

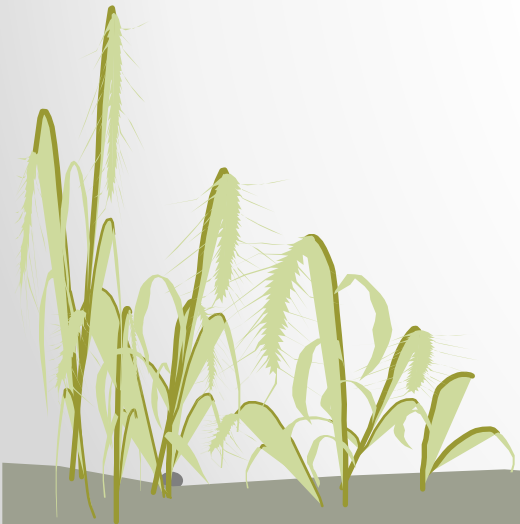
Okee Bay Mill Pond Lake Association Annual Meeting

August 27, 2026



Agenda

- Call to Order
- Association Activities
- Fundraising
- UW partnership Lake Management Study
- Treasurer's Report
- Annual Lake Treatment
- Property Owner Actions
- BOD open positions
- Member/Citizen input and discussion
- Adjourn



NOVEMBER 2025
LACE grant approved

JAN 2026
Signed contract with APM

FEB 2026
Fundraiser at
Lucky's

MARCH 2026
Website
Launched
Sponsorship
Program

MAY 2026
• Fitz's Fundraiser
• CLP Meander Survey
Completed

MAY-AUG 2026
UW field work: water quality,
habitat & shoreland surveys

JUNE/AUG 2026
Harvesting/Herbicide
completed

AUG 2026
Shoreline
Assessment
completed

OCT-DEC 2026
2027 Membership
renewal/drive

2025 2026

2027

Jan 2026
UW Practicum
Underway

FEB 2026
DNR GRANT
AWARDED for
UW Watershed
study

MAR/APR 2026
• Herbicide permits approved
• Lily Pad addition approved

JUNE 2026
Yard Signs Delivered

JULY/AUG 2026
Participated in Community events with
UW Students and Friends of Spring
Creek, Ag Fair/Susie the Duck Day

JAN 2027
Sign contract
with APM for
Harvesting and
Herbicide



Association Activities 2026/2027

Fundraising

Fundraising 2026

- **Two Events – Proceeds to support 2026 lake treatment costs and other programming**
 - Lucky's Bar & Grille – Feb 28, 2026
 - Meat raffle, 50/50, 3 prize ticket raffle - \$1,000 Niemann Ace Hardware gift card, 2-night Lucky's Lodge stay, and UW basketball tickets
 - Fitz's on the Lake Auction & Raffle – May 3, 2026
 - Great support from 30+ local businesses & individual donors
 - Live music (Marcus J) and a lively live auction (Donnie B)
 - Great volunteer participation from OBLA members
- **Business and Personal Patron Sponsorship Program Initiative**

Fundraising 2027

- Plan to continue two annual fundraisers (winter + spring), similar to 2026 – Details TBD
- We will look to renew business and personal sponsorships
- We will explore other grant opportunities as they present themselves
- We welcome other members to the fundraising committee to help plan events



Thank you!

Business and Personal Sponsors

Local Business and Personal support at our Fundraisers

Business Sponsors

Gold – JD Hellenbrand
Silver – Baer Insurance
Silver – The Restaino-Endres Team
Bronze – Lodi Family Dental
Bronze – Lucky's Bar & Grill
Bronze – Trader Enterprises
Bronze – Baker Real Estate Team

Personal Patron Sponsors

Silver

Dwayne and Stacy Kratt
Caroline and Dale Swanson
Ted and Chris Traeder

Bronze

Dan and Mary Hyland
Tim Ruff and Stefanie Tamez
Glen and Carla Roudebush
Bill and Mary O'Connell
Marty and Rita O'Brien

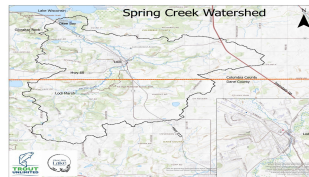
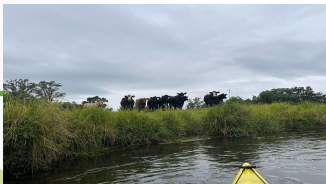
Local Businesses and Personal Fundraising Support

Kirk Dresen	Bill & Brenda Spain	Carl & Nancy Tatsuguchi	Rick & Carol McMahon
Lake WI Country Club	Assoc. Bank, Lodi	Niemann Ace Hardware	Fitz's on the Lake
Lodi Sausage Co	Baer Insurance	Hall of Fame Meats	Jazzy Jerseys
Gibraltar Rock Cattle Co.	A&J Pancake	Casa Luna	Heron Springs Assoc.
Lodi Shell	Los Hernandez	Madison Night Mares	Red Barn Quilters
Sandy Creek Quilts	Willow Tree Wellness	A New Home	Bushnell Ford
Jack & Jane Kaltenberg	Katie Dietry	LaGrotta Wine Bar	Lisa Engel (REMAXX Preferred)
	Lucy's	Piggly Wiggly Lodi	Mark & Janine Krueger (American Packaging)
	The Common Grind	WI Barrel Company	Brad Meek
	Loaves By Mich	Madison Mallards	Green Bay Packers Give Back
	PJs Pizza	Kevin Phelps (Univ. Book Store)	McDonald's – Poynette
	Dwayne & Stacy Kratt	Lucky's Bar and Grill	Tim Ruff & Stefanie Tamez
	Marty O'Brien (Mine Baseball)		

UW Partnership Lake Management Study

The UW Water Resources Management Masters practicum is underway for the Spring Creek watershed, with a DNR grant of \$8,375 secured in Feb 2026 to fund the study. The team (Rachel, Elliot, Breck, Aubrey, Indira & Mary) presented their scope to OBLA and the Lake Wisconsin Alliance on 3/4/2026, and expanded the study in July to also include Okee Bay water quality measurement.

- ❑ Monthly Spring Creek water quality monitoring, May–Oct 2026 (5 sites)
- ❑ Stream habitat assessment (WDNR wadeable streams protocol)
- ❑ Watershed-wide land use, erosion & nutrient loss mapping (GIS)
- ❑ Discharge baseline kayak surveys; project Facebook page created



- ❑ Historical map & aerial imagery analysis of Okee Bay shoreland
- ❑ Current shoreland conditions assessment (May–Sept)
- ❑ Okee Bay mail surveys to shoreland owners (sent to 150 households)
- ❑ Shoreland Owners Survey – IRB approved schedule (advance letter, postcard, follow-up)

Project Direction: Professors Ken Genskow & Eric Booth
Board liaison: Bill Spain

UW Partnership – Lake Management Study

2025

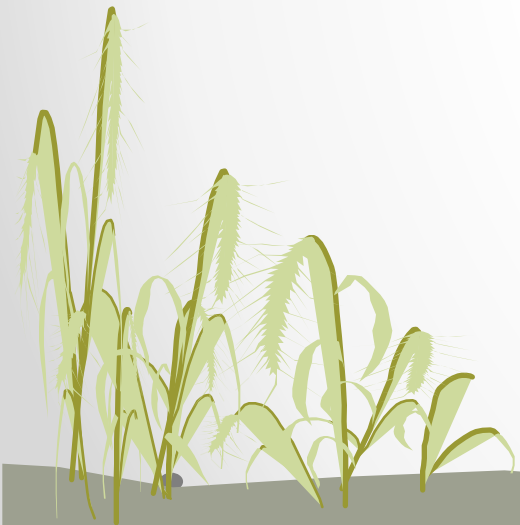
- Spring; Project request submitted and approved
- August: Scoping meeting completed
- Fall; student orientation to project, pre-planning and check in with OBLA

2026

- Feb: DNR grant awarded (\$8,375)
- Mar 4: Presented scope to OBLA & Lake Wisconsin Alliance
- May–Oct: Field work (water quality, habitat & shoreland surveys)
- Aug: First UW reporting deadline (8/10); shoreland survey closes (~8/31)

2027

- Late Fall 2026: Joint public meeting with OBLA to review findings
- 2027: Final report & community presentations



Treasurer's Report

Members to date	93 (as of August 2026)
Balance 9/2025	\$44,247.06
Balance as of 8/25/2026	\$73,483.35
Revenue as of 8/25/2026	\$41,474.77
Expenses as of 8/25/2026	\$12,238.48
- Estimated add'l expenses	\$28,830.91

Member Dues 2026:

- ☐ \$25/member (dues)
- ☐ \$300/member donation for lake treatment

- ☐ General Liability insurance policy secured: \$415/yr (eff. 7/1/2026)
- ☐ Fundraiser proceeds (Lucky's + Fitz's): \$14,833
- ☐ DNR Grant Received (UW Project): \$8,375
- ☐ Sponsor Donations: \$2,450
- ☐ LACE Donation: \$1,700



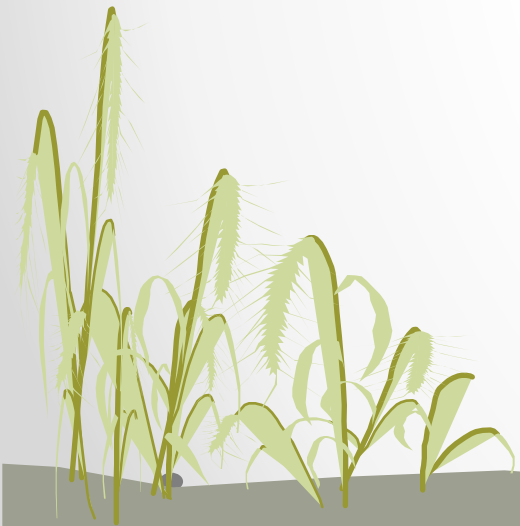
Annual Lake Treatment

- We continued to work with Aquatic Plant Management LLC (APM)
- Multiple rounds of treatment conducted in 2026: herbicide (5/21, 7/15, 7/30) and mechanical harvesting (week of 6/1, 8/10)
- A new CLP meander survey/monitoring study was commissioned in 2026 to track invasive plant growth and treatment progress over time
- Member cost-share remains \$300 per member
- Total 2026 treatment cost: \$27,636.91



Annual Lake Treatment

- Continuing under our existing 4-year mechanical harvesting permit (herbicide permit must be submitted each year)
- 2026 herbicide navigational lane was updated to accommodate new member into treatment
- Lily pad herbicide treatment (Imazapyr) approved as an added treatment for East side of bay



Annual Lake Treatment

- Mechanical Harvesting: Less biomass was removed during our CLP Harvest (May) then the previous year (2,090 cubic feet)
- Lily Pad treatment: the treatment in July to help tackle the significant growth of lily pads in the east bay seems to be successful
 - These results should continue through 2027 so the next treatment is likely in 2028
- Overall, the second round of harvesting needs to be further evaluated as the amount removed does not justify the cost (310 cubic feet)



Watershed/Community Activities

- Partnered with Lift Lodi for their 5th Annual Day of Service (May 16, 2026)
- Partnered with the Spring Creek Association and UW students at the Ag Fair (7/12) and Susie the Duck Days (8/8)
- UW Students representing OBLA participated in Agricultural events

Suzie the Duck Days – Aug 8, 2026



Objectives for 2027

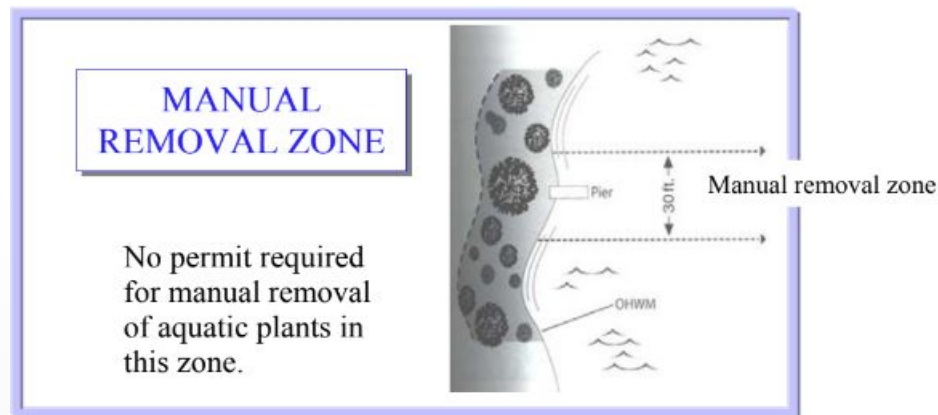
- Continue Lake treatment plan for the 2027 season
- Continue education and support of Native plantings for landowners
- Support the next phase of the UW Spring Creek Watershed Study
 - Participate in a joint public meeting with UW to review study findings (planned late 2026/early 2027)
- Fundraising – continue two annual events
- Membership growth & community outreach; grow the Patron/Sponsor recognition program
- Maintain and grow the website and social media presence; recruit a volunteer website admin
- Continue support for Spring Creek Association and Lift Lodi partnership activities
- Continue to participate in Citizen Lake Monitoring



Property Owner Actions

- Property Owners – manual removal invasives Invasives; Eurasian water milfoil, curly leaf pondweed and purple loosestrife around your piers
 - NR 109.08; (3) No person may intentionally cut aquatic plants in public/navigable waters **without removing cut vegetation from the body of water.**

Manual removal of aquatic plants in the sensitive areas is covered under our permit application.



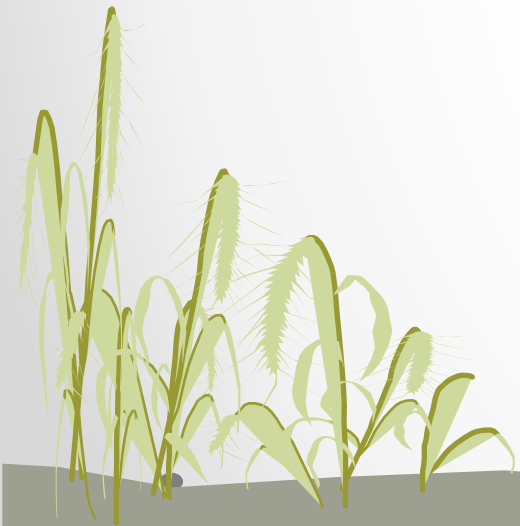
Property Owner Actions

- Install Native Plantings!
 - Use a Healthy Lakes Grant to install shoreland plantings to help control runoff
 - Grant funding is available per the grant requirements
 - Those planted to date have continued to mature along the shoreline including the boat landing



BOD Open Positions

- The Board continues to look for engaged members to join
- Elections required for the President, Secretary, and one Director



MISCELLANEOUS

MEMBER INPUT/DISCUSSION

- OBLA Board has scheduled monthly meetings; first Wednesday of the month at the Lodi Town Hall at 7PM. All members may attend.
- Meeting minutes are maintained by BOD.
- Volunteers/committee members needed
 - Fundraising
 - Communication
 - Membership committee
 - Spring Creek Volunteers
 - Website Admin (event/blog updates)

