

**OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

July 9, 2018 – 7:00 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, 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  
Dennis Johnson  
Bruce Mueller  
Dee Schriver

Absent

Tom Godar

Also Present

Pat Furno, Accountant for the District  
Arnold Groehler, Animal Damage Control Trapper

5. Correspondence

C. Wilson submitted an article from the Lake Country Focus on “Initiative Targets Aquatic Invasive Species. This article will be emailed to Commissioners.

6. Comments from the Floor

A. Groehler discussed various invasive species observed on area lakes. One observed species called “Phragmites,” is similar to cattails and is considered very difficult to control. It was his opinion that Okauchee Lake looked great in terms of invasive species.

7. Comments from Committee Members

D. Johnson described the appearance of “Elodea” in the lake. It has dark green leaves arranged in whorls of two to seven along the stem. The plant is a “good weed” and provides good fish habitat.

B. Mueller noted an excessive number of residential boat slips for some properties. Discussion of this topic will be placed on the next agenda.

8. Discuss & Act on Report of the Treasurer

D. Schriver reported the following:

Total Revenues:	\$328,683.27
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$122,240.72</u>
Total:	\$206,442.55

**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.**

8. Approve Checks & Vouchers

As requested by T. Godar at the last meeting, P. Furno provided Commissioners with a listing of moorings.

**B. Mueller moved to approve bills to be paid. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

10. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

**D. Schriver moved to approve the June 11, 2018 meeting minutes as presented.**

**B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

11. Presentation by Arnold Groehler Regarding 2019 Muskrat Control Program

A. Groehler, Animal Damage Control Trapper, provided an overview of the Muskrat Control Program for a “2018 Fall Phase” and potential trapping options for 2019. The “Spring Phase” of the process took longer than anticipated and concluded in mid-June. His original estimation of one week was unrealistic due to the number of boat lifts, shape

of the shoreline and the number of returning out-of-town residents who called him upon their return. He did his best to accommodate as many people as possible. Some properties had inaccessible boathouses due to the congestion of personal property located inside the boathouse. Over time fewer muskrats were observed. Lakeshore property owners confirmed this observation as well. Approximately 349 muskrats were trapped. The correlation of muskrat populations and weather patterns were discussed. Fall trapping activity near the end of November was recommended due to boatlifts and piers being removed by property owners at that time of year. Many residents had requested he trap other small animals on their property, such as raccoons and chipmunks.

A. Groehler confirmed his rate of \$1,000 for the spring trapping and \$1,000 for the fall trapping for 2018. Next year he recommended \$1,000 for spring (March), another \$1,000 for a trapping to take place between May 1-15 and \$1,000 for a third trapping in the fall. While conducting the trapping, A. Groehler provided technical advice, at an additional charge to the individual property owners, for repair of the shoreline. Many shoreline areas required repair to avoid recreating muskrat habitat.

C. Wilson invited A. Groehler to speak at the August 27, 2018 OLMD Annual Meeting.  
B. Mueller noted many residents had expressed appreciation for the Muskrat Control Program.

## 12. Aquatic Plant Management Report

D. Johnson reported that approximately two truckloads of aquatic plants were removed per day. Current efforts concentrated on the Highway C area. B. Mueller noted less weed growth over the past few weeks.

### a. Discuss and Act on Fall 2018 Muskrat Control Program

No action was necessary. Funds had been appropriated in the 2018 budget for the spring and fall muskrat trapping efforts.

## 13. Update on Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant Program

No new information was available at this time.

## 14. Discuss Website Items

Updated lake levels, weed harvesting information, and monthly updates to the Waukesha County Aquatic Invasive Species newsletters had all been added on the OLMD website since the last meeting.

15. Future Agenda Items

The following items were requested for the August 13, 2018 OLMD meeting agenda:

- Discuss & Act on 2018 Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing Notice
- Discuss & Act on Jurisdiction on the Number of Boat Slips per Resident
- Discuss Jurisdiction regarding Length of Boat Docks
- Update on Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant Program

16. Set Future Meetings

- There is a Budget Workshop meeting scheduled for July 23, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.
- The next regular OLMD meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 13, 2018.
- The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 27, 2018.

17. Adjournment

**D. Johnson moved to adjourn the July 9, 2018 Okauchee Lake Management District meeting. D. Schriver seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50P.M.**

Minutes prepared by:

Accurate Business Communications, Inc.