

OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MONDAY July 13th 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, John Foley, Bruce Mueller

Absent: Brian Sichi

Also Present: Pat Furno, **Accountant for the District** Brady Mullikin, **Lake Operations Manager**, Stefanie Anderson **OLMD Secretary**

Absent: : Linda Goehre, **Website Designer**

5. Correspondence

N/A

6. Comments from the Floor

- a. William Schimmels, N55W34511 Tweeden Lane Oconomowoc, WI 53066, stated that he has reached out to Candace White regarding lake access, taxes and neighboring properties.

William was present at the June meeting and has a WI State Appellate court decision stating that he personally has deeded lake access. T. Godar stated that the OLMD does not generally exercise original jurisdiction regarding who is granted access and who is

not, but works with the County for such issues. . T. Godar suggested Mr. Schimmels to hire counsel to help communicate his exact issue that he believes the OLMD might consider, and he will work with its counsel to review issues. William stated that he has had a council since 2001. T. Godar instructed William to put his request in writing and send it in to the OLMD for review.

7. Comments from Committee Members

- a. T. Godar stated that the OWPP has presented interest in discussing opportunities on how to enhance the lake quality. The drainage of the entire watershed area can affect us. For instance, among the Oconomowoc River, the agricultural fields come up to the edge of the river. On the lake itself, often the lawns that extend down to the shore and do little to will filter anything like fertilizers that are on the lawn and they may flow directly into the lake during a storm event. T. Godar will reach out to schedule a presentation as they were unable to attend tonight's meeting.

8. Discuss Treasurer's Report

J. Foley reported the following for ending June 30th 2026:

Total Revenues: \$394,959.48

Total Expenditures: \$172,146.21

This leaves a budgeted balance of: \$222,813.27

9. Approved Checks & Vouchers

J. Foley stated that the \$45,000 Chemical Fee from Solitude Lake Management was allocated in the Budget and was used accordingly.

J. Foley moved to approve payments submitted from June 9th 2026 through July 12th 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 (06/08/26)

J. Foley moved to approve the 06/08/26 meeting minutes. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Eric Jost & Tom Steinbach OWPP Report

This presentation will be rescheduled to a future date.

12. Animal Control Specialist Report / Update on Goose Egg Oiling, Arnold Groehler

a. Arnold stated that he he has received multiple calls for muskrats spotted. He currently has traps out on every edge of the lake.

b. Arnold reported on the results of the Goose Egg Oiling. He concluded that all of the surrounding lakes were down 90 percent for nests this season. He estimates that there were between 10-15 nests total on Okauchee and that they were smaller in egg count than that of previous seasons. The geese did not seem to re-nest this season as the temps were cooler than normal. The unseasonably cooler temps aided in our favor to help control the goose population.

c. Arnold announced that he received a call from some residents on Upper Oconomowoc Lake regarding a large beaver that has been sighted chewing up swim mats.

d. Arnold received another call regarding a rabid racoon by Breezy Point. The residents informed everyone in the area to take shelter inside and the racoon was captured and sent to Madison for testing. It was revealed that the racoon had contracted K9 Parvo.

e. Arnold also received a call that there were three rabid squirrels at River Bend RV Resort. Upon arrival he was able to trap the squirrels, and they were also sent to Madison for further testing. It was reported that the squirrels were under the influence of cocaine.

13. Lake Operations Report Brady Mullikin, Lake Operations Manager

a. B. Mullikin stated that this has been a unique season. They have been following the same structure as previous seasons. On Fridays they are focusing on surface Fridays and will skim to collect as many floating weeds as possible.

b. Brady stated that they received numerous calls regarding the early uprooting of Eel Grass. As more traffic is out on the lake the Eel grass can be uprooted more easily. It usually

doesn't start until the end of the Summer. The shallow root structure results in the Eel Grass uprooting in "matts". This week the trucks focused on going to the heaviest spots to pull

out as much as possible.

c. Brady updated that C1 has now been set back to the end of August for repairs. The estimated date is currently August 20th. The crew has been able to utilize parts from C1 to keep

other cutters in use. C4 is now back in the water after using some parts off of C1. The 2 paddle wheel motors that have been ordered will now go on to C1 for next season.

d. The crew was in Whittaker Bay today and is rotating through Upper Oconomowoc and Lower Okauchee twice as much as previous seasons.

e. Brady announced that because of the delay on repairs for C1 he had to make a crew modification. It was not easy to do but they moved crew around to adjust to the current needs of

the Lake Operations. T. Godar thanked Brady for his efforts and that he realized that this was a hard decision for the crew to make.

f. J. Foley stated that historically we have farmed out some of these repair efforts and now Brady and the crew have been handling more of the efforts in house. Keith Granum,

N53W34296 Road Q, Okauchee, WI 53069, thanked Brady and the crew for their hard work. He announced that he had 24 feet of weeds stacked 2 feet high and the crew was able to

clear all of them.

14. Discuss & Act on Website

a. An open Spot on the OLMD Board will be up for election at the Annual Meeting on August 24th 2026.

15. Future Agenda Items

a. Eric Jost OWWP Presentation

16. Set Future Meeting Dates

The Next Meeting is Aug 10th 2026 @ 7pm / Annual Meeting is Aug 24th 2026 @ 7pm

17. Adjournment

J. Foley moved to adjourn the July 13th 2026 Okauchee Lake Management District meeting. B. Mueller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried without exception. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.