

**Bone Lake Management District  
Commissioners Meeting  
Saturday, May 3, 2025  
9:00 a.m. via Zoom  
Minutes FINAL**

- 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:  
None

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

**Motion to approve Agenda: Rose/Chorewycz. Carried.**

**Motion to approve February 15 Meeting Minutes: Rose/  
Chorewycz. Carried.**

**Polk County Report - Doug Route**

Shoreland Zoning Ordinance draft was sent to DNR for review. Zoning Administrator presented boat house rules and options to the committee. Decks on top of boat houses are not allowed. Retaining walls were defined by the state as any object that retains earth including a single rock. Retaining walls are not allowed in the shoreland protection area without a variance. Boat houses are for storing boats and boating equipment; sleeping quarters, plumbing and cooking facilities are not allowed.

**Town of Bone Lake Report - Andy Brown**

There is a form available at the Zoning Office to fill out and report something non-confirming. Substantial fines should be levied to deter unpermitted activities. The Town will be soliciting new bids for road construction rather than using Nick Walton exclusively for Town projects because he is not always available. The Town has not yet burned the brush pile due to persistent dry conditions.

**Town of Georgetown Report - Shelley Rose**

Nothing to report. Cary Olson question: Does anyone know what the cost of the property eassessment was? Shelley will ask.

**Treasurer's Report - Alex Chorewycz**

Alex presented the Treasurer's Report including interim financials through April 30. The first two payments for the harvester are included and a third is due in May. Interest rates for checking and savings are just under 4 percent. Partial payments for grants are received. \$1,900 was returned for unused Shoreline Stabilization grant. One \$2,500 septic incentive was paid to the Beck property and a potential new incentive is noted at a property on Sandy Hook. Contractors have been notifying property owners that the incentive is available.

**Motion to approve Interim Financial Report: Rose/Engelbretson. Carried.**

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve February 15 Meeting Minutes
4. Polk County Report — Doug Route
5. Town of Bone Lake Report — Andy Brown
6. Georgetown Report — Shelley Rose
7. Treasurers Report – Alex
  - a. Approve Interim Financial report
8. Budget discussion – All
9. WI Lakes Convention report Karen/ Shelley
10. Bone Lake 10-year plan — Shelley Rose
11. Committee Reports
  - a. Boating Safety — Mike Musial
  - b. Watershed — Shelley Rose
  - c. Waterfront Runoff — Alex Chorewycz
  - d. Harvester Update — Mike / Cary
  - e. CBCW training opportunities — Dick Mackie / Bob Boyd
  - f. Communications — Karen Engelbretson
  - i. Review spring newsletter content
12. Landing update — Cary
  - a. Hiring adult landing monitors — discussion and planning
13. New Business
14. Motion to Adjourn

## **Budget Discussion**

### **Cary: Projects for upcoming year**

Projects for 2026 need to be brought to the board to be included in the budget.

Karen: Wildlife and Natural Beauty Committee has a potential project to create habitat for the area chimney swift population that roosts in chimneys at night. Two sites were considered: the north landing, but it may conflict with the purple martin nesting there, or Chafee Island, owned by DNR and unpopulated. The committee has discussed the project but no plans have been made.

Shelley: \$19,000 in bills will come due for the comprehensive lake management plan in 2026. I don't know where the line items are in this budget and where the expenses are. Some in Evaluation and Studies, and some in Grants. Most will be complete in the 2026 budget.

Work at the landings. Will we use the budget we have this year? \$15,000 at north and south landings.

Cary: The south landing design will be revised and submitted to Georgetown for cost sharing. The budget can be pushed to 2026 if needed. We'll have a number to discuss at the annual meeting. Georgetown says they don't own the landing. Georgetown is receiving taxpayer dollars to manage the property. Cary suggests we organize a petition or suggest that if Georgetown won't support the project, then Georgetown could donate the property to DNR which can then manage it. The cost of improvements to the south landing would be \$12,000 in a scaled-down version, which reduces the length of the underwater precast pads from 24 feet to 16 ft. Grading and riprap would also be done.

Mike: Most area lakes have a pay box for those launching boats.

At the Waterways Commission, Cary noted one commissioner mentioned DNR will be providing some funding in the future but not the 50 percent funding, and users would have to contribute more.

Karen: We have discussed collecting fees for using the north landing and it would be up to the Town of Bone Lake to administrate. The Town was not interested in doing that. Something could be done to encourage contributions to the yellow pole in the park which currently collects about \$20 annually. Those funds go to Luck Lions for their maintenance of the park.

Cary: A few complaints about the landings have come from owners of larger pontoons and wakeboats. The District and the Town of Bone Lake think that the cost of improving the landing for those few users isn't justified. They are able to launch their boats by wading into the water.

Send budget items to Alex for the June meeting.

Mike: I purchased six new buoys this year. We might have to buy some ties for the harvester once it comes.

Alex: We should have money for additional equipment available.

Harvester: Delivery May 19-23. Will be water tested at the manufacturer this week. Mike will be training the roster of people who have signed up so far. New people will be trained as they come on board.

Wages and insurance. Andy had said the Town of Bone Lake will cover insurance. Alex will send harvester invoices and value to Andy so he can get a quote. Alex will issue a check to Town of Bone Lake for insurance. The Town of Bone Lake will pay wages quarterly.

Parking the harvester suggested at Northeast boundary of Lions Park. Once the equipment has arrived we can decide where it will be docked when not in use.

### **Wisconsin Lakes Convention – Karen Engelbretson and Shelley Rose**

The convention theme was “The Power of Words.” Karen attended most of the sessions in that track, finding fresh ideas for communications and telling stories to engage readers. A farmer-led group, by farmers, for farmers, backed by evidence created shop talks on conservation. The theme was “One good idea.” The initiative has been well received and is working to make a difference for farmer-led conservation methods. About 30 percent of attendees were there for the first time. Karen also attended a half-day workshop for lake district secretary officers on record keeping and meeting protocols. Bone Lake can use a couple of updates and corrections to practices: Announce our post-annual meeting as a meeting with an agenda. Meeting agendas cannot be modified at the start of the meeting. Agendas can be modified up to twenty-four hours prior to the start of the meeting as long as the agenda is posted. The session was led by Jared Walker Smith from Boardman Clark LLP in Madison, a law firm practicing Wisconsin Chapter 33 Inland Lakes law.

Shelley attended meetings that would support the work on the new ten-year comprehensive lake management plan, including climate change and impacts on lake water such as stratification, rain events, ice in and out, water levels. One idea is to create a dashboard for Bone Lake, easy to see and read on lake data accessed from our website. Shelley attended a half-day seminar on a group of people helping districts work with local governments to write ordinances to control wake boating, plus sessions on lake stewardship and awards, photoplankton, and monitoring little fish in shallow water as a way to evaluate water quality and near shore habitat.

### **Ten year Comprehensive Lake Management Plan – Shelley Rose**

We are well underway. We have engaged Polk County to do the watershed inventory and the shoreland inventory which will tell us the makeup of the shoreline 35 feet back. Three focus groups of 8 to 10 people are being arranged, one of which will be 45 years of age or under, adult children of property owners or those in line to inherit property on Bone Lake. Groups will be held at Wilkins and another location. Next would be a survey of property owners that would happen in September. Watershed information will be in June, Shoreland survey will be conducted over the summer with results by September and October. This survey will be done when boats and piers are in the water. These numbers will help us if we also choose to do a capacity study. The data will be delivered electronically.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Boating Safety - Mike Musial**

Just starting the season. Boating safety information will be sent for the newsletter. New maps will be made including the zones preferred for watersports distributed at the landings. Buoys were put in last week, six new ones. There are 33 buoys on the lake approved by DNR.

### **Watershed - Shelley Rose**

Nothing new to report.

### **Waterfront Runoff – Alex Chorewycz**

Potentially one new septic grant.

## **CBCW**

Maggie Brown is managing the CBCW monitors. The cameras are being adjusted to see the cleaning station. The station must be used both before and after launching your boat. We will add adult monitors from 6-9 a.m. pointing to the cleaning station and the CBCW kids can do their interviews. We will put an ad in the newsletter and facebook page. The adult wage is \$20/hour Friday and Saturday, perhaps Sunday. The wages are established as \$15 for CBCW workers and \$17 for CBCW supervisors. \$20 wage is for adults 18 and over. Adult monitors would be enforcing the cleaning station law.

**Motion to approve adult wage at \$20/hour; \$17/hour for CBCW workers under 18 years of age.**

**Chorewycz/Musial.** Andy Brown abstains. **Motion carries.**

Cary: Bob Boyd and Dick Mackie are getting older and want to step back. We need to find new people to do the lake monitoring, water collection and chemistry and septic system inspections. Karen will send lists of those who volunteered

at the annual meetings. We need a new septic ranger and perhaps Dick Mackie would train a new person. We need job descriptions for these positions. Polk County has septic inspectors, we could coordinate with them to do that for the incentive. Cary will call the county.

**Communications - Karen Engelbretson**

Spring Newsletter content:

- Harvester update
- Shelley: statewide learning, Wisconsin water explorer, update on 10-year plan, roles of commissioners
- Birds around Bone Lake - Cris Dueholm
- Don Langel Park updates
- 4th of July fireworks and parade information for July 5
- ice out
- ad for landing monitors

**North and South Landing Update - Cary Olson**

Plans for boat landing improvements. Plans and estimates are attached to the pdf of these minutes. Designs for improvements to the south landing were discussed and deemed too expensive as proposed because no matter how well it is constructed the landing is shallow and has limited capacity, being used primarily for small craft. Discussion will continue on what should be done. The Town of Georgetown has not agreed to help with the costs although they own the property. North Landing plans were reviewed and discussed. The item was tabled until our next meeting on May 3.

**New Business**

none

**Motion to adjourn. Rose/Olson. Carried.**

**Next meetings:**

- June 21 Budget
- July 12 Budget & Annual Meeting Agenda
- August 9 Annual Meeting
- August 9 post-annual meeting to elect officers
- October 11

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Engelbretson  
Secretary  
Bone Lake Management District  
May 31, 2025

**BONE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
 COMMISSIONERS MEETING 3 MAY 2025  
 2025 INTERIM STATE MENT OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS  
 APPROVED FYE 2025 BUDGET (1/1/2025 THROUGH 12/31/2025 AND  
 REVENUE & EXPENSE 1JAN25 THRU 30 APRIL 2025**

|  | <b>Budget- FYE 2025<br/>1/1/2025 thru<br/>12/31/2025-APPROVED</b> | <b>Actual-Rev &amp; Exp<br/>1/1/2025 thru<br/>4/30//2025</b> |
|--|---|--|
| <b>Revenue</b>                           |   |  |
| Towns of Georgetown and Bone Lake        | \$ 67,000.00  | \$ 40,568.82   |
| Frandsen Bank-Interest (Chkg. & Sav.)    | \$ 1,500.00   | \$ 3,096.81  |
| Newsletter Ads                           | \$ 4,500.00   | \$ 2,625.00  |
| Interest: CD's (1 & 2)                   | \$ -  | \$ -   |
| Grants (incl harvester grant)            | \$ 104,000.00   | \$ 8,967.06  |
| Other-maps-owner cost share & Misc.      | \$ 500.00   | \$ -   |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                     | <b>\$ 177,500.00</b>  | <b>\$ 55,257.69</b>  |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                      |   |  |
| <b>Lake Improvements</b>                 |   |  |
| APM Projects (includes CBCW)             | \$ 22,000.00  | \$ 1,993.28  |
| CLP-Trtment/Harvester Operations         | \$ 27,500.00  | \$ 150.00  |
| Decontamination Stations & fees          | \$ -  | \$ -   |
| Dock-South Landing                       | \$ -  | \$ -   |
| N/S Landings-Donations-Improv./Mnt.      | \$ 15,000.00  | \$ 157.00  |
| CLP Harvester                            | \$ 273,000.00   | \$ 83,622.33   |
| Equipment Maintenance                    | \$ 2,500.00   | \$ -   |
| <b>Sub-Total Lake Improvements</b>       | <b>\$ 340,000.00</b>  | <b>\$ 85,922.61</b>  |
| <b>Lake Management Projects</b>          |   |  |
| Watershed projects                       | \$ 2,500.00   | \$ -   |
| Waterfront runoff projects               | \$ 2,500.00   | \$ 124.30  |
| Septic Incentives                        | \$ 5,000.00   | \$ 2,500.00  |
| Evaluation and Studies                   | \$ 8,000.00   | \$ 2,134.12  |
| Wildlife and Natural Beauty              | \$ 2,500.00   | \$ -   |
| Fisheries                                | \$ 500.00   | \$ -   |
| Communications/Education/Recognition     | \$ 1,000.00   | \$ -   |
| Consulting-incl. grant funded assistance | \$ 8,000.00   | \$ 300.00  |
| <b>Sub- Total Lake Mgmt. Projects</b>    | <b>\$ 30,000.00</b>   | <b>\$ 5,058.42</b>   |
| <b>Total Lake Improvements</b>           | <b>\$ 370,000.00</b>  | <b>\$ 90,981.03</b>  |
| <b>Public Safety</b>                     |   |  |
| Buoy Maintenance                         | \$ 5,000.00   | \$ -   |
| Safety Patrol                            | \$ -  | \$ -   |
| <b>Total Public Safety</b>               | <b>\$ 5,000.00</b>  | <b>\$ -</b>  |
| <b>Information and Education</b>         |   |  |
| Newsletter                               | \$ 9,000.00   | \$ -   |
| Dues-Associations                        | \$ 775.00   | \$ -   |
| Website                                  | \$ 1,000.00   | \$ -   |
| Meetings/Workshops                       | \$ 3,000.00   | \$ 1,187.79  |
| <b>Total Information and Education</b>   | <b>\$ 13,775.00</b>   | <b>\$ 1,187.79</b>   |
| <b>Administration</b>                    |   |  |
| Insurance                                | \$ 9,000.00   | \$ -   |
| Donations/Subscriptions                  | \$ 3,500.00   | \$ 2,500.00  |
| Misc office expense                      | \$ 750.00   | \$ -   |
| <b>Total Administration</b>              | <b>\$ 13,250.00</b>   | <b>\$ 2,500.00</b>   |
| <b>Total expenditures</b>                | <b>\$ 402,025.00</b>  | <b>\$ 94,668.82</b>  |
| <b>Beginning Cash Balance</b>            | <b>\$ 276,234.19</b>  | <b>\$ 276,234.19</b>   |
| <b>Ending Cash balance</b>               | <b>\$ 51,709.19</b>   | <b>\$ 236,823.06</b>   |

**Cash Balance - 4/30/2025**

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|---|---------------|
| Checking: bal. book to bank 4/30/2025             | \$ 85,248.67  |
| Money Market Savings: bal. book to bank-4/26/2025 | \$ 151,574.39 |
| Certificate of Deposit (CD)                       | \$ -          |

**Total: balanced book to bank \$ 236,823.06**

Designated Funds approved for current Fiscal Year: \$ 30,000.00  
 Designated Funds used in current Fiscal Year: \$ -  
**Designated Funds balance as of 12/31/2025: \$ 30,000.00**