OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH - 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 7:02 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 web conference connection information was provided for remote attendance.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call of Commissioners

   Present: Tom Godar, John Foley (Remote), Bruce Mueller, Brian Sichi, Nick Jensen

   Absent: N/A

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

   Absent: N/A

5. Correspondence

   N/A

6. Comments from the Floor

   Keith Granum, N53W34296 Road Q, Okauchee WI 53069, thanked Brady and the Lake Operations Crew for keeping his lake front clean and doing a wonderful job again this season. Their hardwork and dedication do not go unnoticed.

7. Comments from Commissioners

   N/A

8. Discuss Treasurer's Report

J. Foley reported the following for ending August 30th 2026. This is the same report as stated on September 9th 2026.

Total Revenues: $394,959.48

Total Expenditures: $273,101.41

This leaves a budgeted balance of: $121,858.07

9. Approved Checks & Vouchers

Pat Furno announced that the checks and vouchers that were submitted from August 10th 2026 through September 9th 2026 would be approved at the October 12th OLMD Meeting.

10. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (08/10/26)

B. Sichi moved to approve the 08/10/26 meeting minutes. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Discuss & Act on 2027 Grant Pre – Applications

a. **B. Sichi provided a very detailed handout outlining the following and attached:**

DNR 2027 Surface Water Grants

The Application Process

The Grant Overview and Strategy

Our Partnerships

The Surface Water Planning – AIS Grant: Regarding the Updated Aquatic Plant Management Plan

The Surface Water Planning Lakes & Rivers Grant – Regarding Aquatic Life Assessment – Carp

The Clean Boats & Clean Waters Grant: Regarding the current Public Launch Site and possible secondary Golden Mast Site.

The Grant Project Resolution Authorizations

The Actions needed for Pre - Application

b. B. Sichi stated that our focus this year is on the Surface Water Grants. We hope to have a new Aquatic Plant Management Plan put into place. We may consider applying for an Aquatic Life Assessment Grant to aid North Lake's efforts for the Carp Study.

B. Sichi stated that the initial proposal must be given to the DNR no later than 11:59 on September 15th 2026. He announced that we are in the Pre – Application Process and that we need to pass a formal motion from the OLMD so that it is not possible for someone to apply for a grant in our name. We can then submit the Pre – Application to Heidi at the DNR, with the full application being due by November 15th, 2026.

c. B. Sichi announced that the feedback was very well received from the Public Launch site regarding the Clean Boats & Clean Waters Operation. The public appreciated the information that was shared by Ben and the DNR. There is a separate grant that we could apply for called the Healthy Lakes and Rivers Grant that is open to apply year-round. It is very administratively intensive, however, and has no impact on other grants, nor does it coincide with the Surface Water Grant.

d. B. Sichi announced that the Surface Water Grant would be used to Update the Aquatic Plant Management Plan as our current plan will be expiring. It will continue to fund the Clean Boats and Clean Waters operation at the Public launch site as well as add a possible secondary launch site at the Golden Mast. B. Sichi would complete the administrative tasks needed as the Secretary and J. Foley would complete the Treasurer tasks.

e. T. Godar questioned if these items are within our budget and within the scope of work that we would like to accomplish. J. Foley replied that he feels that we did set aside enough resources in the budget this year to do what we need to do with the Grants. B. Sichi also stated that we also came in a little under the budget with the Clean Boats and Clean Waters Operation due to the weather.

B. Sichi moves to approve the Surface Water Grant Application and Roles. B Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Future Agenda Items

Year End Report from the Lake Operations and Animal Control

13. Set Future Meeting Dates

The Next Meeting is Monday October 12th 2026

14. **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."**

T. Godar noted that the next item on the agenda was to consider moving into a closed session to review the performance and continuity of people supporting the OLMD activities.

B. Sichi moved to convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically to review performance and consider future staffing plans. J. Foley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Prior to the vote, T. Godar announced the nature of the business to be considered in closed session and cited Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(c) as the proper statutory exemption. He further announced that the OLMD would reconvene in open session immediately following the closed session to take any necessary action.

Roll Call of Commissioners

Present: Tom Godar, John Foley (Remote), Bruce Mueller, Brian Sichi, Nick Jensen

Absent: N/A

The OLMD entered closed session at 7:25 PM. Members of the public and non-essential staff left the room.

15. Reconvene into Open Session

B. Sichi Moved to reconvene in open session. N. Jensen seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously. The OLMD reconvened in open session at 8:15pm.

16. Discuss & Act on Closed Session Item

B. Sichi moved to execute a phased succession plan with our District Accountant. J. Foley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Sichi moved at the OLMD to authorize a bonus to be paid to our Lake Operations Manager and crew staff. B. Mueller seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Adjournment

B. Mueller moved to adjourn the September 9th, 2026, Okauchee Lake Management District meeting. B. Sichi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.