

**OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

May 11, 2015 -- 7 P.M.

Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall

[www.olmd.org](http://www.olmd.org)

**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

Chairperson 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

Tom Godar  
Dennis Johnson  
Dee Schriver  
Carol Wilson

Absent

Jan Husak

Also Present

Pat Furno, Accountant for the District  
Brian Hefty, Wisconsin DNR  
Steve Miller, Wisconsin DNR  
Lance Stock, Wisconsin DNR

5. Comments from the Floor

None.

*Without objection, Item #11 of the Agenda, Update on the DNR Road T Boat Launch, was taken next.*

6. Comments from Committee Members

Ben Heussner of the Wisconsin DNR will attend the June 8, 2015 meeting.

7. Discuss & Act on Report of the Treasurer

D. Schriver reported the following:

Total Revenues:	\$312,144.92
Total Expenditures:	\$73,501.33
Total:	\$238,643.59

**D. Johnson moved to approve the Report of the Treasurer as reported. T. Godar seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

8. Approve Checks & Vouchers

**T. Godar moved to approve the list of bills paid from January, 2015 – April, 2015. D. Johnson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

**D. Johnson moved to approve the May 11, 2015 list of bills. C. Wilson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

9. Approve Minutes (August 4, 2014, October 21, 2014)

**D. Johnson moved to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2014 meeting as presented. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

**T. Godar moved to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2014 meeting as presented. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

10. Aquatic Plant Management Report

D. Johnson reported that the equipment is now in the water. Six new employees have been hired; five employees from last year have returned. Training will begin near the end of May and cutting will start the second week of June. Due to various circumstances within Inland Harvester, they have been unable to perform a pre-check of the OLMD equipment; G. Steinmueller has contacted another individual to perform this task.

A map showing consenting properties for the Goose Round-up will be prepared at a cost of approximately \$20 from the Waukesha County GIS Mapping Department. This map will be used during the Round-up and will make locating properties much easier.

#### 11. Update on Road T Boat Launch

S. Miller, from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) stated that work on the launch would begin after Memorial Day. After reviewing all options, the DNR felt this was the best case scenario as it would allow residents time to get their boats in the water. Once construction commences, the only lake access will be at the Golden Mast. S. Miller reported that the contractor and the Department of Administration have both agreed to the new timetable. Although the contract is for 105 days, it is hoped the project will take less time. The grant in the amount of \$400,000 secured for this project will not be affected by the later start.

T. Godar expressed dismay that OLMD was not permitted to attend the preconstruction meeting and felt that the District would have been able to provide valuable information at that meeting. Additionally, he was taken by surprise by the closing date. He was present at the DNR meeting in February and felt disrespected by the DNR for the short launch closing notification. He expressed concern about closing the launch and lake access during the summer. Although it will be hardship for riparian owners, visitors would be greatly impacted. DNR representatives did not anticipate the launch to remain open during any part construction.

Commercial barge accessibility was discussed. It was confirmed during the meeting that commercial barges would not be able to use Golden Mast to launch commercial equipment. T. Godar suggested the DNR work with the commercial contractors to arrange for launching their equipment. S. Miller suggested that it *might* be possible to work something out for special instances such as launching of boat lifts, etc.

C. Wilson relayed that OLMD had not been aware of the launch closing until 1-1/2 weeks ago. Although dismayed about the short notice of the closing she was relieved that the launch was going to be open until immediately after Memorial Day. Residents on Road T have expressed concern about construction traffic. She suggested the DNR post large signs and barricades for the road regarding the launch closing.

The DNR will be meeting with the Department of Administration on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 and commercial contractor options will be discussed.

The launch project will start immediately after the Memorial Day weekend.

**Anyone with questions on this project should contact Lance Stock at 920-988-9835 or Steve Miller at 608-266-5782.**

*After the discussion, the agenda was resumed with Item #7 and continued in order for the duration of the meeting.*

12. Discuss & Act on Duckweed/Watermeal Removal Proposal (Tearney Bay)

D. Schriver reported that duckweed and watermeal is not currently present on Tearney Bay. A proposal from Eco Water Systems was received in the amount of \$15,000 to treat the pond (approximately 3 acres in size). The Commissioners felt it was too expensive for the size of the area to be treated. Discussion took place on other treatment processes such as aeration and/or a floating chemical treatment device. D. Schriver will contact H. Bunk at the WDNR to discuss the high cost of the proposal and other options of treatment.

13. Discuss & Act on Enforcement of Special Use Permit Restrictions

Discussion took place as to whether there are enforcement mechanisms for the number of moorings/boat slips for residential and commercial properties.

Tom Modl, Road J, was present at the meeting. He and his partners recently purchased the Hideaway. It is their intention to rent 12 boat slips. Police requested the establishment to block the launch area permanently. He questioned whether launch area had to be closed during the winter months. C. Wilson advised him to contact Waukesha County Park & Planning.

T. Godar felt OLMD has some authority relative to the commercial owners with special use permits. Discussion took place on commercial versus residential moorings. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

14. Discuss & Act on Volunteer/Internship Opportunities (Tom Godar )

Several months ago T. Godar was contacted by an individual seeking an internship with OLMD. Discussion took place regarding OLMD's interest in having unpaid interns perform water quality analyses, insurance coverage for such interns, and the value of the project as an intern vs. individual. T. Godar will attempt to contact the individual who inquired.

15. Discuss & Act on CPR Training (Tom Godar)

An article on the CPR Training opportunity hosted by the Okauchee Lake Sailing School and Club was published in the recent edition of the OLMD newsletter. The class took place on May 9, 2015.

16. Discuss Website Items

The website is being utilized by many individuals and is updated regularly. On-line goose round-up submission forms are being received.

17. Future Agenda Items

Update on Road T Boat Launch  
Discuss & Act on Enforcement of Special Use Permit Restrictions  
Presentation by Ben Heussner of the Wisconsin DNR

18. Set Future Meeting

The next board meeting will take place on June 8, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall.

19. Set Annual Meeting Date

**C. Wilson motioned to set the annual meeting date for OLMD to always be the last Monday of August. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

The annual meeting for 2015 was set for August 31, 2015 at 7 p.m.

20. Adjournment

**D. Johnson moved to adjourn from the meeting. D. Schriver seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.**