

OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MONDAY October 13th, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

VILLAGE OF LAC LA BELLE – UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM

W359N6812 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 7:03 P.M.

2. Meeting Notice Announcement

The meeting notice announcement was distributed to a local newspaper, posted at the Village of Lac La Belle, Town of Merton, on the OLMD Website, the Waukesha County Website, and a web conference connection information was provided for remote attendance.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present: Tom Godar, Brian Sichi, Doug Larson, John Foley

Absent: Bruce Mueller

Also Present: Pat Furno, **Accountant for the District;** Linda Goehre, **Website Designer;** Stefanie Anderson **OLMD Secretary**

5. Correspondence

N/A

6. Comments from the Floor

N/A

7. Comments from Committee Members

N/A

8. Discuss Treasurer's Report

D. Larson stated that these were the total Expenses before C1 is repaired. It will be under the amount budgeted but we are unsure of how much as of now.

D. Larson reported the following for ending September 30th 2025

Total Revenues: \$444,638.76

Total Expenditures: \$279,249.11

This leaves a Budgeted Balance of: \$165,389.65

9. Approved Checks & Vouchers

P. Furno stated that John Gayle for \$1365.00 needs to be added as this was sent today.

B. Sichi moved to approve payments submitted from September 9th 2025 through October 13th 2025 with amendment to John Gayle. D. Larson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings (Budget) (08/14/25) (09/08/25)

B. Sichi moved to approve the Budget Meeting minutes. D. Larson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

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11. Lake Operations Report, Brady Mullikin, Lake Operations Manager

a. Brady stated that the 2025 season is almost wrapped up. It was a fairly light harvest and Monday was the last day of barging. This was well needed as the crew collected a lot. Brady is keeping an eye out and making sure there are no more large piles out that need to be removed.

b. Brady announced that all of the equipment has been pulled out, cleaned and put away for the Winter, with the exception of one remaining barge that is out.

- c. Brady stated that we are working with Tinus for 3 outboards for the 2026 season. We started this process 3 years ago. There is someone coming onsite to calculate what we will get for a trade-in. T. Godar asked if we shop pricing. Brady stated that when we purchase with Tinus we get a discount of 40 percent since we have them do a lot of our work and have been with them a long time. Tinus has been very good to us and has been great to work with.
- d. Brady stated that C1 was picked up and taken to Inland. This was the one that was hit by a tree and will get a new front end. It will have some additional work done that is needed as well. T. Godar stated to be careful and give detailed directions as what to do that is covered by the insurance payout and what is being covered by us for maintenance. D. Larson stated to keep the insurance amounts vs. the OLMD amount separate for our records as well.
- e. T. Godar asked if we have to pay back any extra insurance money that is not used towards the repair. D. Larson replied that no, we do not. Brady is not sure of the total repair expense at this time. J. Foley stated that the insurance company awarded us the payout and we can do what we need to with it. T. Godar suggested that if we did have an extreme surplus we may need to return out of good faith. Brady stated that Inland quoted us \$93,000 for the repairs and that does not include the deck that was affected. J. Foley included that our insurance premiums will go up and if we send it back, our premiums will not be adjusted. We could keep the extra to pay the increased premiums. J. Foley agreed that we can operate in good faith and still keep the payout if it exceeds the total bill.
- f. D. Larson pointed out the the deck being dented does devalue the component, and we are not replacing that. We are getting all of the components fixed that may extend the life of the machinery.
- g. B. Sichi stated that when the work is being performed make sure that Mitch, the estimator, is putting the work under each ledger correctly for Insurance or for Maintenance.

12. Discuss & Act on Aerators in the Winter

- a. Keith Granum, N53W34296 Road Q, Okauchee WI, 53069, stated that he was at the Village of Lac La Belle Board Meeting and they were planning on having the DNR present the pros and cons of aerators in the Winter. The DNR had to reschedule to the following month's meeting.
- b. B. Mueller will request the secretary to contact to the Village of Lac La Belle to state the commissioner's stance on Aerators in the Winter.
- c. B. Sichi stated that Okauchee Lake falls under 2 jurisdictions. The Village of Lac Labelle and Merton.

13. Report on Grant Application

a. B. Sichi stated that they have submitted 3 applications to date. The DNR has agreed to meet with us this Wednesday. Heidi Bunk has been extremely helpful during this process and will see what else needs to be worked on.

b. The final deadline to submit is November 15th 2025. B. Sichi stated that there is nothing else to do regarding the Clean Boats/Clean Waters Grant. We should hear by Springtime if and what we are awarded.

c. T. Godar thanked B. Sichi and J. Foley for their work on this process.

14. Discuss the Final Approved Weed Charge for 2026

a. D. Schriver mentioned that, while this was approved at the Annual Meeting, we should also approve.

b. P. Furno stated that the Final Weed Charge for 2026 will be \$305.70.

B. Sichi moved to approve the Final Approved Weed Charge as \$305.70 for 2026. D. Larson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Discuss the Website

a. L. Goehre requested updated photos to include on the website.

b. L. Goehre stated that she had been putting the H2O levels on the website daily. She requested if someone could write up the Winter lake H2O levels so that she can also post. T. Godar agreed that he will assist with this.

16. Future Agenda Items

a. Discuss & Act on Grants Issued

b. Discuss & Act on the Spring 2026 Newsletter

17. Set Future Meeting Dates

The Next Meeting is March 23rd 2026 @ 7pm.

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 7:45pm D. Larson seconded the motion. Roll Call was taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Entered closed session at 7:45 PM

19. Reconvene into Open Session

D. Larson moved to reconvene into Open Session at 8:00 PM. T. Godar seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Reconvened at 8:00 PM

20. Discuss & Act on Closed Session Items

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. J. Foley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Larson moved that we pay Brady \$39.50 per hour for 2026. J.Foley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Larson moved to allocate bonus payments at \$5,500 for Brady and \$5,000 for Brady to allocate to the crew in 2026. J. Foley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

21. Adjournment

B. Sichi moved to adjourn the October 13th 2025 Okauchee Lake Management District meeting. J. Foley seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried without exception. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

