

OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MONDAY March 23rd, 2026 – 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 7:00 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, Bruce Mueller, John Foley (Remote)

**Absent:** N/A

**Also Present:** Linda Goehre, **Website** Stefanie Anderson **OLMD Secretary**

**Absent:** Pat Furno, **Accountant for the District**

5. Correspondence

a. T. Godar received correspondence from the USGS following up to see if we will be using their services for the coming season.

b. B. Sichi received correspondence from the Golden Mast following up about back taxes, and from the DNR regarding fish cribs

6. Comments from the Floor

Keith Granum, N53W34296 Road Q, Okauchee WI, 53069, asked if we are part of the Lake Country Clean Waters group. B. Sichi stated that he is on the board and that it is a non-member organization. The ways that we stay engaged include attending quarterly education sessions and lake leader events. The Lake Country Clean Waters Festival is held each Summer on Pewaukee Lake and the Healthy Lakes Conference will take place on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

7. Comments from Committee Members

N/A

8. Discuss Treasurer's Report

D. Larson reported the following for ending March 31st 2026 :

Total Revenues: \$391,441.32

Total Expenditures: \$1,906.83

This leaves a budgeted balance of: \$389,534.49

9. Approved Checks & Vouchers

**B. Sichi moved to approve payments submitted from October 14<sup>th</sup> 2025 through March 23rd 2026. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

10. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (10/13/25)

**B. Sichi moved to approve the 10/13/25 meeting minutes. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

11. Discuss & Act on Grant Awards

- a. B. Sichi stated that all three grants were awarded that the OLMD applied for. The first grant is through Clean Boats Clean Waters. Trained staff will be provided to teach patrons how to clean their boats that launch at the public launch. Phase #1 will consist of water data and analysis. Justin from Sewer Pac will give us clean data analysis. While phase #2 will take a look at the data and see what could be done at the watershed. Justin will give us insight as to which data is useful and which data is not. This will complement the work that is being conducted by the USGS as well.
- b. B. Sichi stated that our end report will go to Heidi Bunk, DNR for her acceptance. We need to decide if we want to take the advance of the grant. The DNR will pay for 75% of the total. B. Sichi will be in charge of completing the administrative duties and may have to conduct a few site visits. Justin has laid out detailed work plans from Sewer Pac and they are pre-approved by the DNR.
- c. D. Larson asked if the total expense would be covered by the Grants and our expected OLMD portion will remain under \$1400.00. B. Sichi stated that yes; the OLMD will not be expected to owe any further amount and Justin's scope of work will fit into the budgeted amount.

**B. Sichi made a motion to take 75% of the Grant now and to reconcile at the end of the year. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

12. Discuss & Act on Goose Control / Website & Newsletter Form

- a. T. Godar stated that the original Goose Round up form can be removed from the website and that it will be replaced with a new QR Code to scan to approve Goose Egg Oiling on each property. The Newsletter will follow suit.
- b. If a Riparian Owner would like to request a nest on their property to be oiled, they will need to contact Arnold for Goose Control and fill out a form through the QR code.
- c. D. Larson stated that the cost will be \$50 per nest with a maximum of 30 nests. If a nest is spotted Brady is able to reach out to the owners to seek permission.
- d. T. Godar asked if a postcard should be mailed to each riparian owner regarding the switch to Goose Egg Oiling before a Goose Round-Up would be considered.
- e. Julia Granum, N53W34296 Road Q, Okauchee WI, 53069, asked if the OLMD could do a post on It Floated Away on Okauchee Lake. B. Sichi replied that yes there will be a post put up.

**D. Larson made a motion to design and print a postcard to be mailed to riparian owners regarding Goose Egg Oiling as soon as possible. B. Sichi seconded the motion There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

13. Animal Control Specialist Report, Arnold Groehler

- a. Arnold stated that the movement of muskrats, beavers and geese is very weather dependent. Once it warms up the more animals will come out as the wet weather has slowed the movement down. The barges are just starting to become active and the geese are starting to pair up. The ice is gone and animal traps are set out on the North East side of the lake. He has caught a good amount of muskrat this season and relocated a few beavers. Arnold is going to send some updated pictures to add to the website.

14. Discuss & Act on the USGS Monitoring of Okauchee Lake

**B. Sichi made a motion to use the USGS services. Monitoring of Okauchee Lake B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

15. Discuss & Act on Newsletter

- a. B. Sichi is writing up a paragraph about what grants were awarded. He also stated that Justin is helping to work up a map for best surf practices on the lake.

- b. T. Godar will be writing a welcome to the Summer paragraph from the OLMD Board
- c. S. Anderson will be requesting updated information from Brady as well as other updates as needed.
- d. D. Larson will be providing updated Goose Oiling Efforts to replace the Goose Round Up Permission Slip.

16. Discuss the Website

- a. Goose Egg Oiling Description/Process and QR Code will be added.
- b. Updated photos will be added as they come in.

17. Future Agenda Items

- a. Discuss & Act on Goose Egg Oiling
- b. Discuss & Act on Newsletter
- c. Eric Joost Presentation from OWPP

18. Set Future Meeting Dates

The Next Meeting is April 13th 2025 @ 7pm.

19. Adjournment

**B. Sichi moved to adjourn the March 23rd 2026 Okauchee Lake Management District meeting.  
D. Larson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried without exception. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.**