

Okauchee Lake Management District

MAY 13TH , 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, Brian Sichi

Absent: John Foley, Bruce Mueller

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

5. Correspondence

D. Schriver received correspondence from Kristin Kessler; W33N5810 Garvin Lane, Nashotah, WI 53058, regarding her property Tax Key MRTT0408027001 being charged OLMD fees while other properties on Garvin are not being charged. This was discussed later in the meeting and added to the June meeting agenda.

6. Comments from the Floor

Arnie Groehler discussed recent trapping and wildlife activity on the lake. He is seeing some activity of muskrats and a beaver near Highway C and some in Bay 5.

7. Comments from Committee Members

None

8. Discuss & Act on Report of Treasurer

D. Schriver reported the following for ending April 30, 2024:

a. Total Revenues: \$ 382,079.78

b. Total Expenditures: \$ 49,960.60

This leaves a budgeted balance of: \$ 332,119.18

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

9. Approved Checks & Vouchers

T. Godar moved to approve payments submitted from April 9th 2024 through May 13th 2024 for approval by the Treasurer. B. Sichi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (04-09-24)

D. Schriver moved to approve the minutes from the (04-09-24) meeting. B. Sichi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Discuss & Act on review of OLMD Boundaries

- a. B. Sichi shared a presentation, OLMD Boundaries and Included Properties. The presentation included documentation of the creation of the OLMD as well as Waukesha County GIS and Tax Record information about properties included in the district.
- b. Included in the presentation and discussion were several areas on the lake where the tax flags in the county tax file do not accurately reflect the inclusion or exclusion of properties in the OLMD as defined by law. Work will be needed with the county to get tax flags and charges accurately reflected in the county tax files.
- c. P. Furno stated that she typically works with the county to keep tax records accurate, but there have been some challenges with consistency over the years.
- d. One outstanding area there is not clarity on from the wording of Waukesha County Resolution 154, is Garvin Lake. It was discussed that we need to get legal clarity on if it is included or not included in the OLMD. B. Sichi will be following up with the county on this topic and T. Godar would follow up with OLMD counsel.
- e. Kristin Kessler, W33N5810 Garvin Lane, Nashotah, WI 53058, shared her concerns about being charged differently than other Garvin Lake properties and emphasized they were fine with paying their fair share, but charges should be consistent with other riparian owners on Garvin Lake.
- f. T. Godar expressed the importance of acting quickly on the Kessler property quickly, even if we can't quickly get clarity on Garvin Lake properties at large.

13. Aquatic Plant Management Report Mechanical

- a. Brady shared that we are in week 5 of operations for the year. Work has been completed by him and one additional resource
- b. Current activities include equipment repairs and preparation for scaling up operations. Multiple improvements have been completed across the fleet to fix corroded metal including priming and painting of repairs.
- c. Additional repairs were done to the mooring rings and crane.
- d. While working with vendors, it has been determined we can do a less intensive inspection on the crane, while still being compliant with relevant regulatory requirements.
- e. Facility cleanup has been underway to make more space for turn-around time on the lot and improve operations. There has been some challenges with insect infestation that may require a professional exterminator.
- f. First cut location is going to be the west side of Bay 5 to harvest Milfoil.
- g. A stump was found in Bay 5, and there may be a second one that needs to be removed.
- h. D. Schriver mentioned a tree down across the entrance to Tierney Bay. The path can be navigated by boats, but not currently by the cutters. It was mentioned that area riparian owners are looking at ways to remove the obstruction.

13. Aquatic Plant Management Report Chemical

- a. D. Schriver shared that our long-term plan expires after this year and will need to be renewed. We have been working on extensions of a 5-year plan.

14. Website

- a. Updates have been made to the website to reflect the current commissioners as well as update other information on an as needed basis.

15. Discuss & Act on New OLMD Logo

- a. D. Schriver brought up the discussion of a new logo and an opportunity to have a larger piece of work done to revise the current OLMD logo. She suggested that Linda could help us with this effort.
- b. T. Godar asked if it was necessary to expend funds on that vs. using the logo provided by B. Sichi and stressed the importance of keeping the effort simple and at low cost.

c. B. Sichi will discuss with Linda a path forward and this was added to June's agenda.

16. **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.**

B. Sichi moved to enter the closed session. T. Godar seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

18. Reconvene into Open Session

B. Sichi moved to conclude the closed session. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

19. Discuss & Act on Closed Session Item

There were no actions resulting from the closed session.

20. Future Agenda Items

- a. Discuss & Act on a new OLMD Logo
- b. Discuss & Act on digital repository for OLMD records
- c. Discuss & Act on Future Planning and Grants
- d. Discuss & Act on OLMD Boundaries Including Kessler taxes

21. Set Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting is June 17th 2024

22. Adjournment

D. Schriver moved to adjourn the April 9th 2024 Okauchee Lake Management District meeting. B. Sichi seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried without exception. The meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.