

OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

July 10, 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
Dennis Johnson
Bruce Mueller
Dee Schriver

Absent

Also Present

Pat Furno, Accountant for the District

5. Correspondence

T. Godar noted several notes had been received from Keith Larson, W332N6211 County Road C, regarding many weeds in the lake near his property. K. Larson appreciated the recent efforts of the cutting crew because the crew skimmed the weeds in the lake near his property. It was noted that the area he lived in was known for a floating weed issue along the shoreline. Gastrick Bay, Stevens Bay and other areas along Highway C were noted for having similar weedy situations because of their location on the lake. All residents paid the same for weed control on the lake and the entire lake received weed cutting service as a result.

6. Comments from the Floor

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

7. Comments from Committee Members

T. Godar shared an experience about a local law enforcement issue with the Board. Additional information would be provided to the Board if needed.

8. Discuss & Act on Report of the Treasurer

D. Schriver reported the following:

Total Revenues:	\$325,436.54
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$133,181.65</u>
Total:	\$192,254.89

B. Mueller moved to accept the Report of the Treasurer as presented. D. Johnson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Approve Checks & Vouchers

D. Johnson moved to approve the bills paid from June 12, 2017 through July 10, 2017. B. Mueller seconded the motion. D. Schriver explained expenses for tires and modification/maintenance costs associated with the new dump truck were all within the budget. The Aqua Thruster aerator for the pond near Tierney Bay cost \$2185.90 and was also within the allocation limit for this purchase. **There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

10. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

B. Mueller moved to approve the June 12, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

11. Aquatic Plant Management Report

D. Johnson noted the weed cutting crew had done a good job of working the “hot spots” in the lake earlier in the season. The crew was working its way around the shoreline to continue cutting the lake. The new dump site was being used. Two truckloads of weeds per day were being removed from the lake. All equipment was running currently. Inland Harvester had recommended service be outsourced for diesel engine maintenance that would soon take place. There were issues with the fuel injection system. Small repairs to the barges and cutters could be handled easily; however, the engines required additional skill. Funding would be needed in the 2018 budget for an annual Spring Inspection Report as part of ongoing regular maintenance of the engines. He also noted the high water made it difficult for the cutters to go under the bridge so some areas were not able to be cut until the high water receded enough that it could navigate under the bridge. It

was noted that the OLMD did not have the authority to establish “Slow-No Wake” designations for the lake during times of high water. D. Johnson also reported a Goose Round-Up took place since the last meeting with 54 geese captured this year.

12. Discuss & Act on Contract for Aerator in Pond Behind Tierney Bay

T. Godar explained the OLMD had a signed agreement with Doug Grant regarding purchase of Aqua Thruster aerator equipment for D. Grant to place and remove each year in order to move the water in the pond behind Tierney Bay.

C. Wilson returned to Item 6 at this time.

Keith and Janie Larsen, W332N6211 County Road C and Mary Jo Levine, W332N6219 County Road C, were present. K. Larsen thanked all present for their efforts on the OLMD Board of Commissioners. The Larsens had been Okauchee Lake residents for the past three years and the Levines had been permanent residents for the past four years. K. Larsen questioned the weed growth pattern for this year. D. Johnson explained the weed growth was often dependent on the ice patterns during winter time. This year there were more weeds earlier than last year. Each year it seemed that the lake evolved and changed. The area near the Larsen property was a nutrient rich area because of the river and often experienced extensive weed growth throughout the years. Historic information was shared regarding the change to the weed cutting schedule to include “hot spot” areas in the last eight years in order to better address the weed growth in certain bays of the lake. Larsen appreciated the work of the cutting crew, noting they had done a nice job of cutting and seemed kind. D. Johnson noted that approximately 40-60% of the overall barge loads were from Gastrick Bay and Stevens Bay. The cutting crew supervisor made an additional effort to get into the area along Highway C. A big effort was put forth in that area in June of this year. Records were kept regarding cutting locations, harvest schedules as well as information about what was removed. K. Larsen questioned the chemical weed treatment process. D. Johnson explained only some areas of the lake were approved for chemical weed treatment if they had Eurasian watermilfoil.

13. Discuss & Act on Annual Meeting Agenda

Discussion took place regarding topics to be included on the Annual Meeting agenda. An item was suggested regarding muskrat control.

14. Discuss & Act on Employee Handbook Policies

The Employee Hand book policies had been reviewed; however, the format of the document required updating. This item would be placed on a future meeting agenda.

15. Website Items

Information added to the website since the last meeting included updated lake levels, monthly Waukesha County Aquatic Invasive Species newsletters, and updated weed harvesting information. An article on the importance of removing valuables at the shoreline due to recent reports of theft would also be added to the website.

16. Future Agenda Items

The following items were suggested for inclusion on the next meeting agenda:

- Discuss & Act on Review & Finalization of Proposed 2018 Budget (Budget Workshop)

17. Set Future Meetings

The next regular OLMD meeting was scheduled for August 14, 2017. A Budget Workshop meeting was scheduled for July 20, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. in the Town Hall basement. Due to the required timeline of distribution of the Annual Meeting/ Budget Hearing Notice, a meeting to approve the Annual Meeting Agenda and Preliminary 2018 Budget was scheduled for July 31, 2017. The Annual Meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 28, 2017.

18. Adjournment

D. Johnson moved to adjourn the July 10, 2017 Okauchee Lake Management District meeting. B. Mueller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Minutes prepared by:

Accurate Business Communications, Inc.