

**OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

June 14, 2021 – 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 posting boards, and on the OLMD website.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present

Carol Wilson  
John Foley  
Tom Godar  
Bruce Mueller  
Dee Schriver

Absent

Also Present

Pat Furno, Accountant for the District

5. Correspondence

Correspondence had been received from Kay & Kay Law Firm regarding potential services that could be offered to the OLMD. Information had also been received regarding the June 23, 2021 Lake Country Clean Waters Stakeholder Meeting. T. Godar and D. Schriver had registered to attend the virtual meeting. A phone call had been received regarding the DNR Road T Boat Launch issues that would be discussed later in the meeting.

6. Comments from the Floor

**Brian Sichi, N63W33895 Lakeview Dr.**, offered to provide video and photos of the cutting operations for use on the OLMD website.

7. Comments from Committee Members

J. Foley toured the OLMD Lake Operations facility since the last meeting. There was a substantial amount of work involved in weed harvesting and it would be worth educating OLMD residents about the task of training, operating, managing, and storing heavy machinery and equipment used in weed harvesting. B. Mullikin had done a great job of managing the operations and facility this year. The facility was impeccable and well organized. B. Mullikin agreed to provide a tour for OLMD Board members if desired in the future.

B. Mueller noted a number of OLMD residents were abusing the mooring regulations that were in place regarding the number of boats allowed per pier and the rental of private boats and slips. He questioned the enforcement jurisdiction and contact information to report this abuse. Information was included on this topic in the 2021 OLMD newsletter and would be placed on the OLMD website. Boating registration numbers were helpful in providing information to enforcement personnel in order to facilitate identification of those causing an issue.

8. Discuss & Act on Report of the Treasurer

D. Schriver reported the following:

Total Revenues:	\$370,892.80
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$81,572.40</u>
Total:	\$289,320.40

At the 2020 Annual Meeting, action was taken to approve a loan for \$30,000 to repair the cutters. The second payment toward this loan had been made and was noted in the Treasurer's Report. This year two additional engines also needed repair; however, there was the potential to apply for a grant in 2022 that would allow a savings of up to 40% on the engine repairs needed this year.

**T. Godar moved to accept the Report of the Treasurer as presented. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

9. Approve Checks & Vouchers

It was noted that the annual insurance renewal had increased this year and the balance of the two engine payments were included as discussed in the Treasurer's Report. Discussion ensued regarding reviewing insurance options in the future.

**B. Mueller moved to approve the bills to be paid for June 14, 2021, as noted. J. Foley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

10. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

**T. Godar moved to approve the May 10, 2021, meeting minutes as presented. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

11. Aquatic Plant Management Report

B. Mullikin explained last year the beginning of June was very slow and this year the cutting season had started off very busy. To date, 27 dump truck loads of weeds had been removed from the lake and this was approximately 12% of last years entire lake weed removal. Difficulty due to low water levels was noted in accessing the Crane's Nest portion of the lake. The barges could not get into that area for weed pick-up without getting mired in the sediment. The crew had tried to provide navigation lanes in certain areas to the best of their ability. Tierney Bay required half load trips to get out of the bay otherwise the barge would have gotten stuck at the entrance. Rain was needed to assist in raising the lake level. Some portions of the lake had been chemically treated earlier in the day. An equipment update was provided. Two farm properties were being used for dumping of lake weeds. B. Mullikin explained the process used with people that were not following the OLMD Barging Policy. All residents needed to remember that trash and sticks should not be included in lake weeds because the farmers that received the lake weeds allowed the weeds to return to soil for use on their farm. Staffing was adequate at this time with a good crew learning the operations this year.

a. Discuss & Act on Okauchee Lake Chemical Weed Spraying Program & Funding

Chemical weed spraying in many portions of the lake took place earlier in the day. This activity utilized a majority of the weed spraying budget for the year. There could be more spraying needed in specific areas of the lake near the end of the month. The history of the timeline allowed for weed spraying was reviewed. H. Bunk, DNR Lake Specialist, had requested spraying not take place down river from the Golden Mast Restaurant due to last year's treatment of Starry Stonewort until there was time to review that area for impacts from the past chemical treatment.

b. Discuss & Act on Grant for Diesel Engines

Information had been shared by an OLMD resident regarding Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) grants available through an organization in Madison that worked with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to provide LEED certification. The organization worked with the EPA to secure funding for low emission diesel engines. Authorization to proceed by Resolution was needed as well as completion of appropriate grant documentation. D. Schriver agreed to work with B. Mullikin on completion of the documentation. The proposed Resolution and documentation had been distributed to Commissioners in advance of the meeting.

**T. Godar moved to adopt a Resolution authorizing Dee Schriver to request financial assistance for the purpose of reducing diesel emissions from the OLMD fleet equipment and to complete the appropriate documentation necessary to do so. J. Foley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

12. Discuss Road T DNR Boat Launch Complaint

A complaint associated with recent activity at the Road T DNR boat launch had been received since the last meeting. The DNR boat launch monitor had allowed all cars to come down the road toward the boat launch on a recent weekend day that caused residents living on Road T to be stuck in their driveways without exit options. Discussions had taken place with Town of Oconomowoc Police Chief Wallace regarding what could be done. In the past, the DNR had a sign that indicated when the lot was full along with a flag that was placed to draw attention to the sign. Recently, a new launch monitor had begun working and either the launch monitor did not use the sign, or the sign did not provide indication that the launch was full. This situation would be monitored by the Town Police and additional options discussed in the future if the situation persisted.

13. Discuss Hiring New OLMD Attorney

Discussion took place regarding the need to hire a new OLMD attorney. A law firm would need to provide several roles for the District including administrative activities, municipal law functions and managing the occasional issue that might arise requiring legal service. Anyone with a recommendation for legal services should contact C. Wilson.

14. Discuss Website Items

Monthly updates to the Waukesha County Aquatic Invasive Species newsletter, information about employment for the 2021 weed harvesting crew and weed cutting updates had been added to the website. It was noted that the website would have crashed during the past month and become inoperational had the Board not taken steps to migrate it to a new location. A new OLMD website will be needed in 2022.

15. Future Agenda Items

Any requested agenda items should be directed to C. Wilson in advance of the next meeting.

16. Set Future Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for July 12, 2021. A Budget Workshop meeting would be held on July 26, 2021, and a regular meeting held on August 9, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

17. Motion to enter Closed Session pursuant to §19.85(1)(g): “Conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation. (Related to claim of boat damage.)

A Closed Session was not needed at this time. T. Godar noted the process that would be followed in the future pertaining to the pending insurance claim of boat damage. New counsel was appointed to attend arbitration and to provide updates to the OLMD Board of Commissioners.

18. Reconvene into Open Session

This item was not needed at this time. No discussion took place.

19. Discuss & Act on Closed Session Item

This item was not needed at this time. No action was taken.

20. Adjournment

**T. Godar moved to adjourn the June 14, 2021, Okauchee Lake Management District meeting. D. Schriver seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.**