

# Okauchee Lake Management District

OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

## TOWN OF OCONOMOWOC TOWN HALL

1. Call to Order

T.Godar called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Meeting Notice Announcement

The meeting notice announcement was distributed to a local newspaper, posted at the Towns of Oconomowoc & Merton, on the OLMD Website and a remote teleconference number was provided for a dial-in option.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call of Commissioners

**Present:** Tom Godar, Bruce Mueller, John Foley (remote), Brian Sichi, Doug Larson

**Absent:** N/A

**Also Present:**

Pat Furno, **Accountant for the District**; Brady Mullikin, **Lake Operations Manager**;  
Linda Goehre, **Website Designer**, Dee Schriver, **Consultant**; Stefanie Anderson **OLMD Secretary**

5. Correspondence

N/A

6. Comments from the Floor

- a. Keith Granum, N53W34296 Road Q, Okauchee, WI, inquired about the Oconomowoc watershed and if Okauchee was considered an impaired lake.
- b. B. Sichi responded that yes, we are considered impaired but improving. We became impaired within the last 5 years. This was mainly caused by excess farm runoff of Phosphorus from fertilizers, detergents, and leaves, etc. In the last four years we have done a lot to improve our lake quality. B. Sichi added that he and D. Larson recently attended the Clean Water Conference. Many of the local farmers are now participating in practices to help control this runoff.

7. Comments from Committee Members

- a. B. Mueller added that Lac Labelle is also on the Impaired Lake List as well as the other lakes in our watershed.

8. Discuss & Act on Report of Treasurer

B. Mueller reported the following for ending October 14th, 2024:

Total Revenues: \$410,023.23

Total Expenditures: \$301,978.36

This leaves a budgeted balance of : \$108,044.87

P. Furno stated that \$2,000 was spent outside of the budget as a 40 ft tree fell on the newest harvester. B. Mullikin said that they were able to get the tree removed. He stated that the harvester has front end damage as well as engine damage. The manufacturer is coming to assess the damage. P. Furno added that \$1,000 was the deductible for the property damage and \$1,000 for the cutter deductible.

**B. Sichi moved to accept the report of the Treasurer as presented. D. Larson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

9. Approved Checks & Vouchers

P. Furno stated that we sent another insurance payment as there was a \$1400 increase this year.

**B. Sichi moved to approve payments submitted from Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 through September 30<sup>th</sup> 2024. D. Larson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

10. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (08-12-24)

**B. Sichi moved to approve the minutes from the (08-12-24) meeting. D. Larson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

11. Aquatic Plant Management Report Brady Mullikin, Lake Operations Manager

- a. Brady announced that the 2024 season started the Friday before Labor Day. On Friday October 11<sup>th</sup> the final pier was picked up. This season ended in a record of 291 dump truck loads which is the second highest to date. This year's weeds were much heavier than normal due to the large amount of rain that we had early in the season. The crew most likely would have surpassed the previous record of 350 if the eelgrass did not up-root early.

- b. For the 2025 season Brady stated that they will be rebuilding the damage done to C1 where the tree fell. T. Godar added that we need to look into the insurance terms of C1 and fixing the damage. T. Godar thanked Brady for his service.
- c. Brady announced they will be rebuilding 80 feet of shoreline. They will start with the heaviest section in front of the crane and then will be sectioned out into 10 foot zones. They will repair using a metal plate method that will last between 50-70 years.
- d. The dump truck transmission is starting to have some issues. It is from 1993 and may last one more season. This will also be on the radar for 2025.
- e. A parking pad installation to expand on site storage was on the list for 2025 but may have to get bumped another season.
- f. Brady will begin ordering all of the consumables for next season as it usually takes a few months to get delivered. These will be ready in time for Spring installation if needed.

12. Appointment of Dee Schriver as Consultant and Report from Ms. Schriver

D. Schriver has agreed to consult for the OLMD for the next few months to aid with the transition. She will help introduce contacts and provide history as needed.

13. Discuss & Act on Insurance Contacts

- a. T. Godar looked into the firework insurance and inquired if we should add additional insurance as our barges are being used quite a bit for fireworks. Whomever is setting off fireworks always has to have their own insurance as well. B. Mueller asked if we are getting compensated for the use of our barges. This will be added to the November agenda. Tom, Doug and Brady will be working on the Barge requests.

14. Discuss & Act on Getting a Schematic Diagram of Septic Systems on the Lake

**D. Larson made a motion to spend under \$500 to get a Schematic Diagram of the Septic Systems currently on the lake. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

15. Discuss & Act on Investment Opportunities

- a. J. Foley and T. Godar met with a banker and talked about ways that we can invest our liquid cash to make additional interest income. We currently have around \$300,000 - \$400,000 that we could put into an investment.
- b. J. Foley added that he would like to invest before 2025. If we do this wisely, we can make up to 4% interest. We do not want to tie anything up long – term. He asked Pat Furno what we have to leave liquid in the checking account.

c. T. Godar inquired if Bank 5/9 is our best investment option. He asked J. Foley and D. Larson to continue looking into our options. D. Schriver added that banks are working hard right now to keep their accounts. We have had our account for about 25 years. T. Godar agreed that we should move a large amount of our liquid assets into something low risk that will make us more interest.

16. Discuss & Act to charge the Golden Mast 2024 Additional Special Charges

D. Schriver drafted up a letter to the Golden Mast requesting the additional fees to be paid. Hans requested conditional use to increase the number of piers and his request was approved after our 2024 charges were approved. We are charging him for the full amount of 50 piers for 2025. B. Sichi will send a letter to the Golden Mast.

17. Discuss & Act on Riparian Special Charges 2025 & Other Lake Fees

We previously agreed for Pat to use agreed upon numbers to submit for the 2025 fees. P. Furno asked B. Sichi to get the ball rolling with the county and B. Sichi added that we should document the history of special charges on the lake that are being presented .

18. Discuss & Act on Creating a Strategic Plan

B. Sichi will create a layout plan and this will be added to a future agenda. There is a deadline of November 15<sup>th</sup> to apply for grants.

19. Discuss & Act on OLMD Boundaries regarding Garvin Lake

a. B. Sichi made a list of properties on Garvin Lake. T. Godar is going to reach out to the Garvin Lake residents directly. B. Sichi stated that we need to have a legal definition of the OLMD and who is included. We then need to conduct a reconciliation of the tax key on these properties that are included.

b. B. Sichi stated that we have a fiduciary responsibility to the board to make sure that all of the properties in this district are taxed properly.

20. Discuss & Act on Modification of our Current 5 year Aquatic Plant Management Plan

a. J. Foley and D. Schriver are meeting with B. Sufferin to discuss modification of our 5 year Aquatic Plant Management Plan.

b. D. Schriver stated that we will use the plant survey from 2022 to extend our current plan until 2027. She and J. Foley will have an update for the November meeting.

c. D. Larson asked if we have a copy of the 5 year plan. J. Foley responded that they will get a new copy for everyone.

21. Discuss & Act on Website – Publish Updated Commissioner Status

Doug Larson is now added as a commissioner and Dee Schriver has been removed.

22. Future Agenda Items

- a. Discuss & Act on Use of Barges
- b. Discuss & Act on Resignation of exiting Treasurer & Selection of New Treasurer

23. Set Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting is November 11<sup>th</sup> 2024

24. **Discuss & Act on Motion to enter Closed Session pursuant to §19.85(1) (c):  
“Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.” (Performance review and compensation for OLMD Harvesting Supervisor and/or Crew)**

N/A this will be added to November’s Agenda

25. Reconvene into Open Session

26. Discuss & Act on Closed Session Items

N/A This will be added to the November Agenda

27. Adjournment

**B. Mueller moved to adjourn the October 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 Okauchee Lake Management District meeting. J. Foley seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried without exception. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.**