

**Bone Lake Management District
Commissioners Meeting
Saturday, April 20, 2024, 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
Minutes DRAFT**

Cary Olson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

- X Cary Olson, Chair
- X Shelley Rose, Vice Chair
- X Karen Engelbretson, Secretary
- X 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

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approve Minutes February 17 Meeting
3. Polk County Report — Doug Route
4. Town of Bone Lake Report — Andy Brown
5. Georgetown Report — Shelley Rose
6. Grants update – Cary Olson
7. Treasurers Report – Alex
8. Budget discussion – All
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Boating – Mike Musial
 - b. Watershed — Phil Foster/Shelley Rose
 - c. Waterfront Runoff — Alex Chorewycz
 - d. Aquatic Plant Management — Cary Olson / Bob Boyd
 - e. Harvester Update — Mike / Cary
 - f. CBCW training opportunities – Dick Mackie
 - h. Fisheries — Bob Boyd
 - j. Wildlife and Natural Beauty — Karen Engelbretson
 - k. Communication — Karen Engelbretson
 - Spring newsletter content
 - i. Signage at both landings — Karen / Cary
10. Muskie tournament planning
11. Annual meeting updates — Karen / Cary
12. New Business

Motion to approve February 17, 2024 Minutes: Rose/Chorewycz

Polk County Report - Doug Route

Five new people were elected to the county board.

Town of Bone Lake - Andy Brown

Brush pile at the north landing was not burned due to dry conditions. New parking area will be striped after observing traffic and parking. The Town will acquire a striping machine. The Luck Fire Department will burn the pile this summer when conditions permit. The new parking area is ready for use at the north landing. It can hold 12 trucks and trailers. Gerry Albright has painted parking lines and will maintain them. ‘No Parking’ signs have been installed on the road leading down to the landing to prevent traffic jams and single lane traffic. We feel that this will make the landing area much safer. Overflow parking on busy days should park to the east past the pavilion. Unity School educator Brian Collins was selected as Teacher of the Year for the State of Wisconsin and will go to Washington D.C.

Town of Georgetown - Shelley Rose

No report.

South landing: Mike Musial suggested that small trees, bushes and weeds should be removed to provide better access to the site. Discussion by the Board followed and included discussion to replace the existing concrete pad. Alex suggested that Town of Georgetown should be notified of any proposal to do anything at the site. It was agreed that the Board should contact Georgetown since they own the landing. Mike Musial suggested that gravel should be added to the landing and that the Board would get it spread. Alex volunteered to reach out to Jeff Traynor at Georgetown to see if OK to move ahead with proposed maintenance. Mike Musial then suggested that when we speak with Jeff Traynor, to ask if Georgetown would provide the gravel. Cary will contact Cheryl to see if permits are required for a new slab in the water.

Grant Updates

All grants are 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

Unlikely we will have watershed projects this year. No waterfront runoff projects in process. Money is available to work on the south landing. May be one septic incentive requested @ \$2,500.

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

Committee Reports

Boating/Water Safety - Mike Musial

There's been improvement and cooperation of wake boaters staying in the middle of the lake and the deeper water. Wapogasset/Bear Trap lakes created a map showing the recommended "Enhanced Wake Boating activity" areas at depths over 20 feet. We can create a map like that for Bone Lake and use it on the waterproof map we hand out at the kiosk. A reprint is needed and on the waterproof paper. The maps are readily taken from the box. The map will also be included in the spring newsletter. Buoys are in. North landing docks were put in on April 19th. The sheriff never replies to questions about boating classes or other issues. Boating safety training should be done online. Boating regulation booklets are distributed at Wilkins and are often taken. The Kids Don't Float kiosk is popular and people are using it respectfully.

Watershed - Shelley Rose

Guidera dam - the dam is being maintained and inspected properly by the family. The project is off the table for the committee. Noah Musial does work at the property and confirmed that water going through the dam is clear.

Waterfront Runoff - Alex Chorewycz

Nothing happening. If anyone sees a runoff issue on the shore contact Alex. There is one potential septic incentive payment and Alex will check with Dick Mackie.

Aquatic Plant Management

Bob has not looked at the CLP beds yet this spring. Steve Schieffer will do an inventory on the CLP this year. Lack of snow on the ice and lower water levels may have impacts.

Harvester Update

Trailer and areas for offloading and new estimates have been turned in. The South launch can be an offloading site, as well as the Rest Point landing. Dueholm farm may be another option and the farm may want the plants for nutrient/fertilizer. Mike will check. The harvester will launch and be stored at the north landing while in use, or at Mike's place when in use. The other launches can be used for offloading. Other farmers are interested in the plants and Mike will coordinate. The pre-grant was reviewed and submitted, along with names of all property owners on the lake. Now we wait for the grant allocation.

Clean Boats Clean Waters

Maggie Mae Brown is the new coordinator. She's a student at U of M Moorehead. She will attend the county training. We have not received any calls from adults interested in monitoring after an ad in the fall newsletter. We are paying \$16 per hour for the coordinator and \$14 per hour for the monitors. A range of \$12-\$17 was published in the newsletter.

Motion to increase CBCW wages to \$15 and \$17 Olson/Engelbretson. Carried. Andy Brown abstained.

Fisheries - Bob Boyd

Aaron Cole will put in fyke nets on Monday for ten days. It's a two year study to determine the population. Boaters are welcome to ask questions. The nets are marked with flags. By the time the newsletter comes out the nets will be gone. Not necessary to put it on facebook.

Wildlife & Natural Beauty - Karen Engelbretson

Still working on a bird list for the newsletter this year. No events are planned this year.

Newsletter - Karen Engelbretson

Content list was provided. Spring issue will get into homes before Memorial day. Map will include sensitive areas, buoys and suggested wake boat areas. Will repeat fisheries survey article from fall issue. Ice out contest winner is Kevin Witt. Bob will send a photo. Cary will send a harvester update either separate or in the chairman letter. Waterfont runoff content has been the same for some time - anything new? CBCW monitors will start the weekend before Memorial Day for training, so they're ready for the holiday weekend. Wildlife and Natural Beauty will include article about swans and plants to support butterflies. All ads are sold. New ad from Milltown Powersports. Revenue is \$4500. Those questioned said the ad was working well for them.

Signage for boat landings

A bi-county sign is being created for boat landings in Polk and Burnett county 18" x 24" which will be mounted under the DNR Invasive Species sign. Cleaning your boat is required before launching and before leaving and required to use a cleaning station when available. The District can print their own copies if desired. Add ballast tank to the sign. CD3 has developed a QR Code to scan showing how to clean different kinds of boats and equipment. You must use the cleaning station even if your boat has been in storage.

Muskie Tournament

Muskies open Memorial Day. There's a link on the DNR website for tournaments registered, those that are 20 boats or greater. No way to follow the smaller tournaments.

Annual Meeting Update

Bone Lake Lutheran Church has decided to not allow any meetings that are not faith-based to be held in their sanctuary. The fellowship hall alone may not be large enough to accommodate our meeting. Andy Brown says they have seated 100 to 200 people in the room. Chad Strege can conduct the meeting no matter the location along with the facebook streaming. Cary contacted the Luck School District and has reserved the gymnasium for August 10. Cary hasn't looked at the facility yet but will arrange a visit so we can see how the meeting would be conducted there. The school is a good public place. Cary also contacted Unity School in Balsam Lake which is farther away. Karen will check attendance records.

New Business

Cameras are set up. Last year we had 18,000 videos reviewed. We could cut costs by not recording when monitors are present. Camera will be adjusted to capture the cleaning station. Should the donations pole be relocated somewhere else? the Kiosk? the Kids Don't Float kiosk?

When will we find out when we're approved for the grant? August.

Bob Boyd: I've been involved in the board meetings for a long, long time. You guys rock. No group has run the District better than this group!

Shelley: My commissioner seat is up this August. Do you want to look for someone else? If not I will run again. I will like to lead the Lake Management Plan update and review of our goals.

The other seat is Cary's and he will run again.

Alex: Do we own the cameras at the landings? Alex doesn't see any ownership. If we own them, we don't have insurance for them. Want to reconfirm that the Board agrees to have the Port-A-Toilet at the south landing May through October. We have \$300,000 in the bank at Fransden - but note that the FDIC insures up to \$250K. Ask Fransden if there's a way to insure higher amount or move money to another bank. Alex is working with Fransden bank for options to insure our deposits are covered. We will be spending down the money if we purchase the harvester later in the year.

Meeting adjourned 11:10 a.m.

Upcoming Meeting Dates 2024

June 15 Budget

July 13 Annual Meeting Agenda

August 10 Annual Meeting

October 19

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Engelbretson

Bone Lake Management District Secretary

April 30, 2024

**BONE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 COMMISSIONERS MEETING APRIL 20, 2024
 INTERIM STATE MENT OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS
 APPROVED FYE 2024 BUDGET (1/1/2024 THROUGH 12/31/2024 AND
 ACTUAL REVENUE & EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/2024 through 2/29/2024**

	Budget- FYE 2024 1/1/2024 thru 12/31/2024-APPROVED	Actual-Rev & Exp 1/1/2024 thru 2/29/24
Towns of Georgetown and Bone Lake	\$ 67,000.00	\$ 39,043.60
Frandsen Bank-Interest	\$ 300.00	\$ 551.68
Newsletter Ads	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -
CD #xxxx298903 Matured 2/21/2024-Interest	\$ -	\$ 3,400.60
Grants	\$ 124,200.00	\$ 16,049.32
Other-maps-owner cost share & Misc.	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 196,500.00	\$ 59,045.20

Expenditures

Lake Improvements

APM Projects (includes CBCW)	\$ 21,500.00	\$ -
CLP Treatment Harvester Operations	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -
Decontamination Stations	\$ -	\$ -
Dock-South Landing	\$ -	\$ -
N/S Landings-Donations-Improv./Mnt.	\$ -	\$ -
CLP Harvester	\$ 273,000.00	\$ -
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Sub-Total Lake Improvements	\$ 321,500.00	\$ -

Lake Management Projects

Watershed projects	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Waterfront runoff projects	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
Septic Incentives	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Evaluation and Studies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Wildlife and Natural Beauty	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Fisheries	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Communications/Education/Recognition	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Consulting-incl. grant funded assistance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 825.00
Sub- Total Lake Mgmt. Projects	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 825.00

Total Lake Improvements	\$ 345,500.00	\$ 825.00
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Public Safety

Buoy Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Safety Patrol	\$ -	\$ -
Total Public Safety	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -

Information and Education

Newsletter	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -
Dues-Associations	\$ 775.00	\$ -
Website	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Meetings/Workshops	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Total Information and Education	\$ 13,775.00	\$ -

Administration

Insurance	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -
Donations/Subscriptions	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Misc office expense	\$ 750.00	\$ -
Total Administration	\$ 10,250.00	\$ 1,500.00

Total expenditures	\$ 374,525.00	\$ 2,325.00
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Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 246,933.90	\$ 246,933.90
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Ending Cash balance	\$ 68,908.90	\$ 303,654.10
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Cash Balance - 2/29/2024

Checking: bal.book to bank-2/29/2024	\$ 119,310.84
Money Market Savings: bal. book to bank-2/22/2024	\$ 5,942.66
Certificate of Deposit (CD) #xxxxx1998 purchased 2/21/2024	\$ 178,400.60

Total: balanced book to bank	\$ 303,654.10
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Designated Funds approved for current Fiscal Year: \$ 30,000.00
 Designated Funds used in current Fiscal Year: \$ -
Designated Funds balance as of 12/31/2024 - Total: \$ 30,000.00