

# Okauchee Lake Management District

JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> , 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, Bruce Mueller

**Absent:** John Foley

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

5. Correspondence

a. D. Schriver received correspondence from a riparian owner asking who takes care of the overgrown areas on Whittaker Road. Does the OLMD have anything to do with the care? B. Mueller replied that the town may be the one to ask. T. Godar stated that the OLMD does not govern this area and that we do not oversee what is done.

b. T. Godar received correspondence from Kay & Kay regarding if we could have a meeting where remote attendees would be allowed to participate. Alex Kay responded that yes the state law does allow this as long as the participant can see and hear the other attendees in the meeting and visa versa.

c. T. Godar also received correspondence from Kay & Kay regarding how long local tax overpayments can be claimed and that the limit for income taxes is 4 years. They provided statements regarding why the riparian owners of Garvin should be subject to OLMD's jurisdiction.

d. Kristin Kessler; W33N5810 Garvin Lane, Nashotah, WI 53058, sent in correspondence regarding her property Tax Key MRTT0408027001 being charged OLMD fees while other properties on Garvin are not being charged.

6. Comments from the Floor

Keith Granum, N53W34296 Road Q, Okauchee WI 53069, asked who is in charge of the public boat launch. T. Godar replied that the DNR is in charge. He also thanked Brady for taking care of the weeds so far this season.

7. Comments from Committee Members

None

8. Discuss & Act on Report of Treasurer

D. Schriver reported the following for ending May 31st, 2024:

- a. Total Revenues: \$ 393,036.93
- b. Total Expenditures: \$ 67,542.98

This leaves a budgeted balance of: \$ 325,493.95

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

9. Approved Checks & Vouchers

**B. Mueller moved to approve payments submitted from May 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 through June 17<sup>th</sup> 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 (05-13-24)

**D. Schriver moved to approve the minutes from the (05-13-24) meeting. B. Sichi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

11. Discuss & Act on review of OLMD Boundaries & the Historical Inclusion of Specific Bays

- a. B. Sichi stated that he has no new information since the presentation on May 13<sup>th</sup>, he has not yet heard back from the county.
- b. T. Godar replied that an audit is being performed and will present the findings once they are received.
- c. B. Sichi and T. Godar will work together to research what is in the best interest of the residents of Garvin and Okauchee Lakes.

12. Discuss & Act on OLMD Boundaries Regarding Kessler Taxes

T. Godar stated that state taxes can go back 4 years for reimbursement. We will not charge the Kessler's going forward until a decision has been made regarding all of the Garvin Lake residents. D. Shriver suggested that we should put together a list of the taxes and fees that are charged each year.

**T. Godar made a motion to refund the Kessler's for the last 4 years of Taxes and Fees they have paid. B. Sichi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

13. Aquatic Plant Management Report Brady Mullikin, Lake Operations Manager

- a. Brady stated that the operations thus far have been pretty standard despite the wet weather. The crew has made it 1/3 of the way around the lake and have focused on the hot spots thus far. They will resume with the tradition of surface Fridays this season. They are operating with a full staff and are optimistic that this season will be a success.
- b. Brady stated that they are aware of the fallen tree in Tierany Bay and they can access the bay to remove it. They will continue to cut Tierany Bay in the same pattern as previous years.
- c. Brady shared that the C2 and C3 Kubota engines have been working very well. The manufacturer of Kubota is handling a repair that is under warranty and Inland is taking the lead on this.
- d. The crew has been finding the typical weeds for the early season mainly curly-leaf pondweed and expect to see Eurasian watermilfoil in the upcoming weeks.

14. Discuss & Act on Water Quality Impairment

- a. T. Godar talked with Tom Steinbach and asked if water quality is impaired from setting off fireworks and having the phosphorus drop into the lake. Tom suggested that measurements be taken on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and again on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to determine water levels. D. Schriver stated that she may be able to get some volunteers to help with this.

15. Discuss & Act on Development of 5 year Aquatic Plant Management Plan

- a. D. Schriver stated that we have used the same consultant for years. The decision needs to be made if we are going to re-sign the plan, and if so, for how long. She is going to reach out to her contacts in the DNR for guidance on the next steps.

16. Discuss & Act on Website

- a. The employment link from the website will be removed as the Lake Operations team is now fully staffed.
- b. The annual meeting date will be posted to the website.

17. Discuss & Act on OLMD Logo

- a. B. Sichi will discuss with Linda a path forward and this was re-added to July's agenda.

18. Discuss & Act on Digital Repository for OLMD Records

- a. D. Schriver stated that we need to know what we need to keep, where it should be kept, who should hold onto it, and for how long.
- b. T. Godar asked if D. Schriver would compile a list of everything that is currently stored on the website.
- c. P. Furno stated that it is state law to keep financial records for 7 years. D. Schriver has kept the insurance records on a zip drive and also a hard copy.
- d. T. Godar stated that he will address Kay & Kay on this and see what they advise.
- e. B. Sichi stated that he is going to see what the county rules are as we are a county body.

19. Discuss & Act on Future Planning & Grants

- a. B. Sichi suggested that we construct a strategic plan to apply for Grants. The 2024 grant pack will be available in July. He will reach out to the appropriate representatives. The DNR wants a larger strategic plan in place before applying for funding. You can also get funding for creating a strategic plan. B. Sichi is going to conduct research regarding the next step.
- b. D. Schriver stated that she will send B. Sichi some contacts.

20. Future Agenda Items

- a. Discuss & Act on OLMD Logo
- b. Discuss & Act on Digital Repository for OLMD records
- c. Discuss & Act on Creating a Strategic Plan
- d. Discuss & Act on OLMD Boundaries regarding Garvin Lake
- e. Discuss & Act on Development of 5 year Aquatic Plant Management Plan

21. Set Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting is July 8<sup>th</sup> 2024

The budget workshop is July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024

22. Adjournment

**D. Schriver moved to adjourn the June 17<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 8:33 pm.**