the bags to a lake weed dumpsite for disposal. D. Johnson and Marine Bio-Chem consultants would be on the lake this week to determine if treatments were needed in other areas of the lake.

12. Discuss & Act on OLMD Charges for Tax Key No. OCOT 0574.264

The OLMD had recently been made aware that a property had inaccurately been assessed for aquatic plant control charges in recent years. A repayment of two years assessment was allowed. Discussion ensued. Hans and Marijo Weissgerber were present. H. Weissgerber noted he had requested that weeds be cut near his marina and piers numerous times. D. Johnson explained the DNR only allowed weed cutting to take place in certain areas with cutting of non-native aquatic plant species preferred. D. Johnson would work with H. Weissgerber in the upcoming week to determine the origin of lake weed species and whether cutting could take place in the locations noted.

**T. Godar move to repay the owners of Tax Key No. OCOT 0574.264 for the last two years of payments made to the OLMD. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

C. Wilson returned to Item 8 and the remainder of the agenda.

13. Discuss & Act on Transfer of Funds from Category 790.5 to Meet Certain Environmental & Related Charges Incurred in this Budget Year

A Point Intercept Survey had been completed as part of the required Aquatic Plant Management Plan. The survey invoice had been paid. The approximate cost of the survey work was \$16,900. A transfer of funds from Category 790.5 was needed at this time for the incurred charges.

**D. Schriver moved to transfer funds in the approximate amount of \$16,900 from Category 790.5 to meet certain environmental and related charges incurred in this budget year. D. Johnson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

14. Discuss & Act on Holding the Annual Meeting at Lord of Life Church

The Annual Meeting was anticipated to have more people in attendance than the Town Hall could accommodate in a socially distanced manner. For that reason, consideration was needed regarding holding the August 31, 2020 Annual Meeting at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church beginning at 7:00 P.M.

**T. Godar moved to hold the 2020 Annual Meeting at Lord of Life Church. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

15. Discuss & Act on 2020 Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing Notice

Information noting the reason the Goose Round-Up had not taken place this year as well as changes to the annual Muskrat Control Program would be provided on one side of the Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing Notice.

**T. Godar moved to approve the 2020 Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing Notice as presented. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

16. Discuss Website Items

Updated information about Starry Stonewort treatments and maps of treatment areas had been added to the website along with updates to the lake level information, monthly Waukesha County Aquatic Invasive Species newsletter, weekly weed cutting & a “Help Wanted” Ad for fall weed cutting and pier clean-up had been added to the website since the last regular meeting.

17. Future Agenda Items

Any future agenda items should be directed to C. Wilson in advance of the next regular meeting anticipated in October 2020.

18. Set Future Meeting Dates

The Annual Meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 31, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church.

H. Weissgerber noted concerns from neighbors about sedimentation in the lake. The lake seemed to be filling up with leaves and silt in certain areas making areas of the lake barely navigable. He has spoken to DNR Lake Specialist Heidi Bunk about this concern. The DNR had no issues with dredging permits and he wondered whether this was an option for OLMD residents to consider. C. Wilson explained that historically residents of Martinique Bay and Icehouse Bay had participated in dredging activities with the DNR. The OLMD had supported a portion of the expense and a grant from the DNR had provided additional funding. The remainder of the dredging costs were borne by the individuals that benefited from the dredging. The dredging costs were placed on the dredged individual tax rolls for a period of ten years. Historical data was available regarding lake depths in certain areas as well. Long ago, arsenic had been used to treat the lake in Icehouse Bay and that bay could not be dredged because of that activity.

19. Motion to enter Closed Session pursuant to §19.85(1)(c): “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.”  
(Performance review and compensation for OLMD employees)

**T. Godar moved to enter Closed Session pursuant to §19.85(1)(c): “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.” (Performance review and compensation for OLMD employees) at 7:30 P.M. D. Johnson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. A Roll Call vote was taken: Carol Wilson, aye; Dennis Johnson, aye; Bruce Mueller, aye; Dee Schriver, aye; Tom Godar, aye. Motion carried.**

20. Reconvene into Open Session

**T. Godar oved to reconvene into Open Session at 8:18 P.M. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. A Roll Call vote was taken: Carol Wilson, aye; Dennis Johnson, aye; Bruce Mueller, aye; Dee Schriver, aye; Tom Godar, aye. Motion carried.**

21. Discuss & Act on Closed Session Item

No action was taken.

22. Adjournment

**D. Johnson moved to adjourn the August 10, 2020 Okauchee Lake Management District meeting. B. Mueller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.**