

# Okauchee Lake Management District

APRIL 9TH, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

## TOWN OF OCONOMOWOC TOWN HALL

1. Call to Order

T.Godar 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

4. Roll Call of Commissioners

**Present:** Tom Godar, Dee Schriver, Bruce Mueller, Brian Sichi

**Absent:** John Foley

**Also Present:** Pat Furno **Accountant for the District;** Brady Mullikin, **Lake Operations Manager;** Linda Goehre, **Website Designer;** Stefanie Anderson, **Secretary**

5. Correspondence

- a. D. Schriver received correspondence from the Town of Merton regarding the Fire Fees that were owed. We paid in full and are now current.
- b. D. Schriver has received a few inquiries over the Winter regarding the correct tax fees being charged to riparian owners that reside near Garvin Lake. A resident of Garvin Lake is asking to be reimbursed for tax fees that she believes are incorrect.
- c. P. Furno indicated an audit of property locations is currently being performed. OLMD has requested specific mapping from Waukesha County.
- d. B. Sichi stated that he believes there are other properties within the district that have not been being taxed as they should be. We have the Chapter 33 documentation from 1975 that defines what the OLMD boundaries are. Brian is putting together a review of district boundaries.
- e. D. Schriver received a letter from the Town of Merton indicating that we owe taxes on the road L property. This issue was resolved as the OLMD is a municipality and therefore tax-exempt.

6. Comments from the Floor

- a. Karen Kreeger N63W33859 Lakeview Dr. Oconomowoc, WI 53066 asked how we can manage the amount of wakeboats that launch on Okauchee Lake, especially on the weekends.
- b. Wayne Euclide, Waukesha County District Supervisor. Wayne was sworn in on April 16<sup>th</sup> as the Waukesha County District Supervisor. He thanked the OLMD for our efforts on taking great care of Okauchee Lake. He is in attendance to see how the OLMD operates.
- c. Keith Granum, N53W34296 Road Q Okauchee, WI 53066 asked if dredging the pond requires a permit from the DNR. D. Schriver replied that yes the DNR would require a permit. Keith also inquired as to why we drain the lake. T. Godar replied that it is in order to allow room for the Spring rain. The Town of Oconomowoc makes the decision of when to open and shut the valve at the damn to control water levels.

7. Comments from Committee Members

- a. A. Groehler and D. Schriver attended a DNR and WI Conservation Conference. One of the largest topics covered was the growing issue of wakeboats and the damage caused if not operated in a mindful way. A. Groehler stated that larger lakes may see more wakeboat traffic in the future as smaller lakes are trying to set limits for them.
- b. B. Sichi stated that Oconomowoc Lake has been working on this topic for many years and has not yet had restrictions set. Smaller lakes operate on the honor system regarding how wakeboats should be operated.

8. Discuss & Act on Report of Treasurer

D. Schriver reported the following:

- a. Total revenues: \$ 379,897.63
- b. Total expenditures: \$ 32,604.64

This leaves a budgeted balance of: \$ 347,292.99

**B. Mueller moved to accept the report of the Treasurer as presented. B. Sichi seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

9. Approved Checks & Vouchers

**B. Sichi moved to approve payments submitted from November 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 through April 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 for approval by the Treasurer. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

10. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (10-30-23)

**D. Schriver moved to approve the minutes from the (10-30-23) meeting. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

11. Golden Mast's updated conditional use for adding slips to marina

a. On November 6<sup>th</sup> the Golden Mast Marina's conditional use for adding slips was approved. This conditional use was approved after our last meeting in 2023. We indicated that we would calculate the new charges on the increased slips in 2024.

**B. Sichi made a motion to charge the Golden Mast the difference in fees for the additional piers for 2024. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

12. Summary Status of Wildlife Control by Arnold Groehler, Animal Control Specialist.

a. A. Groehler has trapped muskrats and beavers this Winter. He has caught one beaver and overall the numbers are low as we are still in a maintenance phase.

b. Arnold Groehler, stated that he sometimes gets calls regarding an animal emergency. Today he received a call from residents on Whittiker Bay that there was a dead deer floating in lake. Removing the deer from the lake is not a service that the OLMD provides.

c. T. Godar asked Arnold if he has an apprentice yet. Arnold responded that no he does not, he just licensed 31 people for commercial work. He would welcome finding an apprentice in the future.

13. Aquatic Plant Management Report Mechanical

a. Brady announced that he and another employee began operations today. Their focus is preparing equipment for launch.

b. Brady is in the process of hiring the crew for this season and expects some of the crew from last year to return.

c. Spring conditions can affect weed growth. The crew plans to be ready to tackle operations as soon as needed.

e. T. Godar thanked Brady for his hard work and efforts to keep the production costs as low as he does.

14. Aquatic Plant Management Treatment Application Permit

D. Schriver announced that we have applied for and have been issued the treatment application permit for this season. A copy of the permit may be found at [www.olmd.org](http://www.olmd.org)

15. Website

- a. Brady will communicate to Heidi Bunk of the WDNR that weed harvesting will begin approximately June 1<sup>st</sup> 2024.
- b. The 2024 Spring Newsletter will be posted when released May 1<sup>st</sup>.

16. Spring 2024 Newsletter Items

Commissioners reviewed the draft of the newsletter and suggested additional articles. The target for mailing is April 30th.

17. Future Agenda Items

- a. Discuss & Act on ideas and designs for a new OLMD Logo
- b. Discuss & Act on our Aquatic Plant Management Plan
- c. Discuss & Act on the review of the OLMD boundaries
- d. Discuss & Act on Motion to enter Closed Session pursuant to §19.85(1:  
(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Closed Session for the use of public funds

Reconvene into Open Session

Discuss & Act on Closed Session Item

18. Set Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting is May 13<sup>th</sup> 2024

The annual meeting is August 26<sup>th</sup> 2024

19. Adjournment

**D. Schriver moved to adjourn the April 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 Okauchee Lake Management District meeting. B. Mueller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried without exception. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.**