

OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

July 13, 2015 -- 7 P.M.

Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Carol Wilson called the meeting to order at 7 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

Bruce Mueller

Absent

Dennis Johnson

Dee Schriver

Also Present

Pat Furno, Accountant for the District

Kathy Aron, Consultant - Aron & Associates

5. Correspondence

Various emails from Kathy Buss, City of Oconomowoc regarding Lake Level Reports (6/22 and 7/10)

June 11, 2015 – Wisconsin Lakes re: Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference, June 26 in Hayward

June 12, 2015 – Wisconsin Lakes re: Action Alert-Still Time to Sign On for Shoreland Zoning

June 16, 2015 – Bob re: pier placement

June 25, 2015 – Ben Heussner re: Fish Photos for OLMD website

6. Comments from the Floor

There was no one present wishing to comment at this time.

7. Comments from Committee Members

None.

8. Discuss & Act on Report of the Treasurer

P. Furno reported the following:

Total Revenues:	\$312,144.92
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$147,750.87</u>
Total:	\$164,394.05

T. Godar moved to accept the Report of the Treasurer as presented. C. Wilson 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 July 13, 2015 list of bills as presented. C. Wilson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

10. Approve Minutes (June 8, 2015)

T. Godar moved to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2015 meeting as presented. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

11. Presentation & Possible Action on Starry Stonewort (invasive species) (Kathy Aron)

Kathy Aron, of Aron & Associates, explained the history of the invasive species, Starry Stonewort, noting it had been found in three lakes recently. It had not been found in Okauchee Lake. Starry Stonewort was similar in resemblance to Chara, a native muskgrass. Starry Stonewort plants spread easily as it grows in the top layers of sediment on the lake floor, rapidly crowding out other native plants, with whorls of branchlets that had small white star shaped bulbils at the end of the branchlets. Current methods of removal of the Starry Stonewort included hand pulling and diver assisted suction harvesting (DASH). DASH had been the method selected for removal in Little Muskego Lake. Public education and prevention were considered critical as this species was difficult to eradicate once in a lake. Boats should be thoroughly disinfected if they had been launched in any of the Muskego Lakes recently. Concern had been expressed in the affected lake area that not enough was being done by the DNR and local municipalities to eradicate and prevent the spread of Starry Stonewort. Discussion ensued regarding prevention of Starry Stonewort from entering Okauchee Lake. Potential options discussed included establishment of a boat inspection system at launches around the lake, identification and prevention signage at area boat launches,

cleaning up the areas around the launches to ensure the invasive weeds were not travelling out of the lake, or to hire a consultant to survey the current lake situation and suggest other potential methods of prevention and development of a long-term plan to deal with Starry Stonewort. Additional suggestions included discussion of Starry Stonewort with the public, writing letters to legislators and DNR representatives requesting assistance and placement of identification information on the OLMD website. Consensus was indicated for writing letters to legislators and DNR representatives requesting assistance and placement of identification information on the OLMD website at this time. K. Aron would provide identification on Starry Stonewort to Commissioners as well as potential signage ideas related to this issue. Additional discussion on this topic will take place at the next OLMD meeting.

12. Aquatic Plant Management Report

There was nothing further to report at this time.

13. Update on Road T Boat Launch

An update had not been received from DNR representatives regarding the Road T boat launch since the last Commission meeting. A neighbor had expressed concern regarding the potential elevation changes to the launch site as vehicle headlights that could shine into the property as boats were put in and removed from the lake. Discussion further ensued regarding restrictive use of the boat launch for riparians at this time. This item will be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

14. Discuss & Act on Annual Meeting Agenda

The draft August 31, 2015 Annual Meeting agenda notice was reviewed. Additional information is required prior to distribution. This item will be placed on the next Commission meeting agenda for additional discussion and consideration prior to distribution.

15. Discuss Website Items

The website had been updated regularly with lake levels since the last Commission meeting. Fish photos provided by Ben Heussner were placed on the OLMD website as well. Additional topics suggested for the website included identification information regarding Starry Stonewort.

16. Future Agenda Items

- Discuss and Act on Starry Stonewort recommendations
- Discuss and Act on Annual Meeting Agenda

17. Set Future Meetings

The next Commission meeting was scheduled for July 27, 2015 at 7 P.M. at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall. This meeting would be a budget workshop meeting followed by discussion and possible action on Starry Stonewort.

18. Adjournment

T. Godar moved to adjourn the July 13, 2015 Okauchee Lake Management District meeting. B. Mueller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Minutes prepared by:

Accurate Business Communications, Inc.