

# Okauchee Lake Management District

NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

TOWN OF OCONOMOWOC TOWN HALL

6812 BROWN STREET OCONOMOWOC, WI 53066

**THIS MEETING WAS AVAILABLE TO ATTEND VIA REMOTE CONNECTIONS**

1. Call to Order

T.Godar called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, John Foley (remote), Brian Sichi, Doug Larson

**Absent:** Bruce Mueller

**Also Present:**

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

5. Correspondence

- a. D. Larson received correspondence regarding the Hideaway Bar & Grill wanting to expand their pier.
- b. B. Sichi responded to the Kessler residence regarding their Garvin Lake tax refund.
- c. B. Sichi also reached out to the town of Merton and the town of Oconomowoc regarding fertilizer regulations within 20 feet of the shoreline and recommendations.

6. Comments from the Floor

- a. Keith Granum, N53W34296 Road Q, Okauchee WI, 53069, Inquired about pest control and if you are able to spray for mice.
- b. B. Sichi replied that at a state level law, according to the town of Merton, you can only spray further than 20ft from the shoreline for pest control.
- c. Sandy Weiss, W332N6663 County Rd C Nashotah, WI 53058, would like to bring attention to the current outbreak of Blastomycosis in dogs. It has recently claimed the lives of 5 dogs and has at least 3 more fighting the fungal infection. Blastomycosis is a very fast moving fungus that grows along riverbanks and lives in wet soil or woodpiles. Some common side effects of contracting the infection include loss of appetite, lethargy, blindness, and lesions. Sandy would like to raise awareness in the community so that other dogs will not contract the same infection. Some ways suggested to spread awareness are to post on local Facebook pages, alert the local veterinarians and shelters and putting it on the OLMD website under Blastomycosis K9 Awareness.

7. Comments from Committee Members

N/A

8. Discuss & Act on Report of Treasurer

D. Larson reported the following for ending November 11th, 2024:

Total Revenues: \$409,770.99

Total Expenditures: \$335,489.79

This leaves a budgeted balance of : \$74,281.20

**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

**D. Larson moved to approve payments submitted from October 15th 2024 through November 11th 2024. B. Sichi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

10. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (10-14-24)

**B. Sichi moved to approve the minutes from the (10-14-24) 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 they are done harvesting for the 2024 season. Currently they are working on turning down the equipment and getting the facility ready for the off-season.
- b. The crew just finished rebuilding the 35 year old Southern seawall. Next season they hope to focus on the Northern seawall rebuild.
- c. The repairs are also going well for the dump truck transmission; as they were able to source the components that they needed. D. Larson asked about the repair on the harvester and if it will be ready for 2025. Brady replied that the crew will be down by one harvester next season. Inland Lake Harvesters came out to do a bid on what is needed to do a full repair, it has not yet been totaled, and the insurance rep has been in touch with Brady once a week. T. Godar stated that we will need to rent a harvester for 2025 or figure out another alternative if needed. B.Sichi advised to keep close accounting to the amount of time that is spent on the repair and it should be able to be credited by the insurance.
- d. Brady stated that the last additional crew member is assisting him for one more week and that Brady is available for anything needed over the off-season.

12. Report from Ms. Dee Schriver, OLMD Consultant

- a. D. Schriver spoke with Brian Suffern, Solitude Lake Management, about modifying the current 5 Year Plan. It is estimated to cost around \$2,000 to make adjustments to the current plan. They will continue utilizing Brady's help and expertise when making adjustments.
- b. Heidi Bunk, Water Resources Management Specialist, is currently out on medical leave. J. Foley stated that D. Schriver has developed a wonderful relationship with Heidi that we plan to keep. Dee will continue to help us with the transition and working with Heidi in the future.
- c. D. Schriver stated that our current 5 year plan was developed by an outside consultant in 2019. The plant survey that we conducted in 2022 is also currently being used. Brian Suffern will be available to assist with the chemical side of things going forward. We will continue to use the "chicken foot map" for harvesting Tearney Bay.
- d. B. Sichi added that the activity is happening now, and we should keep data on a regular basis. Brady stated that at the end of the day he can do a daily snapshot of what was done, weekly reports, etc to offer a more detailed report going forward.

d. T. Godar stated that if we need to hire additional help to keep a spreadsheet , etc we can look into that. He thanked J. Foley, D. Schriver and Brady for all of their work regarding the 5 year plan.

13. Discuss & Act on Use of Barge

T. Godar stated that the barge is currently used for the community fireworks display as well as private fireworks as well. This discussion will be added to the next agenda.

14. Resignation of Exiting Treasurer and Selection of New Treasurer

B. Mueller stated his resignation as treasurer.

**B. Sichi made a motion that D. Larson take on the roll as the treasurer. J. Foley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

15. Discuss & Act on Website

- a. D. Schriver will send the lake level reports to Linda to add to the website.
- b. B. Sichi will send information on fertilizers and Blastomycosis K9 Awareness.

16. Future Agenda Items

- a. Discuss & Act on the Use of the Barge
- b. Discuss & Act on Investment Plans
- c. Discuss & Act on modification of the 5 year plan
- d. Discuss & Act on Garvin Lake

17. Set Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting is TBD for March 2025

18. **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)**

**B. Sichi moved to enter Closed Session pursuant to §19.85(1)(g): “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 at 8:00 PM. D. Larson seconded the motion. Roll Call was taken:**

Tom Godar aye; John Foley, aye; Brian Sichi, aye; Doug Larson, aye;

Motion carried unanimously.

19. Reconvene into Open Session

**D. Larson moved to reconvene into Open Session at 8:15 PM. T. Godar seconded the motion. Motion carried. There was no further discussion.**

20. Discuss and Act on Closed Session

**T. Godar moved to act on items discussed in Closed Session pursuant to §19.85(1)(g): “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. John Foley seconded the motion. Motion carried. There was no further discussion.**

21. Adjournment

**Motion B. Sichi moved to adjourn the November 11<sup>th</sup> 2024 Okauchee Lake Management District meeting. D. Larson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried without exception. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.**