

**Bone Lake Management District
Commissioners Meeting
Saturday, February 17, 2024, 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
Minutes FINAL**

Cary Olson called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Roll Call

- X Cary Olson, Chair
- X Shelley Rose, Vice Chair
- X Karen Engelbretson, Secretary
 - Alex Chorewycz, Treasurer
- X Mike Musial
- X Doug Route, Polk County Supervisor, District 2
- X Andy Brown, Town of Bone Lake
 - Jeff Traynor, Town of Georgetown

Guests present:

- X Bob Boyd

Motion to modify agenda: Add signage at North Landing preliminary information. Engelbretson/Olson. Carried.

Motion to approve Oct. 14, 2023 Minutes: Rose/Olson

Polk County Report - Doug Route

Environmental Services Committee making changes to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance was going to strike “no kitchens in bunkhouses.” Cary and Karen contacted Doug to contest removing that since if a kitchen was allowed, along with plumbing and a 1000 sq. ft. building, Zoning was essentially doubling development on lake lots. Doug talked with Sarah McCurdy, the kitchen restriction was left in the ordinance. Sarah McCurdy is the new Environmental Services Dept. director. She agrees the size of approved bunkhouses is too large (it was 400 ft. and is now 1000 ft.) so the size could be changed to be smaller in the future.

Town of Bone Lake - Andy Brown

Andy will get recommendations for striping the parking areas, and for no parking signs along Bone Lake Park Lane. Bob Boyd: Get a couple of trucks and trailers in there to test the parking. Preparing to crush gravel at the Town gravel pit. No road projects this year.

Town of Georgetown - Shelley Rose

No report.

Grant Updates

We asked for some extensions but did not hear anything back from Jill Sutherland. All grants are closed out. CBCW grant has not been received yet due to errors with the SWIMs database. The Sensitive Area grant was amended to include the Discovery Day activity and closed out. CLP spraying we got \$11K. We are not going to spray this year as we work on the harvester operations. We will get a new grant for the CD3 cleaning station at the south landing.

Treasurer’s Report - Alex Chorewycz

Alex sent notes on the Treasurer’s Report. Our interest is higher 5.5% on a CD that comes due in February. Alex will renew that 150K plus an additional 25K. So the CD will be \$175K plus the interest: \$178,259.59. Alex will sign the letter.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approve October 14, 2023 Minutes
3. Polk County Report — Doug Route
4. Town of Bone Lake Report — Andy Brown
5. Georgetown Report — Shelley Rose
6. Grant update - Cary Olson
7. Treasurers Report - Cary Olson
8. Committee Reports
 - a. Boating - Mike Musial
 - b. Watershed — Phil Foster/Shelley Rose
 - c. Waterfront Runoff — Alex Chorewycz in absentia
Waterfront Runoff Committee report: A lake owner has requested that their septic system be inspected. Dick Mackie found the system to be non-compliant and a letter has been sent to the owner regarding availability of BLMD cost share dollars and what the owner needs to do to receive the cost share funds.
 - d. Aquatic Plant Management — Bob Boyd
 - e. Fisheries — Bob
 - f. Wildlife and Natural Beauty — Karen Engelbretson
 - g. Communication — Karen Engelbretson
9. Harvester update and grant questions from Cheryl for April 1 submittal - All
10. Annual Meeting Location - Bone Lake Lutheran Church?
11. New Business
12. Adjourn

Motion to approve \$179,259.59 CD for six months: Olson/Engelbretson. Carried.

Motion to approve treasurer's report: Rose/Musial. Carried.

Committee Reports

Boating/Water Safety - Mike Musial

On our lake the wake boats are staying in the center of the lake where water is deeper. In the newsletter we can continue to suggest that activity. Buoys will go out earlier this year. There isn't much ice. Will purchase 3 this year. South end boat launch dock will go back in for another year. The launch and level was straightened out. The blocks are generally flat. Could remove the first section and install a solid concrete pad. May not have ice damage this year. May need to add gravel. North launch: Suggestions for widening the pad and making it go out farther. Some have trouble launching. Suggest pouring a pad on location and lowering into the lake. DNR permit required?

Cary: Lake Wapogasset is using a map and highlighting areas where wake boating use is recommended.

Karen: Could provide a handout to any visitors launching a wake boat.

Mike: Most wake boaters are staying away from other boaters. If a brochure, let people know about the study and best areas for the activity.

Cary: could recommend the wake boaters get together and agree on areas to use. Can we get a map from the county?

Karen: Yes. Any lake that has done a macrophyte survey has recorded depths. How do we interpret this to boaters? Do wake boats have depth finders?

Mike: A map showing general recommended areas - a strip down the middle, but not between the islands.

Wapo's map has a lot of language about best practices and courtesies.

Karen: for the newsletter we will publish a map of recommended wakeboat use areas. Will get a map from Colton at the county. for boating in areas 30 ft. deep and greater. This is not a law, but a recommendation.

Mike: create a generalized area, rather than highly detailed. What we've been doing has been effective.

North landing signage and mandatory use of cleaning station. Karen produced a document of suggested design for signage and placements and presented it to the group for comments and suggestions. Decals applied to the CD3 machine on how and where to clean equipment would be helpful rather than a separate sign. A stop sign wouldn't work as suggested. Chalking the gravel could be done to help know where to line up, and how to park. Lions Club would have to help with that every couple of weeks.

Karen: The signage at the water can be updated. One is obsolete, one's under new development. Need a 50" Muskie limit. No Power Loading could be improved. Add "Please". Help us maintain our launch. LWRD opinion is what's important to those launching their boat. The two ordinance signs could be put some place else. The Muskie limit sign could be put on the kiosk. Camera sign could be up at the top of the road. The camera has audio and hearing the message. Back of the Don Langel park sign is available, and it's viewable as boaters leave the water.

Karen: On Kiosk the map could include the sensitive areas and wake boat areas.

Should the map be on the side that faces the park? What should face the water? Needs more evaluation.

Add wake boat messaging. Put the wake boat area on the map we hand out.

Mike: Also put information on table at Wilkins. Info is always picked up there.

Karen: Is the waterproof paper map on Kiosk worthwhile? Mike: Yes. If it includes all the information.

Watershed - Shelley Rose

Two major projects: Water coming off northwest side - not much runoff this year. Erosion from dam and stream on the northwest side the Guidera property. The owners responded to a letter from Phil Foster on how they are maintaining the dam and the spillway. Both projects are being watched. No other activity right now.

Waterfront Runoff - Alex Chorewycz

No report.

Fisheries - Bob Boyd

Good article in Fall 2023 issue about the survey. Run that again in the spring newsletter. They'll determine the safe level of harvest — for the tribes and for sportsmen. Minnesota is starting to report Black Crappie Sarcoma. Kyle Broadway would do a fishery Discovery Day on the lake since he'll be around the lake in 2023. Karen will reach out to Kyle for potential this summer.

Wildlife & Natural Beauty - Karen Engelbretson

Nothing new on WNB. Karen has an eagle nest on her property. We've seen the eagle leave the nest so we know it's in use. The committee will look into another Discovery Day activity for summer 2023.

Newsletter - Karen Engelbretson

Content ideas have been noted through this meeting. Karen will send a schedule out end of March.

Harvester Update - Cary Olson

Cheryl Clemens sent a list of items we need to work on for our harvester grant application. We need an updated resolution to apply for the grants. Some are available to help Mike with the estimates and other work. Are there other areas for offloading CLP around the lake. Pre-grant is submitted beginning of April. Final grant would be in June. Mike: Will get new numbers from Inland, and the other company. Regarding offloading: locations and timing are manageable. Offloading areas: South launch, Pine Grove, Wilkins, North landing. Bob: Dueholm farm a possibility? Mike will ask. Mike will update the estimate with figures from the annual meeting. Cary will send to Mike. In Mid-march we need to review the numbers with Cheryl.

Annual Meeting Location

Cary: If Bone Lake Lutheran Church will have us, should we continue on? Karen: It's nice to have a meeting there. The facility is good. Andy: I haven't heard any negative feedback. Karen: Date is August 10. We usually have a pre-meeting there the Sunday before after services to review the setup. Andy will send a message to the Church Secretary to reserve the date.

New Business

Bob Boyd: I have a lot of BLMD files on a flash drive that I'll give to Shelley.

Meeting adjourned

Upcoming Meeting Dates 2024

- April 20
- June 15 Budget
- July 13 Annual Meeting Agenda
- August 10 Annual Meeting
- October 19

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Engelbretson
Secretary
Bone Lake Management District

April 8, 2023

BONE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**STATE MENT OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS
APPROVED FYE 2023 BUDGET (1/1/2023 THROUGH 12/31/2023 AND
ACTUAL REVENUE & EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/2023 through 12/31/2023**

	Budget- FYE 2023 1/1/2023 thru 12/31/23	Actual-Rev & Exp 1/1/2023 thru 12/31/23
Towns of Georgetown and Bone Lake	\$ 67,000.00	\$ 67,000.00
Frandsen Bank-Interest	\$ 24.00	\$ 2,255.35
Newsletter Ads	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,600.00
	\$ -	\$ -
Grants	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 35,054.08
Other-maps-owner cost share & Misc.	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 132,024.00	\$ 108,909.43
Expenditures		
Lake Improvements		
APM Projects (includes CBCW)	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 17,735.10
CLP Treatment	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 23,645.06
Decontamination Stations	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 4,109.60
Dock-South Landing	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -
Consulting	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,170.13
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Sub-Total Lake Improvements	\$ 71,000.00	\$ 48,659.89
Lake Management Projects		
Watershed projects	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 257.30
Waterfront runoff projects	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,681.27
North Landing parking lot improvements	\$ -	\$ 20,500.00
Septic Incentives	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Evaluation and Studies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Wildlife and Natural Beauty	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,957.29
Fisheries	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Communications/Education/Recognition	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Sub- Total Lake Mgmt. Projects	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 32,395.86
Total Lake Improvements	\$ 114,000.00	\$ 81,055.75
Public Safety		
Buoy Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,538.99
Safety Patrol	\$ -	\$ -
Total Public Safety	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,538.99
Information and Education		
Newsletter	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 7,791.02
Dues - Assoc.	\$ 775.00	\$ 750.00
Website	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 559.00
Meetings/Workshops	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,951.52
Total Information and Education	\$ 12,775.00	\$ 11,051.54
Administration		
Insurance	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,818.00
Donations/Subscriptions	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,450.00
Misc office expense	\$ 750.00	\$ 299.01
Total Administration	\$ 5,750.00	\$ 4,567.01
Total Expenditures	\$ 137,525.00	\$ 100,213.29
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 238,237.76	\$ 238,237.76
Ending Cash balance	\$ 232,736.76	\$ 246,933.90
Cash Balance - 12/31/2023		
Checking:	bal.book to bank-12/29/2023	\$ 91,021.40
Money Market Savings:	bal. book to bank-12/22/2023	\$ 5,912.50
Certificate of Deposit (CD)	purchased 9/15/2023	\$ 150,000.00
Total: balanced book to bank		\$ 246,933.90

Designated Funds approved for current Fiscal Year: \$ 219,750.00
 Designated Funds used in current Fiscal Year: \$ (41,500.00)
Designated Funds balance as of 12/31/2023 - Total: \$ 178,250.00