

**Bone Lake Management District
Commissioners Meeting
Saturday, June 21, 2025
9:00 a.m. via Zoom
Minutes FINAL**

1. 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
 - Andy Brown, Town of Bone Lake
 - Jeff Traynor, Town of Georgetown

Guests present:
None

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

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approve Minutes May 3rd Meeting
3. Polk County Report — Doug Route
4. Town of Bone Lake Report — Andy Brown
5. Georgetown Report — Shelley Rose
6. Treasurers Report — Cary /All
7. 2026 Budget discussion — All
8. Worker classification and wages — All
9. Social Event — Shelley
10. Bone Lake 10-year Plan — Shelley
11. Committee Reports
 - a. Boating — Mike Musial
 - b. Watershed — Shelley Rose
 - c. Waterfront Runoff — Alex Chorewycz
 - d. Harvester Update — Mike / Cary
 - e. CBCW training opportunities — Dick Mackie/Bob Boyd
12. South landing update — Cary
13. Volunteer awards — All
14. Old Business
15. New Business
16. Adjourn

2. Motion to approve May 3 Meeting Minutes: Rose/Olson. Carried. Chorewycz opposed. Motion carries.

3. Polk County Report - Doug Route

The County received a response from the State with six pages of changes plus annotated version of the ordinance. Logan Hacker went through the document prior to the ESC committee review including corporate counsel's review. The Committee will go through the detail on July 2. Bunkhouse size remains at 1000 ft2 because it's too hard to go back to a smaller size (600 ft2) once these changes have been made. Sara McCurdy wanted 500 ft2. The best way to address the committee is to get on the agenda so you can discuss the item. You can make public comment but that's limited to 3 minutes and the committee can't talk to you. The District sent a letter which was sent to committee members that was included in the minutes of the last meeting, urging the return to a smaller boat house size. Shabana Lundeen is the county clerk. New county directories are available.

4. Town of Bone Lake Report - None. Andy Brown not present.

5. Town of Georgetown Report - Shelley Rose

Overall cost of the recent property reassessment was \$124K to the assessor and \$22K was the bill from the State of Wisconsin, total of \$146K. Town of Georgetown got a loan for \$350K to pay for some equipment as well as a bill with the Wisconsin Retirement Fund that dates back decades (\$211K). The Town is doing some repairs to the East Balsam Lake boat landing. Someone had asked to buy it but Georgetown kept ownership because "something would happen if they sold it." They will do a minimum amount of repair. There may be a merger of fire departments between Balsam, Centuria and Milltown, an ongoing discussion for several months.

6. Treasurer's Report - Alex Chorewycz

Interim financials are straightforward. Second payment for the harvester was made. Last payment will be made in early June.

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

7. 2026 Budget Discussion - All

Revenue

- Increase levy to \$70K, \$3K Increase. No increases in past four years. Shelley: number has to be supported by expenses. Alex: Harvester operations and insurance will increase. There are many unknowns in the 2026 budget. The levy could be lowered the following year.
- Increase newsletter advertising revenue to equal half the newsletter total annual cost - from \$125 to \$135 for a 1/18 page ad. Annual revenue would equal \$4,860 an increase of \$360 per year.
- We may apply for and receive a 50 percent grant of the \$20,000 for the south landing through the Waterways Commission. We may also see if Georgetown will contribute.

Expenditures

Lake Improvements

- "Harvester" should be harvester purchase. Does not need an amount in 2026.
- Harvester operations includes wages, training, fuel. Shelley and Cary will review previous numbers.

Lake Management Projects

- Evaluation and Studies can be \$1,000
- Septic Incentives includes two @ \$2500
- Wildlife and Natural Beauty. The committee has a plan for a chimney swift tower, we have someone to build and install it at the North Landing. Some questions on location. \$4,500 budget includes chimney swift tower and a Discovery Day event.
- Information and Education
- Website. Needs dollars for redesign. Budget \$3,500.
- Meetings and workshops: reduce to \$2,000.
- Interim financials for annual meeting would be through June 30, 2025. The 2026 budget will be separate. Members will vote on the interim budget and the 2026 budget.

8. Worker Classification

The board confirms reimbursement amounts are now:

\$20 per hour for adult (age 18 and over) CBCW supervisor

\$17 per hour for CBCW workers

People informing use of CD3 usage and Polk Ordinance will be volunteers; the District is not hiring employees at this time. The District can defend the CBCW monitors as independent contractors.

9. Social Event

Focus groups revealed many people want to meet more people on the lake, and the commissioners. A budget of \$100 remains from the Social Committee and can be used for a gathering at Don Langel Park at the North Landing on a weeknight. Shelley will send possible dates. Will commissioners be able to attend a Wednesday or Thursday afternoon/evening. Volunteers will help set it up.

10. Ten-year Comprehensive Lake Management Plan — Shelley Rose

Focus groups were successful. A report was sent. Participants were excited about the opportunity to talk with the board. The Watershed study is complete; report is underway. Shoreland Study underway; data will work well for long-term strategies. Job descriptions can be created for volunteer activities: Cary has the information for CBCW, lake monitoring, septic inspector. We may find some help from Polk County doing septic inspections. BLMD septic incentive is for non-conforming systems that will be updated.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Boating Safety - Mike Musial

Some Buoys have gone adrift on the lake due to wind and higher water levels.

The harvester delivery date is June 24, with training on June 25-26.

Watershed - Shelley Rose

Nothing new to report.

Waterfront Runoff — Alex Chorewycz

No report.

12. South Landing - Cary Olson

Received the design from Polk County with two quotes: one at \$20K and one at \$24K. Karsten will package the designs and quotes so we can apply for a grant, and following a vote at the annual meeting.

13. Volunteer Awards

None.

Alex: If no one else is putting their name in I will run. Cary: we always need to be on the lookout for volunteers and potential commissioners. Shelley: The lake planning process will open volunteer opportunities in the coming years.

New Business

Annual Meeting. Do we want a guest speaker? Eric Wojchik, the County Conservationist could come and talk about maintaining a natural shoreline, creating habitat, with suggestions and solutions ready. Shelley has someone who can tell a story about their planting. Collectively we should work on the annual meeting agenda. Cris Dueholm is working with Dragonfly Gardens on a plant sale boxes of plants at a set price we can advertise in advance. Chad Strege and Anna Turk are available again this year.

Motion to approve \$300 contract for Anna Turk to do the slides. Olson/Rose. Carried.

Motion to approve contract for Chad Strege for AV at the annual meeting for \$350. Olson/Rose. Carried

Gift card door prizes. OK. Four cards at \$25 each.

Other door prizes include birding books for new birders.

Will need final Annual Meeting Agenda at July 12 meeting.

Agenda items:

Mike - harvester

Cary - Financials and Budget

Cary - south landing design, vote to approve

Shelley - Ten year plan

Shelley - person with story to tell about native planting

Karen - introduce Eric Wojchik

Motion to adjourn. Rose/Chorewycz. Carried.

Meeting adjourned 11:25

Next meetings:

July 12 Budget & Annual Meeting Agenda

August 9 Annual Meeting

August 9 post-annual meeting to elect officers

October 11

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Engelbretson

Secretary

Bone Lake Management District

June 27, 2025

