

OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

JUNE 13TH, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.

TOWN OF OCONOMOWOC TOWN HALL

1. Call to Order

C. Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:03 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:

Carol Wilson
John Foley
Dee Schriver
Bruce Mueller

Absent:

Tom Godar

Also Present:

Pat Furno, Accountant for the District
Linda Goehre, Website Designer
Arnold Groehler, Animal Control Specialist
Brady Mullikin, Lake Operations Manager

5. Correspondence

- a. J. Foley described the efforts to email and notify the WDNR about a gasoline leak into Little Okauchee near Smoke on the Water. The gasoline dissipated from the lake the following day. After conversation with the OLMD lake operations manager and the WDNR warden, the following numbers were provided for notification of similar issues.
- b. The WDNR Hotline 1-800-943-0003 should be used to report gas/oil leaks. The WDNR 1-800-847-9367 is to be used for other violations. Both of the above numbers will be available on the OLMD website for reference.

6. Comments from the Floor

Arnold Groehler, animal control specialist, provided an update on the muskrat/beaver population control issue. He indicated that the calls he has received have been fewer as the Summer residents return. The usual muskrat activity has decreased with only two traps out at separate properties. Teary Bay muskrat population has been quiet lately as well and at this point in the season he has covered the whole lake. Approximately 1-5 beavers have been trapped this season, most recently near Road M area. C. Wilson gave thanks to Mr. Groehler for his hard work over the years and keeping the muskrats and beaver population under control.

7. Comments from Committee Members

a. C. Wilson attended the Waukesha Public Hearing for the variance requested to allow a seasonal concession stand on the island in the Okauchee Lake main channel between the Hideaway and the Golden Mast. There were significant concerns regarding increased boat traffic and loud music being played during the Summer months from May – September. C. Wilson will plan to attend the next public meeting.

b. J.Foley provided an update on the Lake Country Clean Waters meeting that he attended on June 3rd. He advised that Pewaukee Lake was awarded the clean water paddle for 2022. The Clean Water Festival will be held on Pewaukee beach on June 25th as an effort to raise public awareness. The workshop discussions included water quality and the impact of Winter salt and chloride in the lakes in the area. The North Lake has led several discussions regarding the study of the impact of wakeboard boats. North Lake has promoted an aggressive education campaign to encourage boaters to operate in the deeper main parts of the lake rather than near the shoreline. Through signage and education North Lake has reported 85% compliance in their efforts.

8. Discuss & Act on Report of Treasurer

D. Schriver reported the following:

b. Total revenues, including \$80,000 loan revenues to May 31st 2022: \$442,466.41

c. Total expenditures: \$38,319.95

This leaves a budgeted balance of \$404,146.46

B. Mueller moved to accept the report of the Treasurer as presented. J. Foley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Approved Checks & Vouchers

J. Foley moved to approve payments submitted for approval by the Treasurer. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (05-09-2022)

B. Mueller moved to approve the May 9th, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. D. Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Discuss & Act on Recruitment for Recording Secretarial Duties

D. Schriver recommends Stefanie Anderson for the position of Administrative Support. Stefanie has experience working with homeowner's associations, scheduling travel itineraries for Vail Resorts and working with organizations such as OLMD.

B. Mueller moved to approve the selection of Stefanie Anderso for the administrative support position. J. Foley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, all were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Introduction of Waukesha/Washington County AIS Coordinator

Amanda Schmitz was scheduled to attend the meeting, however, was not present.

13. Aquatic Plant Management Report

- a. Brady Mullikin, Lake Operations Manager, has hired the majority of the staff that he needs for the week cutting crew. The weed growth has been slow until the first of June. The increased prices of gasoline and diesel will necessitate changes to the frequency of cutting. Brady will be diligent on determining the best course of action for creating a weed cutting schedule depending on weather conditions. In order to reduce gasoline costs there will be 1 barge crew going out at a time. The weeds will start growing rapidly this week and Brady will do the best he can to alert the bays ahead of time for the cutting date.
- b. 2 Kubota replacement motors are due in September 2022.
- c. Brady is continuing to work with local farmers for land to distribute weeds for decomposition. Reminders need to be provided to residents that rake their weeds

and place on piers for barge pickup. Trash, sticks and mud should not be in the weed piles for pick up. Plastic cups, straws, and general trash does not decompose. Repeat offenders risk not having their weeds picked up from their piers.

- d. Brady will provide a notice for the website regarding managing the weeds and trash situation. Third party weed removal groups should also be advised when hand pulling weeds to minimize the mud placed on the piers with the weeds for pick up.

14. Discuss and Act on Goose Round Up

Goose Roundup will occur mid June and final numbers will be counted the day before and the morning of the roundup.

15. Discuss and act on the website

- a. D.Schriver requested that Brady write a statement including the strategy behind the weed cutting location/schedule, including how the weather can cause last minute changes due to wind, storms and general equipment operations.
- b. Gasoline & Oil Spill hotline number will be added to the website 800-943-0003 as well as the number for other violations 800-847-9367.
- c. D.Schriver is going to include a statement about what is allowed and what is not allowed to be in the weeds at time of pickup.

16. Future Agenda Items

- a. Invitation again to the Waukesha County AIS coordinator, Amanda Schmitz, to attend next month's meeting.
- b. Invitation to the USGS person to come talk about the water quality program
- c. Clean drain volunteer opportunity through Waukesha County

17. Set Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting is set for the July 11th, 2022 @ 7:00pm

18. Adjournment:

D. Schriver moved to adjourn the June 13th, 2022 Okauchee Lake Management District meeting. B. Mueller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.