

Town of Onalaska  
Shoreline Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, November 25, 2025

**1. Call to Order** by Chair Luke Marcou at 7:06pm. A quorum of committee members were present: Chair Marcou, Frank Fogel, Steve Wage (appeared at 7:21), Marc Schultz and Fritz Funk (remote). Others participating were Ashley Kiley from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mike Wellik, Robin Schmidt, and Ronald Klich.

2. Motion to **approve the agenda** by Fritz Funk, subject to exchanging the order of item 8 (Shoreline Lease review) to appear before item 5 (report regarding RFP for shoreline inspections), seconded by Marc Schultz, was approved unanimously.

**3. Public Comment (3-minute time limit):**

Ronald Klich, topics: annual fees paid by property owners in other jurisdictions adjacent to the river ranging from from Trempealeau to Stoddard and shoreline signage.

Mike Wellik, topics: opportunities to review the budget and reduce costs, and size, style and preferred natural appearance of signage.

Robin Schmidt, topics: using a cost-effective approach to managing the lease to meet minimum expectations of USACE, 1.6 million dollars spent by residents adjacent to the shoreline on riprap for erosion protection, and residents being generally unaware of the changes being made to shoreline management until recently.

**4. Approve minutes of October 28, 2025 meeting:** Schultz/Fogel moved to approve the prior meeting minutes, subject to Fogel's suggested change that "2-faced sign" be replaced by "2-sided sign", passed unanimously.

**8. Review and discussion in regards to content of Shoreline Leased land agreement.** Chair Marcou read the entire lease agreement, pausing for discussion on individual sections.

While reviewing section 21, Fogel/Wage moved to open the floor, passed unanimously. Ashley Kiley provided information from USACE about inspection results. Fogel/Schultz moved to close the floor, passed unanimously.

While reviewing section 29, Schultz/Wage moved to open floor, passed unanimously. Ashley Kiley (USACE) provided information about the nationwide permit for riprap for shoreline protection. Motion by Fogel/Schultz to close the floor passed unanimously.

Motion by Schultz/Fogel to open floor passed unanimously. Ron Klich provided the committee with his permit information for previous shoreline work. Motion by Fogel/Wage to close the floor, passed unanimously. The Chair related that he would consult the Town attorney on the wording of Section 21, provide the list of noncompliant adjacent properties received by the Town to the Committee, and determine the insurance requirement from Appendix J that is not included in copies of the Lease agreement.

**5. Report regarding RFP for shoreline inspections:** A draft RFP and cover letter were reviewed with no action taken.

**6. Discussion and possible action making recommendation to the Town Board regarding approval of shoreline number sign and post with fire number of structure owner:** Motion by Wage/Funk to approve the draft signage proposal presented in the meeting packet using a green background with white lettering passed unanimously.

**7. Discussion and possible action making recommendation to Town Board to develop a written procedure relating to application, review, and approval/denial of shoreline structure permit applications:** Schultz/Fogel moved to use the process developed during the Shoreline Committee meeting on the screen passed unanimously.

**9. Discussion and possible action making recommendation to Town Board regarding possible updates to shoreline operational plan:** Item postponed until shoreline management operations are clarified.

**10. Update from Lake Onalaska Protection and Rehabilitation District:** Lake District chair Marc Schultz provided an update on the recent Lake District annual meeting and Commissioner elections.

**11. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:54pm

Submitted by Fritz Funk, secretary