

**Bone Lake Management District**  
**Commissioner's Meeting Minutes DRAFT**  
April 12, 2014 Georgetown Hall

**Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.**

**Commissioners Present:**

Robert Murphy, Phil Foster, Wayne Liepke, Karen Engelbretson, Alex Chorewycz, Pat Schmidt  
Wayne Shirley

**Also present:** Bob Boyd

**Minutes**

Minutes were read from the October 5, 2013 commissioner's meeting.  
Motion to approve: Alex Chorewycz. Second: Phil Foster. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report, Phil Foster**

CD will expire this year. When it does, funds will be deposited in the money market account as there is no difference in interest rates.

**Grants Report**

\$4,000 remains from Aquatic Plant Management grant to apply to this year's Curly leaf pondweed spraying. Additional charges for spraying will come from District funds.

Ending cash balance \$179,880.16

Phil presented Frank Schlick's Audit Report of March 28, 2014.

Motion to approve: Karen Engelbretson. Second: Phil Foster. Motion carried.

In a subsequent email dated April 12, 2014 Phil Foster writes:

In the minutes from our Oct 5 meeting, it stated our cash balance was \$188,440. This number should be corrected to \$188,380.16. As I recall, there was a \$59.99 check that was not included in the \$188,440 balance. I had sent out revised statements indicating that \$188,380.16 was the correct balance. This is also the balance that Alex shows and this was the number the auditor used.

**Committee Reports**

**Waterfront Runoff, Alex Chorewycz**

239<sup>th</sup> Street Project

Wilkins: no progress on parking lot re-grade to correct runoff. Owner may consider gutters and rain gardens.

Septic program: Three \$1000 grants remain.

North landing signage: approved and ok to print.

Spring newsletter will mention \$40,000 in funds still available for 10x30 grants and water diversion projects.

Committee will work with Wilkins to establish a bulletin board at the restaurant/bar about lake management practices.

Mr. Chorewycz will present at the June Northwest WI Lakes conference along with Jim Miller, Deer Lake, about waterfront runoff projects to improve water clarity.

Some negative comments about the committee's work — people feel forced. Only a few. Question and discussions about how to get information to property owners, possible new messaging that could improve response to offers and use of remaining grant funds.

Pat Schmidt noted that studies show that a three foot change in water clarity can change the value of waterfront properties by \$200 per foot.

Ms. Schmidt read the two Marilyn Nehrings amendments to the Shoreland Protection Ordinance Draft. These amendments and another set of amendments introduced by former supervisor Herschel Brown will be presented at public education meetings, and at public hearings with public comment sessions this summer. The county board will vote, likely in September, to adopt the ordinance after which WDNR will need to approve.

Discussion: The Nehrings amendment to require a mandatory 35-ft. buffer was seen as unreasonable. The Nehrings amendment to require private septic systems to be inspected and approved prior to sale/transfer of title was considered valuable by the group. The Brown amendments were mentioned, there are many and all were unfamiliar to those in attendance. Karen Engelbretson will send a summary of the amendments to commissioners and to Bob Boyd.

### **Fisheries Committee, Wayne Liepke**

The tribes were harvesting over the winter but not as many due to heavy snow conditions on the lake. It's possible that fewer fish were taken than last year.

Committee projects TBD

Black crappie sarcoma is still present in Bone Lake. Forty percent of fish taken through the ice at the north end of the lake showed the disease. Aaron Cole, WDNR Fisheries biologist is aware of the issue. and is "working on it." The disease is also present in Pipe Lakes.

### **Communications, Karen Engelbretson**

A New Property Owners Packet will be sent to new properties identified by mapping tools available at the Polk County Website. Phil Foster and a volunteer will identify the new property owners and send out packets. Packets were assembled with available literature from Cheryl Clemens office, Polk County LWRD, Polk County Association of Lakes & Rivers, and the Wildlife and Natural Beauty Committee. A cover letter was written by Phil Foster and Alex Chorewycz.

Content for the spring newsletter was presented.

### **Boating Safety, Wayne Liepke**

A Bone Lake Safety class with a county sheriff will not be scheduled. Certification can be completed in online classes.

Lake patrol. The District has a budget of \$2,500 set aside for a lake patrol. Mr. Liepke will check the cost and number of times the patrol can be present on the lake within that budget to promote safety.

### **Watershed, Ann Miller, Chair, presented by Phil Foster**

A few members walked up the Northwest Tributary and found no adverse conditions that would contribute to pollution or runoff to Bone Lake. There is a junk yard and cars in wet areas, but the water from that area filters into a swamp/wetland before reaching Bone Lake.

The group also walked up Prokop Creek. It was determined there is nothing to do to correct there, the creek enters Bone Lake from a wetland.

250<sup>th</sup> Street – the group will check dams upstream.

### **Social Committee, no chair, presented by Phil Foster**

As BLMD Vice Chair, Mr. Foster will serve as the social committee chair until one is appointed.

There will be no 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. Other social events are scheduled throughout the summer.

Bob Boyd recommends a change in the bylaws so social activities are no longer part of the District's jurisdiction. Phil Foster believes it's important to communicate and engage with people around the lake and valuable to our lake improvement efforts, so social activities should remain with the District.

Motion by Phil Foster to donate \$1000 to the Lions Club for maintenance of Bone Lake Point Park.  
Second: Wayne Liepke. Discussion: Mr. Chorewycz states that maintenance of the waterfront runoff practices would remain the responsibility of the Waterfront Runoff Committee and not the Lions Club.  
Motion Carried.

### **AIS Committee, Bob Boyd**

North end and South end landing cameras will be operational by May 3<sup>rd</sup> fishing opener. Last year's statistics will be reported in the Bone Lake Newsletter. Process: Camera people review the footage and flag any possible violations. Polk County LWRD personnel Tim Ritten and Jeremy Williamson review the suspect videos and may recommend them to the Deputy Sheriff for citations to be issued. Two warnings were issued to boaters last year; no citations were issued.

Lake Monitoring will focus on high risk areas. We have Curly leaf pondweed, Rusty crayfish and two types of snails considered invasive species.

New this year: new CBCW form, new DNR drain campaign. Bone Lake will participate in the Drain campaign that offers free ice packs and messaging to anglers to not leave the landing with live fish.

A billboard with Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers visuals and messaging was produced with our AIS education grant funds at the cost of \$2500. It is positioned on Highway 8, near a Deer Lake bait shop and visible when traveling east.

CBCW: Hannah is no longer our coordinator. Interviews and new recruits and schedules are underway. 790 boaters were contacted at our landings last year.

CLP: We will treat 33 acres this year.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Sampling beach water for fecal coliforms:**

Bob Murphy reports we received a report of last year's monitoring two weeks ago. The fecal coliform levels should not exceed 200 CFU per 100 ML based on the log mean of 5 equally spaced samples. In 2013, ten samples were less than 10 CFU per 100 ML and two samples were just 10 CFU per 100 ML.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Phil Foster introduced a motion to pay the registration fees, lodging and meal expenses for Karen Engelbretson to attend the Wisconsin Lakes Convention, April 24-26 in Stevens Point, WI. Second: Alex Chorewycz. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

July 12, 2014, 9 A.M. Georgetown Hall

Agenda items:

- Budget
- Newsletter ad rates for 2015
- Social activities as part of District management
- Polk County Shoreland Protection Ordinance amendments

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Engelbretson, Secretary  
April 21, 2014