

# OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

March 10, 2008 – 7 p.m.  
Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall  
[www.olmd.org](http://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 board, and on the two boards.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present

Dennis Johnson  
Dee Schriver  
Carol Wilson

Absent

John Roelandts  
Tom Godar

Also Present

Pat Furno, Accountant for the District  
Kathy Aron, Consultant for the District

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Comments from the Floor

No citizens were present.

7. Comments from the Chairperson

a. Workshop on Aquatic Evasive Species

C. Wilson attended the workshop and obtained information for the Commissioners from it. One item discussed was Hydrilla, a species that is thought to be worse than milfoil. Presenters at the workshop included Kathy Aron, SEWRPC, and the Wind Lake District. Approximately 175 people attended the workshop including out-of-state participants and three DNR staff members. There was a good response from the seminar. All of the speakers communicated in a clear fashion.

b. Other

C. Wilson discussed problems that occurred in regard to the 2007 property tax bills. The County mistakenly placed many parcels into the District that should not have been included. The District was not at fault, but has corrected the mistake.

8. Discuss & Act on Report of the Treasurer

Funds in the amount of \$322,016.26 have been received from the Towns of Merton & Oconomowoc. The final payment will be received in August, 2008. Expenditures this year have been minimal and a report will be available in April.

**D. Johnson motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. C. Wilson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

P. Furno clarified that the tax refunds for parcels that were accidentally included on the tax rolls for OLMD are a "wash" – it is not income or an expense.

9. Approve Checks & Vouchers

a. Approve Bills Previously Submitted

**D. Schriver motioned to approve the bills that were submitted for December, January, and February. D. Johnson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

b. Approve Current Checks & Vouchers

**D. Johnson motioned to approve. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

It was noted that there is one more loan payment to be made in 2009 for the Road L property.

10. Discuss & Act on Resolution of Bank Authorization for Signatories

**D. Johnson motioned to approve. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

11. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting – November, 12, 2007

**D. Johnson motioned to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2007 meeting. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

12. Discuss & Act on Aquatic Plant Management Report (Chemical & Mechanical)

a. Discuss & Act on Spraying Permit for Okauchee Lake for 2008

A meeting took place last Wednesday, March 5, 2008 with Maureen McBroom, Brook Robinson, Brian Suffern, and D. Johnson at the DNR Headquarters in Waukesha. D. Johnson reported that last year the proposal was for 177 acres to be included in the spraying area. This year it is 201 acres with the eventual goal to have the entire lake permitted. This would enable the District to be more effective in managing the spray program. It was mentioned at the DNR meeting that OLMD would like to use Sonar in Tierney Bay. K. Aron stated that 2-4-D could be used in the summer months. Discussion took place at the OLMD meeting as to the most effective time of year to apply Sonar. The DNR was concerned about how the District would respond if riparian owners want to substantially increase the budget for spraying if permission was granted to spray the entire lake. It was stated that spraying could only be done for nuisance reasons. There are several questions that the DNR would like the District to respond to before approval is granted for spraying the 201 acres. D. Johnson and K. Aron will work on a document to respond to the questions from the DNR and will investigate what can be done with Sonar (possible spraying in fall may be more favorable). K. Aron will contact Brook at the DNR.

b. Other

G. Steinmueller has been contacted and they anticipate taking the rigs out of storage now while the ground is still frozen. The mechanic is planning on returning and the weed cutting crew is being contacted to see who will be coming back.

Tinus Marine has been contacted regarding exchange rates on the motors. The safety checks have been scheduled for the crane and trucks.

Brian Suffern will make up proper signs for spraying. Stakes will be obtained to put signs in the ground on the shoreline in addition to the pier signs. Residents will be notified to leave the signs in the ground and the District will collect them so they can be reused.

13. Discuss Website Items

A seminar, "Clean Boats, Clean Water Workshop" that took place on March 8, 2008 was added to the website and now will be taken off.

14. Discuss & Act on Hiring an Appraiser to Create a State Approved Appraisal for Potential Land Acquisition (Kathy Aron)

There is still a question regarding the lot lines on the property. The present owner has been advised to get a new survey. In order to potentially purchase land with state grant money, a state certified appraiser must view the property. K. Aron has spoken to a number of state certified appraisers and stated that the key is to try to find someone who is familiar with the area and does the formal appraisals for the Department. If the property costs more than a total of \$200,000, two state approved appraisals must be done for the property. K. Aron has had discussions with Richard Larkin, a state approved appraiser. He is willing to do the work, but stated that it would be a difficult appraisal due to the surrounding land uses, would cost approximately \$3,000 to do the appraisal, and would take approximately five weeks to complete. There is also an issue of applying for grants, with the next due date being May 1, 2008. The grant money is based on the assessed value, not the amount actually paid for the property. K. Aron thought that a letter of retroactivity could be used for the grant and that the District should start with the appraisal first.

**D. Schriver motioned to approve hiring Richard Larkin, a State Approved Appraiser, to appraise the land that the District is interested in purchasing at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. D. Johnson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

15. Discuss & Act on Aquatic Plant Management Survey and Plan (Kathy Aron)

The level of detail on the survey involves duplicating the survey done by SEWRPC when they created the lake management plan. The plant management plan would then be updated and would be used to guide the harvesting and plant management for the next five years. The areas would be surveyed for frequency and diversity in a level of detail that the DNR would be happy with. K. Aron proposed to start the survey as soon as possible.

**D. Johnson motioned for K. Aron to proceed with the Aquatic Plant Management Survey and Plan as discussed. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

16. Update on Appeal of DNR Violation

No discussion took place.

17. Discuss & Act on Further Work on OLMD Historical Background (Hiring or Volunteer)

Discussion took place on the work that has been started on this project.

**D. Johnson motioned to have S. Hildebrand put information on a hard drive and to authorize K. Aron to take the information on the hard drive and the information available at the Town Hall to organize a synopsis of the history of OLMD actions. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

**D. Johnson motioned to have S. Hildebrand purchase a hard drive necessary to put all OLMD information in her possession on the hard drive and to submit the receipt to the board for reimbursement. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

18. Future Agenda Items

Newsletter Articles – Possible articles include Signs for spraying, Hydrilla, and inclusion of a Permission Form for the Goose Control Project  
Update of DNR Violation

19. Set Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Okauchee Lake Management District will take place on Monday, April 14, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall.

20. Adjournment

**D. Johnson motioned to adjourn from the meeting. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.**