

Otter Creek Watershed Insect Control District
Regular Board Meeting of the Trustees
8 April 2026

Approved Minutes

Attendance

Board: Doug Perkins, Jeff Whiting, Bruce Baccei, Tom Hogan, Wayne Rausenberger, Robbie Devoid, Steve Belcher. On Zoom: Adam Fasoli, Will Mathis

Others: John Capen (OCW)

In the absence of Jeff Schumann, Jeff Whiting chaired the meeting noting a quorum and all towns represented.

The Agenda was adopted.

The Minutes of the March meeting were approved with small corrections.

Treasurer's Report.

Doug Perkins had previously distributed a balance statement and a profit and loss statement. The balances were reported as:

Operations Checking Account	\$102,264.03
Capital Improve & Equip Replace	23,988.48
Audit / Legal Account	10,914.26
Total Cash on Hand	\$137,166.77

FY-26 VAAFMM Grant remaining balance	23,702.04
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Some cash is expected from Goshen and Pittsford. There was also the question of a pesticide usage report; the address on file with the District was that of an employee who has left the State (and the message did not bounce back). The Workman's Compensation insurance has not yet been settled.

Permitting

Jeff Whiting reported that the two permit applications, for larvicide and adulticide, have now been posted on the State website for public comment; the comment period ends on April 30. The State is not allowing the use of Malathion, and there is some concern that reliance only on permethrin-based products will allow resistance to develop in the mosquitoes. Spraying on private roads is still under discussion, as is the matter of landowners' written consent for trapping/sampling on their property. The OCW District and Lemon Fair are trying to come up with a form that both can use. A draft version of the form had been distributed to the Board. Town Representatives may be asked to participate in the process of collecting the written permissions.

The form may need some additions to specify the types of equipment to be used, from the

traps to the Argo. Lemon Fair ICD has a \$75,000 grant to use drones. After the demonstration attended by personnel from both Districts, neither District is likely to purchase a drone for operation by our personnel given the skills and FAA permits involved. Both agree that the best route is to contract a vendor with the proper training, equipment and licenses for any drone applications either of us conduct. We both propose to share the grant money from the Lemon Fair and the larvicide materials in inventory by the OCWICD to conduct demonstrations in both Districts if the larval counts justify treatment. Costs were estimated to be around \$15 / acre in 2025, excluding larvicide materials. The vendors can treat about 250 acres per day, and the quote is based on at least a full day of treatment. This does not include our labor and miles to support this treatment. Discussions continue with the State and LFICD.

Finance Committee: no news

Audit Committee: Albert Wenta had sent out a draft version of the controls; in his absence, discussion of this document was deferred.

Public Relations: Steve Belcher reported having posted the NOIs and the comment link to the Pittsford Front Porch Forum. It was suggested that Board members should check with their Town Clerks to see how the notices are posted.

Jeff Whiting reported for the Executive Committee and the ad hoc hiring committee. Two entomologists, each working a 4-day week, and one intern will take care of the Lab work.

Old Business

Robbie Devoid had a price of \$190 for the shirts; the magnets to go on the trucks will cost \$60/each. Since the total was over the amount budgeted for PPE, the question of hats was put aside.

There was no new candidate for the position of Treasurer.

New Business

Barrier Spraying

This is the hand-application, using back-pack sprayers, that is done on special request. Jeff Whiting noted that they need to be calibrated for a higher volume than is used on the trucks: 50-micron diameter rather than 30. It was noted that this is a service Orkin supplies. Will Mathis noted that he had considerable experience in calibrating and using these sprayers.

Wayne Rausenberger offered a motion that passed by unanimous consent, that the sprayers should be recalibrated and prepared for use, but that their availability should not be advertised.

The Board then voted to go into Executive Session at 8:07 pm for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:31 and voted to grant John Capen 27 hours of sick leave based on the hours he had worked in 2025.

The Board then adjourned at 8:34.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Belcher
Secretary