# Bone Lake Management District Annual Meeting Saturday, August 15, 2020 9:00 a.m. Online via Zoom and In person at Wilkins DRAFT

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners present via Zoom and at Wilkins: Phil Foster, Chair Karen Engelbretson, Secretary Mike Musial, at large

Commissioners present via Zoom only: Alex Chorewycz, Treasurer Cary Olson, Vice Chair Andy Brown, Town of Bone Lake

Guests present via Zoom only: Cheryl Clemens, Harmony Environmental Anna Turk, Zoom meeting coordinator

116 registered via zoom, 81 members signed in at Wilkins.

Phil Foster explained the logistics of the meeting, how to ask questions via Zoom, how to present questions at Wilkins, how to vote via Zoom, how to vote in the commissioners election.

Anna Turk explained the Zoom feaures for participants: chats, questions, Zoom polls and totals.

**Motion:** Approve 2020 Annual Meeting Agenda. Pat Schmidt/Russ Herbst. **Carried** 

#### Agenda 2020 BLMD Annual MEeting

- 1. Call to order 9:00 a.m.
- 2. Introductions
- 3. Approve Agenda
- 4. Vote. Commissioner election
  - Mike Musial (3-year term)
- 5. Approval of minutes 2019 Annual Meeting
- 6. Approval of Treasurer's Report: Alex Chorewycz
- 7. Volunteer awards: Phil Foster
- 8. Aquatic Plan Management Plan Overview: Cary Olson

#### Vote. Approval of APM Plan

- 9. Alum Committee Update and Fall Survey: Shelley Rose
- 10. Lagoon Dredging Funding: Mike Musial Vote. Lagoon Funding Motion The Bone Lake Management District will contribute \$25,000 for lagoon dredging, paid from the BLMD cash balance, no later than December 31, 2021, after completion of the work and meeting all requirements
- 11. Boating Safety: Mike Musial
- 12. Reduced Wake Committee Update: Cary Olson Vote. Reduced Wake Motion 1 When the lake level reaches the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) of 1153.1 ft. elevation above sea level, the entire lake will be declared a no wake zone for all watercraft until the elevation returns to a level less than the OHWM as determined by the DNR measuring post.

**Vote. Reduced Wake Motion 2** BLMD will purchase and place a buoy in the water at the end of Indian Point. The exact location and type of buoy will be determined with the DNR to reduce the erosion happening along the shoreline.

# 13. Vote. Approval of District Budget for next 15 months

October 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2021

- 14. Commissioner Election Results
- 15. Old Business
- 16. New Business
- 17. Town of Georgetown Report: Ron Ogren
- 18. Town of Bone Lake Report: Andy Brown
- 19. Polk County Report: Supervisor Doug Route
- 20. Adjourn

#### Commissioner Election: Mike Musial, 3-year term.

Shelley Rose, Nominating Chair, did not receive any nominations prior to the meeting. Shelley asked for nominations from the floor, three times. None were received. Mike Musial introduced himself for his third term on the BLMD board. Ballots were cast and collected.

**Motion:** Approve minutes of 2019 BLMD annual meeting. Jerry Albright/Pat Schmidt

**Motion Carried** 

**Motion:** Approve Treasurer's Report FYE 2019 Actual and Projected through 9/30/2020.

Russ Herbst/Shelley Rose.

Q: What is the tax levy?

A: \$37.00 per \$100K in property value.

**Motion Carried** 

Dan Youngberg, auditor approved the Treasurer's Report.

#### **Volunteer Awards**

The following volunteers were acknowledged and received a ceramic platter crafted with an outline of Bone Lake.

Pat Schmidt, Alum Committee

Jerry Lutgen, Alum Committee

Ron and Gail Rosenthal, Waterfront Runoff

David Klopp, Wildlife and Natural Beauty Committee

Service awards: Andy Brown, Town of Bone Lake; Ron Ogren, Town of Georgetown

#### **Aquatic Plant Management Plan, Cary Olson**

The APM Plan slides are a part of the pdf of these meeting minutes.

Motion: Approve the Aquatic Plant Management Plan as presented. Cary Olson/Shelley Rose.

Q: Is there any spraying or navigation on the north end of the lake? Was weed control at the north end part of the plan?

A: Spraying was conducted at the entrance of the lagoon this spring curly leaf pondweed. Treatment of other plants is not done.

Q: Is the lagoon considered part of the lake?

A: Yes

Q: What is the cost to spray CLP? \$30K/year.

A: We currently receive a grant that pays 50 percent of that cost. We have funds for next year, but funding for future years is unknown.

A: How much CLP is on the lake?

A: We currently spray 30 acres. 40-60 acres is present in the lake. CLP has not expanded, nor has it reduced.

Q: Is the plan to spray the entrance of the lagoon part of the CLP plan for three years or is it a one and done?

A: The area will be considered as each year's CLP spraying is planned.

Motion carried.

#### Alum Update, Phil Foster, Shelley Rose

A scheduled vote for Alum treatment was cancelled for this year due to COVID-19. This year the District will conduct a survey to gauge interest in the potential treatment. The Alum presentation slides are part of the PDF of the meeting minutes.

#### Lagoon Dredging, Mike Musial

Funding is needed for a dredging project to clean up the north lagoon so property owners can accss their properties. Algae and weeds are present. Some boats are unable to move through the lagoon. Estimates have been as much as \$350K to remove 9 feet of sediment. The project has been scaled back to remove 3 feet of de-watered sediment/muck. Estimate is \$174,000. All permits have been secured from DNR. Property owners have paid out of pocket for permitting and engineering studies.

<u>Motion:</u> The Bone Lake Management District will contribute \$25,000 for lagoon dredging, paid from the BLMD cash balance, no later than December 31, 2021, after completion of the work and meeting all requirements.

Russ Herbst/David Orfei

Discussion:

Q: Why don't the impacted property owners pay to have the dredging done.

A: Cost is \$175,000, lagoon owners are paying \$150K.

Comment: Twelve property owners have paid their taxes over past years. When the lake needs maintenance and upkeep it should be shared by everyone. Everyone can use the lagoon. It's like having your roads repaired uder a homeowner association. Lagoon property owners have gone above and beyond what they should do. I don't know why the District doesn't pay half the cost.

Comment: It's important to maintain the lake. \$25K is a good deal for the association.

Q: Deborah Dawson. What has caused the sediment buildup? Is it part of the general erosion around the lake?

A: There is a stream coming in at the north end; the district has installed mitigation ponds to control that sediment inflow. Some sediment still enters the lagoon.

Q: Colleen Cooper: What is the environmental impact and how will the lagoon be maintained from here on?

A: Mike Musial: Manual raking, Aquathrusters; mechanical removal is not allowed. More sediment may need removal in the future but not to the existing extent. Need for funds is unknown. Permitting allows maintenance dredging in the future which may be less material than now.

Q: Duane Butler: This project has been voted down two or three times already. It's a temporaray fix to a permanent prolem. The problem will continue, requiring further dredging. You open this can of worms. What about the people by the little island? Back in that bay? If you have a pontoon you can't get in there. I've been on this lake 30 years. I don't agree with it. Then let's dredge everything. If you bought the property, you deal with it.

Q: Jill Schaffer and Joel Owens. Was the lagoon naturally occuring or manmade?

A: It was manmade, dredged 53 years ago it has filled in. When I first moved here I could swim off my dock. We should take care of all problem areas on the lake to keep it healthy. The dredging will remove tons of phosphorus from the water.

Q: Pat Tester. The committee said this vote would never come up again. How is this back on the agenda again?

A: We never said that.

Q: What's the anticipated increase in the value of your property?

A: Unknown if property value would increase.

Q: Ann Fisher. what have homeowners on the lagoon done to control runoff from their properties?

A: Some native plantings have been done along the lagoon.

Q: Katie Lafky. Would a smaller amount of money be accepted?

A: This is a pretty small amount of the project. Property owners are putting in a lot of money to get this done. Less would kill the project, or bring it up again next year.

Q: Roxanne Schafe. Do you have any expertise from an engineer?

A: Yes, we have a dredging engineering company from Kansas City studying the project. We are going to remove three feet of sediment, 5-6,000 yards of debris. They have chemists and engineers on their staff to assure this is done right according to an operations plan. DNR has reviewed and approved the plan. We have contracts and monies in escrow to pay them.

Commen: Jason Elder. Clearly recap the numbers.12 homeowners have paid \$1,000 each to get through the permitting process. We are asking \$25,000 from the District; amounts to \$50 each property owner. Lagoon owners will pay \$15-\$20K to complete the dredging project.

Q: Ken Krusack. Do you have signed contracts from with the 12 property owners that they will pay their portion of the project if you receive the District funds?

A: No. We have verbal contracts. Money needs to be deposited into an escrow account to begin the project. The last money to be paid would be the \$25,000 from the District. The \$175K is for dredging and putting the material in geobags and letting it de-water. After that it's up to the homeowners to remove the material. Our contractor can get the work done this fall. Our permit expires next October. Dredging must be done in the fall. In the next three weeks we will get this project going, removing docks, etc.

## Vote:

Zoom: Y 47 N 28 Wilkins: Y 49 N 36 [Wilkins total 85]

Motion carried. 96/64

#### **Commissioner Election Results**

76 ballots cast, Mike Musial is elected unanimously.

#### **Boating Safety, Mike Musial**

#### Buoys

We are eligible to position 32 buoys on the lake. Mike has been placing them for 15 years now. Some get damaged and

use of second-hand buoys is necessary. New ones are ordered but demand is high. More boaters on the lake this year. If you see buoys out of place or damaged, contact Mike.

#### **Boating Safety**

There have been reports of reckless behavior. Patrols were increased. Three citations were issued and a number of warnings. J.T. Smith is the water control officer at the Sheriff's department. If you see illegal activity, send a photo or video to the sheriff's dept and they will review. Bone is a recreational lake. Be courteous. Maintain your distances. If you're unsure of the rules boating safety booklets are available at the meeting and at the kiosk on the north landing. If you were born after Jan 1, 1989, you must complete and pass a boating safety course in order to operate watercraft. Due to COVID the in-person classes were not held this year; the classes are held in early spring.

If you are interested in joining the boating safety committee, contact Mike.

Comment: Lisa Pitlick. Interesting there was only one jetski citation for no wake. I've been here 22 years, numerous people fly by without observing no-wake speeds within 100 feet of shore, or the boats on the sandbar. Please slow down and keep your distance from docks and the sandbar.

- Q: Michael Garr. Will we continue with the increased safety patrols and how often?
- A: The patrols are scheduled throughout the season. The Sheriff's department and Conservation officers will be on the lake throughout the season by boat and jet ski and into the future. Warnings are preferred over citations.
- Q: [no name] Why would you tell the DNR or Sheriff to be lenient? This is ridiculous.
- A: Safety matters are ticketed, but warning and education is the preferred first action in many cases.

#### **Reduced Wake Committee, Cary Olson**

The committee was established based on last year's annual meeting input from property owners about the high water issues. The slides are part of the pdf of these minutes.

#### **Reduced Wake Motion 1**

When the lake level reaches the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) of 1153.1 ft. elevation above sea level, the entire lake will be declared a no wake zone for all watercraft until the elevation returns to a level less than the OHWM as determined by the DNR measuring post. Olson/Koester.

#### **Discussion**

- Q: [no name] I've been on the lake 11 years and I don't know what the ordinary high water mark is. How can anyone vote on this if we don't know what it is? Can we publish this?
- A: The elevation is recorded every week by John Ukura and goes to DNR and Polk County. We can publish the information monthly and send emails if we are getting close to this mark. The measuring system has not been in place until recently.
- Q: What is the location of John Ukura's dock
- A: Southwest side of the big island.
- Q: James Taylor. The beaver dam situation. Is that being regularly monitored to prevent further problems?
- A: Yes, it is being monitored weekly.

Comment: John Ukura. My location is on East Bone Lake Lane south and east of the big island about 5 or 6 houses nnorth of the red roof cabin. the water elevation information is on the DNR website. Right now we are 10-12 inches below the ordinary high water mark. This is the first year taking measurements at my dock. My dock was underwater last vear.

- Q: Jim \_\_\_\_. I've been on this lake for 60 years. Up on Webb lake they have a no wake from 10-5. This is the beginning of controls. The beavers made the problem last year. There's no problem on Bone Lake, except there's no fish.
- A: This was a rare occasion last year, one that may never happen again. Some areas have had 10-15 inches of rain so could happen again.
- Q: I've been here 62 years. The character of this lake is a go-along, get along lake. In 62 years the water has gone up

and come down, but our lake is one of the most stable lakes, it varies little. Once you start regulating it's an incremental thing, it's starts growing. It will be motor size, type of boats.

Comment: Tim Poehling. I was on this committee. Vote against this. People don't like a variety of things. There is an underlying agenda and a small number of people impose what they want on other people. That's what this committee was about. There are things you can do to stop shoreline erosion and so this is a great place and I want to thank the committee and everyone has good intentions and alot of time is put into it but on this one I disagree. This is my first time meeting on this lake but things keep getting re-introduced because people want something. This may never happen again, so we don't need the law.

Comment: Chris Tester. My husband goes twice a month to review the culvert where the beaver dam was since last October. There is a dam started farther down Fox Creek. We are watching to prevent high water levels again.

Comment: Steve Bol. I've been around 30 years, full time 10 years. The beaver dam was the issue, along with rain and the water came up. Some this year wish the water was higher.

Q: Becky Caroll. I have lost 4 feet of shoreline since I purchased property in 2004. What evidence do you have that wake boats caue erosion?

A: Cary Olson. Studies are underway on the effects of wake boats on lakes, erosion, sediments. That's not the purpose of this committee. It is a result of preferences stated last year when people ran their boats at full speed when the water was high.

Comment: Karen Engelbretson. Water levels are high in all Wisc. lakes and rivers. The no wake proposal is similar to that on the St Croix River, in place during flooding, to protect all shoreline properties from damage from all boating activity. Comment: Joel Owens. I lost two inches of shoreline this morning from the boats of the Indianhead Musky tournament.

Vote:

Zoom: Y 38 N 32 Wilkins: Y 6 N 60

Motion failed. 44/92

#### **Reduced Wake Motion 2**

BLMD will purchase and place a buoy in the water at the end of Indian Point. The exact location and type of buoy will be determined with the DNR to reduce the erosion happening along the shoreline.

Indian Point, familiar to many, has a steep drop off and many boaters are passing the point too close to shore resulting in erosion of 5 feet of shoreline over the past few years. DNR Bouy process explained (see slides as part of the pdf of these minutes). Motion also includes property owner will plant to do their part to reduce erosion using BLMD grant funds that provide 75% of cost of plants and labor, and will complete this fall. Olson/Jerry Albright

#### **Discussion**

Comment: Donald Nelson. If this passes I too would like the same consideration.

Q: Joel Owens. Why hasn't the property owner done something to help?

A: She has put riprap on the south side of the point, twice.

Duane Butler: Member of Wisc. Conservation Congress. I agree with Jeff and I would ask, do they need permission to put a buoy? I made my own buoy and I set it out 95 feet with reflective tape. I had a pontoon run over it. If you can't see that, he might run over a person. They should stay 100 feet out but don't know the rules.

A: DNR must approve the buoys. You can't just put them out there.

Comment: We can't be putting buoys out for every property and making low wake zones.

Comment: Shelley Rose. I live on the SW side of the lake. I have erosion from ice dams that plough into the shore and raise it up and then I have erosion from waves that pull the soil out from under. There are different types of erosion.

Q: Is the owner ready to put in 350 feet of plantings to control her erosion.

A: For the District to fund these things would need a new grant for restoration.

Comment: Deborah Dawson. Owner should take photos and report violations to DNR as suggested.

Q: James Taylor: How far out from the shore would the buoy be?

A: We don't know. We're afraid people would go inside a buoy there.

Comment: Karen Engelbretson. In my experience, the DNR will not place a buoy where it already has a law, in this case, no wake 100 ft from shore for motorboats, 200 ft for jet skis. So the marker buoy would have to be more than 200 ft. from shore.

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Vote:

Zoom: Y 23 N 39 Wilkins: Y 2 N 62

Motion failed. 25/101

#### **Budget**

Motion to approve proposed BLMD Budget Oct 1, 2020 - December 31, 2021, with the addition of the approved \$25,000 expenditure to fund lagoon dredging.

Alex Chorewycz, Treasurer, presented the budget pointing out slight differences from last year. Foster/Albright **Vote:** 

Zoom: Y 41 N 2 Wilkins: Y unanimous N 0

**Motion passed** 

#### **New Business**

Lake management plan expired. We are appying for a new grant and need interested owners for waterfront runoff practices.

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **Town of Bone Lake Report — Andy Brown**

See the slides pdf for the report. Not on slide: New culvert on 250th near the old Bone Lake Store. Don't drive on the gravel. Don't plug up the culvert, there has been some vandalism. It's a pretty area. Go visit, but respect it at the same time.

Q: What's the latest on the Kayak boat launch at Sandy Hook?

A: That's Georgetown.

#### **Polk County Report**

See the slides pdf for the report.

Comment: Phil Foster. CAFOS. Everyone should be aware of the potential hog factory farms in the county. The county board is working on an ordinance to protect water and air quality should a hog CAFO come to the area.

See the meeting handout [at bonelakewi.com] for his full report, the Town of Georgetown report, and the Polk County report.

#### **Q& A Session**

Q: On the alum proposal, is the assessment approved by property value? What other valuations were considered? A: We looked at the most commonly used valuations; this is the fair, logical and easiest to assess using county reports, and has been used by other area lakes.

Comment: Steve Bol. I have known at my residence 5 acres and 200 ft. of shoreline with a value that's pretty high, and two businesses on Bone Lake, this being one of them. It will be huge for us if they go by property value vs. someone with a 50-ft. lot on the lake.

Q: Colleen Cooper. Are there environmental or detrimental effects from the alum?

A: Cheryl Clemens. There has been a lot of study related to alum treatments. Main concern is lowered Ph during applications. As long as alum is dosed properly and monitored during treatment those acidic conditions are not a concern. Alum is commonly used for drinking water treatment and is a safe chemical for use in the lake.

Q: Duane Butler. Why is this alum thing coming up? Last year it was voted down and you said the alum commitee was disbanded. Why are we talking about it again? Why is it brought up again? Who voted on it? Why is it in this meeting?

A: At our October commissioners meeting we voted to reactivate the alum committee based on the question asked.

Q: Joel Owens. Alum is for lakes like Big Round Lake, not Bone. The lake will turn over with or without alum.

A: This is another good year of water quality.

Q: Jim Kester. With the buoys in 1987 or 1998 put there by the DNR and approved by this committee and after a horrible boat accident, a buoy was put out but then disappeared. Where did our buoy go? No one has any idea.

A: [Inaudible comments on Zoom audio tape.]

A: Mike Musial: All the buoys not authorized to be put out were removed. The District does not have the authority to determine buoy placements. We can put out 32 now. If others were put out, we would be over that amount. We had to remove all unauthorized buoys. If you want a buoy you will need to go through the process.

Comment: Kester. We did go through the process with this commitee.

Comment: Phil Foster. We will check back in the minutes.

#### **New Business**

Gerry Albright, Luck Lions Club on the north landing: Thanks to the Town of Bone Lake for help with cleanup at the north landing. Thanks to the District for help with a new dock. Power loading is a problem. Please pass the word.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

116 Unique registrations via Zoom, 95 in meeting at peak attendance

81 Property owners signed in at Wilkins

Also see Zoom Chat pdf as part of the meeting minutes, for all comments received via Zoom.

A Video file of the meeting as conducted at Wilkins/Zoom is available at www.bonelakewi.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Engelbretson BLMD Secretary August 27, 2020

# BONE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

**ANNUAL MEETING 15 AUGUST 2020** 

FYE2020 BUDGET-ACTUAL & PROJECTED REVENUE AND EXPENSE (10/1/2019 THROUGH 9/30/2020) AND APPROVED FYE2021 BUDGET 10/1/2020 THRU 12/31/2021

Budget FYE 2020

		THRU 12/31/2021		<u> </u>		
		Budget FYE 2020 10/1/2019 thru 9/30/20		Actual & Projected 10/1/2019 thru 9/30/20		APPROVED- FYE 2021 10/1/2020 thru 12/31/21
Town of Georgetown and Bone Lake	\$	64,000.00	\$	64,000.00	\$	67,000.00
Frandsen Bank-Interest	\$	25.50	\$	29.32	\$	25.50
Newsletter Ads	\$	3,600.00	\$	3,600.00	\$	3,600.00
Grants	\$	35,000.00	\$	47,734.65	\$	55,000.00
Other-maps-owner cost share & Misc.	\$	1,000.00	\$	300.00	\$	1,000.00
Total Revenue	\$	103,625.50	\$	115,663.97	\$	126,625.50
Expenditures						
.ake Improvements						
Aquatic Plant Management (incl CBCW)	\$	62,000.00	\$	52,317.75	\$	62,000.00
Consulting	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,305.80	\$	2,000.00
agoon Project					\$	25,000.00
Lake Management						
Watershed	\$	10,000.00	\$	3,450.00	\$	10,000.00
Waterfront runoff	\$	21,000.00	\$	19,468.49	\$	45,000.00
Evaluation and Studies	\$	5,500.00	\$	8,968.49	\$	2,000.00
Wildlife and Natural Beauty	\$	2.500.00	\$	1.750.00	\$	5,000.00
Fisheries	\$	1,000.00	\$	500.00	\$	1,000.00
Communications/Education/Recognition	\$	5,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00
Sub- Total Lake Mgmt.	\$	45,000.00	\$	37,136.98	\$	66,000.00
Total Lake Improvements	\$	109,000.00	\$	91,760.53		155,000.00
Public Safety						
Buoy Maintenance	\$	5,000.00	Ф	4,975.00	Ф	5,000.00
Safety Patrol	\$	3,000.00	\$	4,973.00	\$	3,000.00
Total Public Safety	\$	5,000.00	\$	4,975.00	\$	5,000.00
nformation and Education						
Newsletter	\$	10,000.00	\$	7,934.21	\$	13.000.00
Dues	\$	775.00		7,934.21		775.00
Website	\$ \$					
	\$ \$	2,500.00	\$ \$	616.00	\$	3,000.00
Meetings/Workshops	<u> </u>	2,100.00	<u> </u>	1,265.00	\$	1,500.00
Total Information and Education	\$	15,375.00	\$	10,590.21	\$	18,275.00
Administration						
Insurance	\$	3,000.00		2,294.00		3,000.00
Donations/Subscriptions	\$	9,000.00	\$	8,000.00	\$	2,000.00
Misc office expense	\$	750.00	\$	169.00	\$	750.00
Total Adminstration	\$	12,750.00	\$	10,463.00	\$	5,750.00
Total expenditures	\$	142,125.00	\$	117,788.74	\$	184,025.00
Beginning Cash Balance	\$	288,643.28	\$	288,643.28	\$	286,518.51
Ending Cash balance	\$	250,143.78	\$	286,518.51	\$	229,119.01
Cash Balance - 6/30/2020						
Checking			\$	146,128.04	bala	nced book to bank-6/30/2020
Money Market Savings			\$	154,327.45	bala	nced book to bank-6/22/2020
	Total		\$	300,455.49		

I have reviewed and examined the following BLMD financial documents for the period 1 October 2018 through 30 September 2019:

- BLMD Checkbook register,
- · BLMD Savings Account register,
- · Copies of BLMD checks issued,
- · Invoices that back-up checks issued,
- · Bank statements for checking account,
- · Bank statements for savings account.

## The following is noted;

- > BLMD financial operations are processed through checking account and all checks are backed up and approved by two signatures (Chairperson and Treasurer),
- > All checks are backed up with approved invoices for payment,
- > There are no cash transactions,
- > Bank statements for checking account and check register balance each month,
- > Bank statements for savings account and savings account register balance each month

No irregularities have been found. The District's financial books are in good order.

Dan Youngberg

**BLMD** Auditor

## Bone Lake Management District Annual Meeting Saturday, August 15, 2020

#### **Zoom Chat File**

Note: Zoom attendees were directed to send their comments to Karen Engelbretson to include within the live meeting at Wilkins. Comments sent to Bone Lake(Privately) were designated privately so they reached the Zoom hosts and not everyone in the meeting.

- 09:34:12 From Jason Elder to Bone Lake(Privately): Is the current plan to spray for curly leaf in the entrance to the lagoon a "one & done" or a 3 yr plan?
- 09:51:08 From Benjamin Poehling to Bone Lake(Privately): Why don't the impacted property owners pay to have the dredging done?
- 09:53:40 From Annette Ukura to Bone Lake(Privately): can you repeat questions from audience so we can hear them better
- 09:54:21 From Colleen Cooper to Bone Lake(Privately): what's the environmental impact and how will it be maintained? Colleen Cooper
- 09:54:52 From Steve Skoge to Bone Lake(Privately): If this passes I would like to submit a motion to pay for the cost of ice damage to our shoreline every year.
- 09:55:10 From Debra Dawson to Bone Lake(Privately): Do you know what has caused the sediment build up? Is it part of the general shoreline erosion that is occurring around the lake?
- 09:57:11 From Jill Schaefer to Bone Lake(Privately): is the lagoon naturally occurring or man-made?
- 09:57:38 From Joel Owens to Bone Lake(Privately): Is this Lagoon native to Bone Lake or was this man made?
- 09:57:55 From Debra Dawson to Bone Lake(Privately): But the stream has always been there, so was there modification done to create the lagoon?
- 09:57:57 From Jason Elder to Bone Lake(Privately): Please clearly recap the numbers: there are 12 homeowners that have paid \$12,000 (\$1,000 ea) to get through permitting, we are asking for \$25,000 from the other 500 or so homeowners. The 11 homeowners will each pay \$15,000-20,000 to complete the project. \$25,000 / 500 other owners = \$50 per other homeowners.
- 09:58:30 From Ann Fisher to Bone Lake(Privately): What have homeowners in the affected lagoon done about runoff on their properties and other contributing factors to prevent the ongoing problem.
- 09:59:28 From Joel Owens to Bone Lake(Privately): Do we know the ongoing annual expense to continue the maintenance going forward for the Lagoon?
- 10:04:16 From Debra Dawson to Bone Lake(Privately): My question has been answered. The lagoon was man made, not naturally occurring.

- 10:05:20 From Katie Lafky to Bone Lake(Privately): would a smaller amount as a gesture of community support be accepted?
- 10:06:19 From Matt Fisher to Bone Lake(Privately): I think when that area was originally dredged out the cabins were seasonal and now they are year round which significantly complicates the situation. Is that true?
- 10:07:10 From Jason Elder to Bone Lake(Privately): Karen, will you please read my recap or have Mike recap the numbers I put forth above.
- 10:09:29 From Celeste Hofer to Bone Lake(Privately): My two cents. This group proposing lake dredging has done their homework. If another group of homeowners need an investment from the association for similar work, then band together with your neighbors and bring forth a proposal. This is a significantly smaller request for this project than was proposed in I believe 2018—it's a good deal for the homeowners in general. I think this is a good move for the lake health as a whole. We all benefit from having a healthy lake, this will increase property values in the long run. To do nothing will eventually give the health of Bone Lake a blemish.
- 10:53:05 From Becki Carroll to Bone Lake(Privately): can we see the research that concluded that wakeboat waves do not cause erosion? our bay is a constant parade of wakeboats between grass island and the shoreline. we have lost 4 feet of shoreline since we puchased in 2004
- 10:55:32 From Joel Owens to Bone Lake(Privately): I lost 2 inches of shoreline this morning by all of the fishing boats from the Indian Head Musky Tournamanet
- 11:05:27 From Donald Nelson to Bone Lake(Privately): If this passes, many more of us owners would like such protection.
- 11:08:12 From Joel Owens to Bone Lake(Privately): People need to respect the rules and stay the proper distance. With this being said, why hasn't the homeowner on Indian Point invested in rock or rip rap on their south shoreline to help?
- 11:08:54 From Joel Owens to Bone Lake(Privately): she has no rock or rip rap on the south
- 11:09:34 From James Taylor to Bone Lake(Privately): how far out from shore would the body be
- 11:09:57 From James Taylor to Bone Lake(Privately): boey
- 11:14:56 From Lorraine Lutgen to Bone Lake(Privately): it seems we are punishing victims here by asking the owners to remedy things caused by other individuals
- 11:16:45 From Lou Hoeschen to Bone Lake(Privately): what was the on line vote for this last motion?
- 11:17:50 From Lou Hoeschen to Bone Lake(Privately): thanks
- 11:23:36 From James Taylor to Bone Lake(Privately): you may want to consider email option for news letter to save money
- 11:30:52 From Colleen Cooper to Bone Lake(Privately): are there any detrimental environmental effects from the alum? Colleen Cooper

- 11:34:46 From Joel Owens to Bone Lake(Privately): Alum is for lakes like Big Round Lake not for Bone. The lake will still turn over every fall with or without Alum.
- 11:38:03 From Celeste Hofer to Bone Lake(Privately): To clarify, I attended the annual meeting in 2019 and the net from the group was a request for the board to continue investigating alum usage and possibly bring it to a vote in 2020. That is what occurred in 2019 at the meeting, and is why it is still a discussion point.
- 11:38:48 From ALEX CHOREWYCZ to Bone Lake(Privately): THIS committee places ONLY what is approved by DNR, and where DNR approves same.



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#### Board of Commissioners and guests

#### Voting process

- Wilkins
- · Zoom

Discussion times and questions

#### Wilkins participants

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# **BLMD** Board of Commissioners



#### Left to Right

- Alex Chorewycz, Treasurer
- Cary Olson
- Phil Foster, Chair
- Karen Engelbretson, Secretary
- Mike Musial
- Doug Route, Polk County Supervisor

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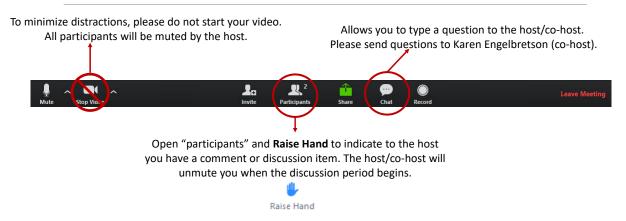
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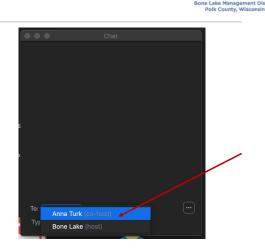


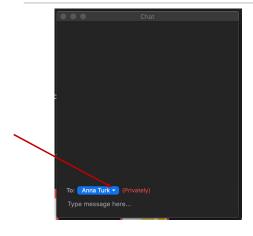
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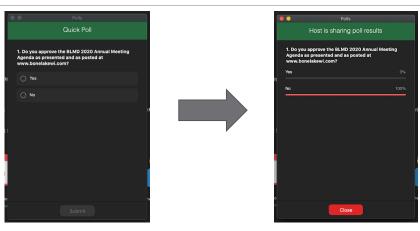


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# Zoom Poll



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# Agenda



- L. Call to Order
- 2. Introductions
- 3. Approve Agenda
- 4. Commissioner Election
- 5. Approval of 2019 Minutes
- 6. Approval of Treasurer's Report
- 7. Volunteer Awards
- 8. Aquatic Plant Management Plan & Vote
- 9. Alum Committee Update & Fall Survey
- 10. Lagoon Dredging Funding & Vote

- 12. Boating Safety
- 13. Reduced Wake Committee Update & Vote
- 14. Vote Approval of District Budget
- 15. Commissioner Election Results
- 16. Old Business
- 17. New Business
- 18. Town of Georgetown Report
- 19. Town of Bone Lake Report
- 20. Polk County Report
- 21. Open Q&A

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# Agenda Motion

To approve the BLMD 2020 Annual Meeting Agenda as presented and as posted at www.bonelakewi.com.

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# Commissioner Election

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# Who Can Vote

A U.S. citizen over the age of 18 and who meets any of the following requirements:

- An elector, a qualified voter who resides in the District;
- $^{\circ}\,$  A person whose name appears as an owner of real property on the tax roll;
- A person who owns title to real property even if that person's name does not appear on the tax roll (i.e. spouse);
- One official representative of a trust or corporation that owns real property is in the district.

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# Mike Musial



Mike is completing his second term as a BLMD commissioner in charge of boating and water safety. Mike and his wife, Bonnie, have lived on the north end of the Lake for the past 17 years. They have four adult children.

In addition to being the boat and water safety commissioner Mike has been maintaining the buoys on Bone Lake for the past 15 years.

Mike is very dedicated to ensuring that Bone Lake is a fun and safe place for everyone to enjoy.



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# Approval of 2019 Minutes

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# Minutes Motion



To approve the minutes of the 2019 BLMD Annual Meeting as posted at www.bonelakewi.com.

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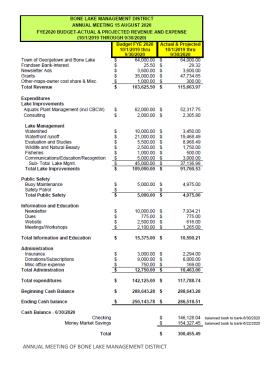
# Approval of Treasurer's Report

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# Treasurer's Report Alex Chorewycz







# Treasurer's Report Motion

To approve the BLMD Treasurer's Report as presented by Alex Chorewycz and as posted at <a href="https://www.bonelakewi.com">www.bonelakewi.com</a>.

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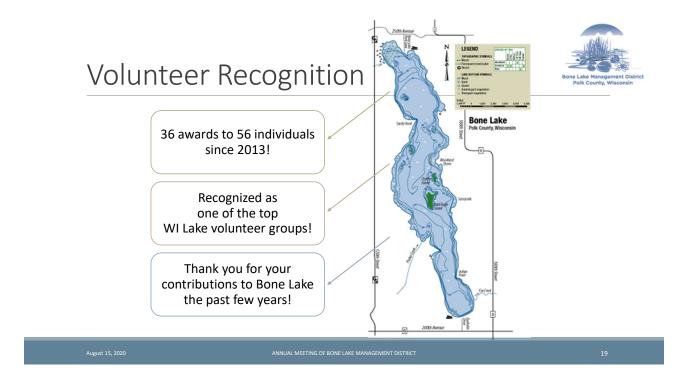


# Volunteer Awards

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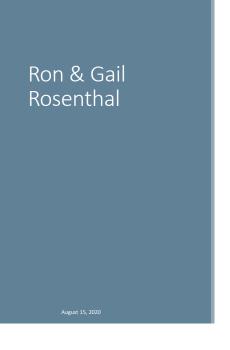


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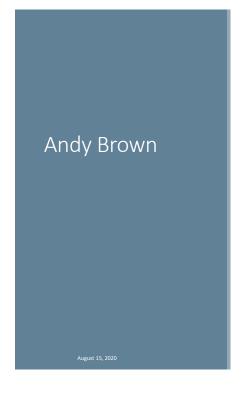
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# David Klopp





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# Bone Lake Aquatic Plan



Plan presents a strategy for managing aquatic plants by protecting native plant population, alleviating nuisance condition, and preventing establishment of invasive species.

**PLAN MISSION STATEMENT**: Bone Lake is a precious resource and one of the premier recreational lakes in this area. The overall goal of the aquatic plant management plan is to maintain Bone Lake aquatic plants so that they support a healthy lake that offers recreation, sport fishing, clean water, and natural beauty to our children, grandchildren, and others for decades to come.

- First plan developed in 2008 and last updated in 2013
- Required for getting permits for invasive plant control and to receive grant funding from the WI DNR
- Comments were accepted through April 10, 2020
- $^{\circ}\,$  Commissioners approved the plan at the April 18th meeting
- Plan was submitted to the WI DNR on April 29<sup>th</sup> and we received approval from them on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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# Bone Lake APM Goals

- 1. Maintain recreational uses important to lake residents and users while preserving important native aquatic plant functions and their values.
- 2. Prevent introduction of aquatic invasive species (AIS).
- 3. Manage curly leaf pondweed (CLP) to minimize navigation problems and protect native plant populations.
- 4. Protect the natural functions of diverse native plant communities.
- Educate lake residents and visitors about the goals and objectives of the aquatic plant management plan.

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# Bone Lake APM Update



## Major Focus

- Review curly leaf pondweed control
- Review aquatic invasive species
- Update to incorporate information
  - Water Quality Studies
    - · Lake Sediments
    - Algae Growth

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# Bone Lake APM Changes

- Maintain recreational uses important to lake residents and users while preserving important native aquatic plant functions and their values.
- 2. Prevent introduction of aquatic invasive species.
- Unchanged Ensure that navigation is maintained and residents follow legal and sound procedures for aquatic management.
- 2. Updated to include a broader look at all potential and new unknown risk of other AIS than just Eurasian Milfoil and Zebra Mussels. Included new education and monitoring efforts along with possible boat decontamination methods.

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# Bone Lake APM Changes (cont'd)



- 3. Manage curly leaf pondweed to minimize navigation problems and protect native plant populations.
- 4. Protect the natural functions of diverse native plant communities.
- Our focus is on annual improvements to navigational channels with CLP control and protection of native plant populations.
   Funding may be limited in the future from the DNR that contributes 50% of current costs.
- **4. Updated** to explain and limit permitting for native plant control, prevention of AIS establishment, and enhanced monitoring of critical habitat areas where CLP treatment occurs.

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# Bone Lake Management District Polic County, Wisconsin

# Bone Lake APM Changes (cont'd)

- 5. Educate lake residents and visitors about the goals and objectives of the aquatic plant management plan.
- **5. Updated** plan lists audiences, messages and methods for communicating important information regarding aquatic plant management on Bone Lake.

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# Thank You Committee Members



Bob Boyd

Alex Chorewycz Cris Dueholm

Karen Engelbretson

Dick Mackie Cary Olson Aaron Cole (Advisor)

Alex Smith (WDNR Advisor)

Cheryl Clemens (Consultant)

Steve Schieffer (Consultant)

https://tinyurl.com/APM2020

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# **APM Motion**

To approve the Aquatic Plant Management Plan as presented by Cary Olson and as posted at <a href="https://www.bonelakewi.com">www.bonelakewi.com</a>.

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# Alum Update

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# Update on Alum

Timeline of major alum decisions

#### Brief review

- What is alum
- Bone Lake's water clarity
- Cost and proposed funding for alum treatments
- Key benefits and disadvantages of alum

What's next on alum

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# **Alum Timeline**





- BLMD vote at annual meeting to form alum committee
- Objective: Make recommendation to treat or not treat the lake with alum

August 2019

- Alum committee report and recommendation at annual meeting: Not to treat at that time
- Discussion indicated some interest in bringing alum to membership-wide vote

October 2019

• BLMD commissioners approve motion to vote on alum at 2020 annual meeting

April 2020

• COVID-19 concerns prompt BLMD commissioners to cancel 2020 alum vote

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# Alum: What It Is

Non-toxic liquid commonly used to clarify drinking water at water treatment plants

Main ingredient in alum is aluminum, the third most abundant element on Earth and occurs naturally in lake sediments

Use of alum in lakes began in late 1970's to reduce the amount of phosphorus in water

Lower phosphorus can reduce algae and the symptoms associated with poor water quality

Alum most often used to control phosphorus release from the lake bottom sediments (internal loading)

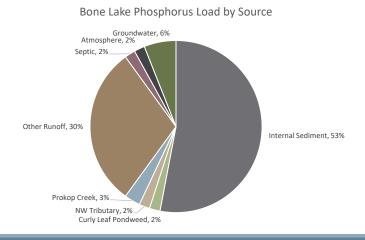
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# Phosphorus Load by Source



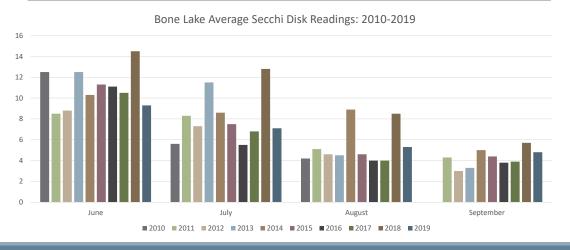


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# Water Clarity



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# Costs and Funding Alum Treatments



#### Estimated cost ~ \$2.6M

#### Funded by

- Yet to be approved special assessment to BLMD lakeshore property owners
- At least one \$200K grant from Wisconsin DNR
- Pay-as-we-go, no bank loans

Special Assessment: \$130 per \$100K in property value per year for 10 years

Property Values					
Tax Value	Annual Special Assessment				
\$200,000	\$260				
\$300,000	\$390				
\$400,000	\$520				
\$500,000	\$650				
\$600,000	\$780				
\$700,000	\$910				
\$800,000	\$1,040				
\$900,000	\$1,170				

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# **Alum Treatments**

#### **KEY BENEFITS**

Anticipated 2.5- to 3-foot improvement in water clarity in late summer

Reduce occurrence of algae blooms including blue-green algae

#### **KEY DISADVANTAGES**

High cost of application

Decreasing effectiveness over time means additional applications to maintain results

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# What's Next for Alum



Survey BLMD tax payers in Sept 2020 to gauge interest in an alum vote at next annual meeting



Board determines if 2021 vote on alum treatments is advisable based on survey results



Communicate with BLMD members the outcome of survey and Board meetings

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# More Information

Website: bonelakewi.com

- · Alum Committee Report
- BLMD Meeting Minutes
- FAQs about
- Alum
- Bone Lake's Water Clarity
- Costs and Funding
- Voting



#### FAQs about Bone Lake's Water Clarity

The Bone Lake Management District is considering alum treatments to improve water clarity in Bone Lake. Bone Lake typically experiences algae blooms in the mid- to late-summer that can affect the safety and enjoyment of the water. Alum treatments can reduce these blooms; however, they are costly. The funding would primarily come from a special assessment on Bone Lake properties which would need to be approved by majority vote of Bone Lake property owners at an annual District meeting. We know you have questions. The following are frequently asked questions about Bone Lake and water clarity.

My Email: shelleykayrose@gmail.com This is one in a series of four handouts answering frequently asked questions about Bone Lake's water quality, alum treatments, costs and funding alum treatments, and voting in a lake management district.

# Thank You Committee Members



**Bob Boyd** Cary Olson Phil Foster Shelley Rose Pat Schmidt Kathleen Killeen Jerry Lutgen John Ukura John McCall Wayne Wolsey

Thank you to all the volunteers on the alum committee and the alum communications subcommittee and the tireless work of our commissioners!



# Lagoon Dredging

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# Lagoon Pictures



#### **INLET OF LAGOON**



#### **WEEDS**





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# Lagoon Pictures

#### **END OF LAGOON**





#### ALGAE COVERING WHOLE LAGOON





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# Lagoon Funding Motion



The Bone Lake Management District will contribute \$25,000 for lagoon dredging, paid from the BLMD cash balance, no later than December 31, 2021, after completion of the work and meeting all requirements.

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# **Boating Safety**

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# Buoys

#### **INSTALLING BUOYS**





#### **DAMAGED BUOYS**







# 4<sup>th</sup> of July Citations & Warnings

Violation	Citation/Warning
Boater's safety certificate	3 citations (2 boat and 1 jet ski)
Slow-no-wake violation w/in 100' of swimmer	1 warning (jet ski)
Slow-no-wake violation w/in 100' of another boat	1 warning (jet ski)
Slow-no-wake violation w/in 200' of shoreline	1 warning (jet ski)
Registration	2 warnings (boat and jet ski)
Fire extinguisher	1 warning (jet ski)
Battery cover	1 warning (boat)
Lighting violation	1 warning (boat)

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# **Boat Safety Handbooks**



Boat safety handbooks are now available at the North and South boat landings

Reminder: Anyone born after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1989 needs to complete a DNR approved boat safety course to operate motorized watercrafts on WI lakes and rivers.



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# Reduced Wake Committee

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### Committee Members



Deb Dawson

Joel Owens

Steve Skoge

John Ukura

Tim Poehling

Cary Olson -Chair

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## History

Many Bone Lake properties had shoreline erosion, flooded septic tanks, and crawl spaces last year due to our very high water levels. The erosion can be made worse by wakes from power boats. Fortunately, last fall when the lake had been extremely high there was minimal boat traffic

At the annual meeting in August 2019, the question was posed to the attendees:

- Should the Bone Lake Management District establish a committee to investigate and recommend or not recommend a reduced wake ordinance in times of very high water?
- It was overwhelmingly approved.

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### Mission

Review the high water issues and make recommendations that would reduce the damage or erosion to the lakeshore and personal property.

We are not focusing on certain type of boats as all boats can cause wake damage.

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### **Process**

#### Review causes of damage

Wind, ice, storms, boats

DNR and local township must agree with any ordinance

#### Who enforces

- DNR not lake owners
- Education is key
- Common sense by all parties

#### Must have a way to clearly state high water

- OHWM (Ordinary High Water Mark)
  - · Lake elevation
  - High water mark for property set back



DNR measuring gauge for OHWM

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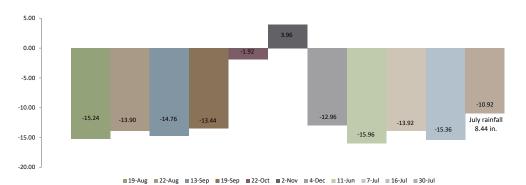
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### Lake Elevation



#### Bone Lake Elevation (inches) Below OHWM 1153 ft. 1.2 inches above sea level



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### Reduced Wake Motion 1

When the lake level reaches the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) of 1153.1 ft. elevation above sea level, the entire lake will be declared a no wake zone for all watercraft until the elevation returns to a level less than the OHWM as determined by the DNR measuring post.

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### Indian Point





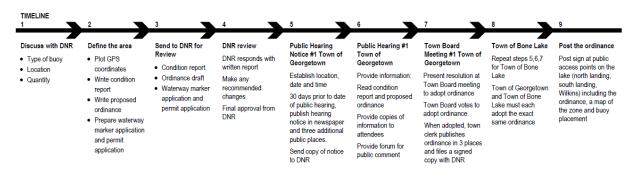


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### **DNR Process**



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### Reduced Wake Motion 2



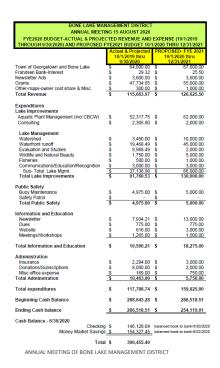
BLMD will purchase and place a buoy in the water at the end of Indian Point. The exact location and type of buoy will be determined with the DNR to reduce the erosion happening along the shoreline.

The property owner has agreed to plant deep root species along the shoreline to do their part in controlling further erosion if the motion is passed. They will use BLMD funds that provide 75% of the cost for plants and labor and hope to get it completed this fall.

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# **Budget Motion**



To approve the District Budget for the next 15 months, October 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2021 as presented by Alex Chorewycz and as posted at <a href="https://www.bonelakewi.com">www.bonelakewi.com</a>.

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# **Election Results**

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# Old & New Business

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### **New Business**

New Lake Management Plan grant application

- Need owners interested in Waterfront or Stream runoff reduction practices
- Call Mary Chorewycz at 651-454-9456

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## Town of Georgetown Report

#### **New Roles**

- Marc Ince, Supervisor
- Renee Marek, Treasurer
- ∘ Joan Agne, Clerk

#### 2019 - Tornados devastated entirety of the town in July 2019

- · Worked with Polk County to get the debris cleared as quickly as possible, which was a significant cost
- FEMA is supposed to cover the majority of this cost, but funds have not yet been received

#### 2020 - Coronavirus pandemic

- Town meetings affected
- Increase in requested absentee/mail in ballots is a monumental task for WI towns with part-time clerks (Georgetown has one full-time clerk, the rest are part-time)

Full report submitted by Ron Ogren available at www.bonelakewi.com

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### Town of Bone Lake Report

Continue to work with Luck Lions Club to maintain north landing and park, issues include:

- Illegal dumping in lake/park users' dumpster (ex. household garbage and appliances)
- Damage to pavers and dock at east ramp due to vehicles and trailers
- Cement posts and pavement striping may be installed soon to guide trailers and prevent damage

Worked with reluctant land owner and town's lawyer to coerce the cleanup of barn that had been destroyed last summer near north landing

36" culvert replaced on south end of 110th St. to prevent road issues

- Request that residents who live at south end of 110th St. not park trailers on the road or right of way as
  the space at the end of the road is needed for town vehicles and emergency vehicles to turn around
- Letters may be sent if necessary

Full report submitted by Andy Brown, Bone Lake Township Chairperson available at www.bonelakewi.com

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### Polk County Report



The Environmental Services Committee has been working on the swine CAFO issue and created 17 conditional uses that were sent to DATCP and 12 were rejected leaving 5.

The County is now working through the Health and Human Services Committee to create an Operations Ordinance for swine CAFOs.

A resolution to extend the moratorium on swine CAFOs has been created and has not been sent to committee. This would allow time for more work to be done.

Tourist Rooming Houses. The list of rules for a Tourist Rooming House can be found in the Polk County Shoreland Use Ordinance. If you have complaints, document all violations, including pictures and contact the Polk County Zoning Administrator. Contact the Polk County Sheriff's as needed.

As always please contact me with questions, the issues at hand can be complicated.

—Doug Route 715-472-2620. More contact info can be found on the Polk County web site.

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# Q & A

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