

**Bone Lake Commissioners Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2015 9:00am Georgetown Hall**  
**FINAL**

Commissioners present:

Bob Murphy  
Phil Foster  
Karen Engelbretson  
Alex Chorewycz  
Mike Musial  
Patricia Schmidt

**Agenda**

1. Call meeting to order
2. Reading of minutes
3. Financial Report
4. Committee Reports
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Adjournment

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

**Minutes** from the June 20 meeting were read and approved as final.

MOTION to not read minutes at future meetings, rather send a copy of previous meeting minutes along with the current meeting notice and call for approval of minutes at meeting. Foster/Chorewycz. Motion carried.

**Financial Report**

Alex Chorewycz presented the FY 10/1/214 - 9/30/215 and approved FY 2015-2016 BLMD Budget. A correction under Administration/Miscellaneous office expense was made to show DNR overpayment of \$6000 as a separate line item.

MOTION to approve: Engelbretson/Foster. Motion carried.

**Grants Summary**

Phil Foster reports the District has received \$700K in grant dollars.

**Committee Reports**

**Waterfront Runoff Mitigation, Alex Chorewycz**

- To date the committee has conducted 16 site visits with 4 installations of runoff mitigation practices. In 2010-2015, 20% of visits completed a practice. Total installations is less than one percent of total properties around the lake.
- Septics: five available \$1K cost share incentives were not taken in 2015. Consider what systems should be considered for the incentive. Define non-conforming in future communications.
- Wilkins: Not much more to do there.
- North landing: Boat ramp, no action yet on repavement and increasing runoff capture.
- South landing has potholes.
- Five new property owner booklets were sent.
- Create a reminder of December 1 deadline for 10x35 installations. Include the free option (install it yourself) along with the low cost option.

**Fisheries**

**APM**

**AIS**

No report. Bob Boyd not present.

**Social**

Create support for Joel Owens's fireworks in newsletter. Donations will go to a charitable organization TBD.

Social committee funds should be audited.

### **Watershed Committee / Phil Foster**

North End Lagoon Dredging: Chairman Bob Murphy signed the DNR permit application which was approved by WDNR. Property owners affected were notified by certified mail. District has paid for Cheryl Clemens as consultant. District name will be on any future applications. No further funding from the District has been approved.

Consensus of the Board of Commissioners is that the BLMD board has assumed its position as the entity for the dredging project although no record shows a commissioner vote to approve submission of the DNR dredging permit application in the District's name.

Minutes taken under Wayne Liepke's term as BLMD Secretary are unknown.

### **Communications / Karen Engelbretson**

Fall newsletter was reviewed. Comments were favorable. Postcards to participate in 10x35 planting program are included in the newsletter. Suggested runoff committee respond in January with acknowledgment of receipt that includes next steps. Cheryl cautions that property owners should be warned not to make any purchases or payments prior to grant approval as those cannot be reimbursed.

### **Lorton Data Mail List Processing**

Our list was processed at Lorton Data. Involves submitting list via their website. A few hiccups but all went well with the process.

50 ways to protect Bone Lake booklet. Draft will commence in January.

### **Fireworks Legal Opinion**

Received reply from Eric Olson, Director, Wisconsin Lakes. Karen Engelbretson read the opinion. MOTION to approve such as final opinion on whether District funds can be used for fireworks. Engelbretson/Foster. Carried.

See Addendum 1 on page 3 of these minutes.

### **Wildlife & Natural Beauty / Karen Engelbretson**

No wake zone application underway. Need revision on waterway marker applications.

Opportunity to pursue land conservancy as outlined in BLMD lake management plan. Property on west side of the lake is for sale. Undeveloped shoreline with valuable hard stem bulrush plant population. Phil Foster will pursue opportunity.

### **Polk County / District Supervisor Patricia Schmidt**

Patricia reports that the formation of a committee to have lake districts report to the Polk County board is dead.

### **Control of Annual Meeting**

A summary of Roberts Rules of Order would aid understanding of the rules.

### **2016 Meeting Dates**

April 9: Commissioners input

July 9: Budget

August 13: Annual Meeting

October 15: FY end

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Chorewycz/Foster.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

## ADDENDUM 1

At our annual meeting on August 8, one member made a motion to request a legal review of this position. Since donations may not meet the actual cost of these activities the member asks why the District can't contribute District funds. BLMD commissioners assume it is not allowed under Chapter 33 but we don't know where it's written. The member made a motion for a legal review to determine whether or not a lake district can contribute district funds to social activities.

An expert opinion was solicited from Eric Olson, Director, UW Extension Lakes who writes the following:

The broad constraints on lake district activities comes from 33.22:

“ 33.22 District; powers. (1) Any district organized under this chapter may select a name for the district, sue and be sued, make contracts, accept gifts, purchase, lease, devise or otherwise acquire, hold, maintain or dispose of property, disburse money, contract debt and do any other acts necessary to carry out a program of lake protection and rehabilitation.”

These can be construed fairly broadly. For example, Lauderdale Lakes has purchased and now operates a golf course in the interest of protecting the lake:

<http://www.lllmd.org/accomplishments.htm>

I would make the case that certain social functions, those that aim to educate the public and form community capacity needed to develop and implement a lake plan, would fall under “any other acts necessary to carry out a program of lake protection and rehabilitation”. If the cost of such meetings/events/gatherings is included in the budget and voted on at the annual meeting, go forth.

The fireworks matter is a bit different, as it would be harder to argue that it is an “act necessary” to protect or rehabilitate the lake. To wit, Lauderdale Lakes raises money for their fireworks through their non-profit affiliate, the Lauderdale Lakes Improvement Association. Also note that towns, cities, and villages have greater latitude in scoping their budgets and activities and they can and do often fund fireworks using their general levy.]

Hope this helps!

Eric

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as of Sept 30, 2015

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Payment received to date			
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Purpose: 50% funding to spray 30 acres of Curlyleaf Pondweed			
Payment received to date			
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<b>AIS Education grant ( 10/1/11 to 12/31/16)</b>	<b>Grant AEPP-319-12</b>	\$46,165	
Purpose: Aquatic Invasive species prevention and detection e.g. Clean Boats Clean Waters			
Payments received based on expenditures		\$28,279	
Remaining grant balance			\$17,886
<b>Internal Load Study and grant (2/12/15 to 12/31/17)</b>	<b>Grant LPL-1568-15</b>	\$24,669	
Purpose: Better understanding phosphorus loading from lake sediment and fish/wildlife monitoring			
Grant Advance:		\$12,564	
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**BONE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
**FY10/1/2014 through 9/30/2015 AND APPROVED FY 2015 - 2016**

	Budget FYE 2015		Actual	
	10/1/14 thru 9/30/15		10/1/2014 thru 9/30/15	
Town of Georgetown and Bone Lake	\$	55,600.00	\$	55,565.61
Frandsen Bank-Interest	\$	21.00	\$	21.08
Newsletter Ads	\$	1,650.00	\$	2,170.00
Polk County-Lottery Credit	\$	400.00	\$	434.39
Grants	\$	50,000.00	\$	73,011.45
Other-maps-LS owners' cost share & Misc.	\$	200.00	\$	2,503.62
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>107,871.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>133,706.15</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<b>Lake Improvements</b>				
Aquatic Plant Management (incl CBCW)	\$	46,500.00	\$	53,561.81
Consulting	\$	2,000.00	\$	5,086.08
WDNR-Rtn Overpayment - LPL1568-15	\$	-	\$	6,167.34
<b>Lake Management</b>				
Watershed	\$	17,300.00	\$	856.25
Waterfront runoff	\$	50,000.00	\$	19,400.44
Evaluation and Studies	\$	10,000.00	\$	10,121.41
Wildlife and Natural Beauty	\$	3,500.00	\$	76.50
Fisheries	\$	1,500.00	\$	-
Communications/Education/Recognition	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,381.00
Sub- total Lake Mgmt.	\$	83,300.00	\$	31,835.60
<b>Total Lake Improvements</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>131,800.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>96,650.83</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>				
Buoy Maintenance	\$	1,500.00	\$	500.00
Safety Patrol	\$	2,500.00	\$	-
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>Information and Education</b>				
Newsletter	\$	7,000.00	\$	7,017.91
Dues	\$	375.00	\$	355.00
Website	\$	500.00	\$	133.00
Meetings/Workshops	\$	750.00	\$	523.18
<b>Total Information and Education</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,625.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,029.09</b>
<b>Administration</b>				
Insurance	\$	2,600.00	\$	1,150.00
Donations/Subscriptions	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
Misc office expense	\$	500.00	\$	297.81
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,100.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,447.81</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>148,525.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>107,627.73</b>
<b>Beginning Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>203,091.89</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>203,091.89</b>
<b>Ending Cash balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>162,437.89</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>229,170.31</b>
<b>Cash Balance - 9/30/2015</b>				
Checking			\$	74,916.20
Money Market Savings			\$	154,254.11

**Total**

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