

OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

October 8, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.

Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall

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

Absent

Tom Godar

Dee Schriver

Also Present

Pat Furno, Accountant for the District

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Comments from the Floor

None.

7. Comments from Committee Members

None.

8. Discuss & Act on Report of the Treasurer

P. Furno reported the following:

Total Revenues:	\$343,984.25
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$310,446.89</u>
Total:	\$33,537.36

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

B. Mueller moved to approve the bills to be paid for September, 2018. D. Johnson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Johnson moved to approve the bills to be paid for October, 2018. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

P. Furno noted the special charge for aquatic plant management noted at the August 28, 2018 Annual Meeting should have been \$260.34.

10. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

B. Mueller moved to approve the August 13, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. C. Wilson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Mueller moved to approve the August 27, 2018 Organizational Meeting minutes as presented. C. Wilson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

11. Review Draft 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

This item would be placed on the next OLMD meeting agenda.

12. Aquatic Plant Management Report

D. Johnson reported barging would be completed October 12, 2018 with the cutters being removed from the water near that date. Efforts were underway to power wash and maintain the equipment. Repairs were being completed by the crew and would be

finished in the next two weeks. C. Wilson thanked the crew for their hard work and Gary Steinmueller for his report at the 2018 Annual Meeting.

a. Discuss & Act On Okauchee Lake Chemical Weed Spraying Program

D. Johnson explained Dee Schriver and he met with, Heidi Bunk and Carroll Shaw of the Wisconsin DNR since the last meeting. They toured Lower Okauchee Lake near Parks Bay to discuss recent changes to the DNR weed spraying schedule. Historically the spraying season corresponded with the weed harvesting season from May to October each year. This year the DNR prohibited chemical weed spraying after July 4, 2018 for the season. There were several areas that typically were sprayed after this date; however, this year weed spraying was only allowed in navigational lanes. Restriction of the weed spraying schedule was of concern. This removed an effective “tool” from the aquatic plant management plan for Okauchee Lake. To have the weed spraying restricted to navigational lanes only seemed a waste of OLMD resources because the weed would grow back quickly to fill in those areas. This was not an efficient or effective aquatic plant management effort. Anecdotally the historic weed spraying efforts had noted improvements in the wide variety of native aquatic plants that were in the lake. All agreed that the weeds looked good in the areas surveyed after spraying had taken place. The change in spraying season was difficult to understand if all present at the DNR meeting thought the sprayed areas were successful. H. Bunk had agreed fall chemical treatments in Tierney Bay were helpful; however, in order to be consistent with other DNR policies, sampling prior to spraying was now required in certain test areas. D. Johnson would like to see a new five year aquatic plant management plan that included the historic spraying schedule in order to maintain the current efforts in effectively treating the weed growth. Discussion ensued. Concern was expressed for the aquatic plant management plan becoming increasingly expensive as a result of having the survey 225 intercept points on the lake prior to spraying in the spring. Cutters would have to visit areas of the lake where spraying was no longer allowed. This would take time away from other areas of the lake that required cutting by the crew that were already difficult to manage. Spraying of the navigational lanes only was declined in order to put resources toward the survey points in the spring. Additional discussion took place regarding how to proceed with this matter. Additional information would be available at the next regular OLMD meeting.

13. Update on Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant Program

This item will be placed on the next OLMD regular meeting agenda.

14. Discuss Website Items

Updated lake levels, weed harvesting information, and monthly updates to the Waukesha County Aquatic Invasive Species newsletters along with a Fall Help Wanted Ad for the weed harvesting crew had all been added to the OLMD website since the July 9, 2018 meeting. Contact information for Arnold Groehler, Animal Damage Control Trapper, would be placed on the website regarding information for the fall muskrat trapping.

15. Future Agenda Items

The following items were requested for the next regular OLMD meeting agenda:

- Review Draft 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Update on Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant Program
- Update on 2018-2019 Muskrat Control Program
- Discuss & Act On Okauchee Lake Chemical Weed Spraying Program

16. Set Future Meetings

The next meeting would take place in March or April, 2019.

17. Adjournment

D. Johnson moved to adjourn the October 8, 2018 Okauchee Lake Management District meeting. B. Mueller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.