

Bone Lake Management District
Quarterly Meeting of Commissioners
Saturday, April 17, 2021
9:00 am Online via Zoom
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Commissioners present:

Phil Foster
Alex Chorewycz
Cary Olson
Karen Engelbretson
Mike Musial

Guests present:

Bob Boyd
John Ukura

Call to order 9 a.m.

Modify agenda to move town and county reports to before old business if they are able to attend.

Doug Route notified us he was unable to attend.

John Ukura will present information on lake level monitoring.

Cary Olson will present on AIS Decontamination Stations

Resolution to approve changes to agenda. Carried.

Approve meeting minutes

October 24, 2020 Motion to approve: Chorewycz/Olson. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve: Olson/Engelbretson. Carried.

Grants Report

Our 2015 LMP Grant was \$175K, with \$65K available January 1, 2020. As of December 31, 2020 we have now used all these grant dollars. Old CLP grant has \$8K left, remaining grants are all new grants.

CBCW

Marketing native plants and trees

Shoreline stabilization

Aquatic Life Assessment

Healthy Lakes

Sunset Cove/Shannon property runoff reduction projects

Committee Reports

Boating Safety, Mike Musial

New Polk County Sheriff's officer, Tyrel Hanson, covering Water Patrol and ATV (photo for newsletter)

Committee met, Officer Hanson will come to the annual meeting.

Agenda

Call to Order

Roll call

Public comments

Approval of Minutes October meeting

Treasurer report

Grants report

Committee reports:

Boating/Water Safety: Mike Musial

Watershed: Phil Foster

Waterfront runoff: Alex Chorewycz

Aquatic Plant Management: Cary Olson/Bob Boyd

Fisheries: Bob Boyd

Wildlife and Natural Beauty: Karen Engelbretson

Communications: Karen Engelbretson

Old business

Lagoon dredging update

New Business

2021 Annual meeting

Designation of cash balance

Finalize content of newsletter

Reports from Towns and County

Polk County: Doug Route Polk County

Town of Georgetown: Jeff Traynor

Town of Bone Lake: Andy Brown

Adjourn

Boating Safety, Mike Musial, continued

- Officer Hanson would provide free coast guard approved safety inspection boats. TBD
- Content for the newsletter: boat safety checklist.
- Boating Safety Handbooks are available at the landings and the Wilkins information table.
- Also post on the Wilkins bulletin board.
- Buoys are in. (32 or 33) Six new purchased last season. Will add new ones every season as they easily deteriorate or get damaged. Mike follows plan drawn by DNR years ago.
- Some are on hand for repairs/replacements.
- Postcard mailing on water safety with information.
- Kids Don't Float kiosk is at the north landing loaded with jackets and throwables.
- Put property addresses on lake side (fire numbers) Who would pay for it? Could be a \$50 fee, sign and installation \$150. Would District pick up tab for cost. Approval by property owners. Sheriff and first responders like the idea for knowing locations.

Watershed, Phil Foster

250th stream on the north end of the lake, upper dam and lower dam. Some erosion occurred during ice out. District will arrange for repairs. John Christensen helps to manage repairs and maintenance.

Waterfront, Alex Chorewycz

- Two installations from last year, Shannon diversion and rock installation, and Sunset Cove looking at diversion and rain garden installation this year. Some landowners are identified for diversions and other installations. Funding is available for those and at least three runoff projects. Contracts are not yet written. Cheryl will do visits.
- Wilkins is the big project from last year. Diversion, rock infiltration and rain garden in Wilkins parking area. Grant funding paid for regrading and the practice. Lot is re-sloped to flow to rain garden.
- Dick Mackie has been visiting property owners, expecting 4 or 5 septic replacement contracts. Can pumpers identify non-conforming systems and notify owners of issues and incentives. In place but needs updates. Committee encourages property owners to contact Dick first.
- In the past have 3 incentives per year; Motion to provide unlimited number of incentives since we have the cash. First come/first served. Motion: Chorewycz/Foster. Carried.
- Toilet at south landing May thru October. Bob Boyd will call Olson's to arrange.
- North landing pavers at the lake edge are eroding. Concrete blocks are being used to stop erosion or stop people from driving onto the dock. But people trip and fall over them. Lots of cones, blocks. Striping helps. Anything available for controlling the erosion there? Alex will check the location.

Fisheries, Bob Boyd

Continue to monitor smallmouth population and muskie populations.

AIS

Landing camera north landing audio now available to implement. Include standard message plus "Be safe and courteous on the water".

Motion: Allocate \$750 one time cost to add audio message to North Landing Camera. Foster/Olson. Carried.

APM

Sandy Hook area resident contacted Mike about spraying. Wants his area monitored to see if it's CLP and possibly spray. There is a process to evaluate this type of request in the APM plan. Must impact more than one property for District to spray. 25 ft channel at the north end into the lagoon is part of the plan. DNR requires lakes that want to spray to have a well-developed plan and followup for effectiveness.

AIS CBCW

Ben will manage the program again this year. Ben does scheduling, data entry, training. Last raise in hourly rate three years ago @ \$1 per hour. Suggest all CBCW personnel get a \$1/hour raise this year. Ben will train everyone this year, even if they've had training before. Motion to raise the CBCW monitor and Ben Novotny, coordinator wage by \$1 per hour. Engelbretson/Olson. Carried.

Lots of handouts left from last year. OK to hand out literature this year. Could hand out boating safety checklist.

Agreed to put Ben Novotny up for volunteer award.

AIS Cleaning Station

Reviewed information from Bayfield County, Burnett County, and the CD3 system. Good options with DNR funding.

- Burnett has a decon system with a tool board and instructions. Bleach bucket to spray boat. Cost \$763 for the sign and tools. Is approved by DNR. Change messaging to say if the station is open you have to use it. Info for how to enact a county-wide ordinance or add an amendment to the ordinance requiring decontamination.
- CD3 is a waterless cleaning system with tools, hot air blower and vacuum to suction live well. Station is cleaned similar to portable toilets. Solar driven. Wireless communications show usage, function. 15 units placed in the Twin Cities. Six units in Wisconsin. Eligible for DNR funding. Have a quote for \$35K for north landing installation. Could use a smaller one or a portable unit for the south landing. Takes 3-5 minutes per boat. Location considerations where ground is flat.
- Lake Owen, Bayfield County. Install of high pressure hot water portable system. \$15K for hot water. Plus siting, staffing.

Next steps: AIS ordinance is required for it to be effective. How to control AIS decontamination at other launches.

Decontamination would be required before launching and before leaving. Be sure the system is scaled to current visitors and predicted increases. Fishing tournaments would need to change their procedures. Need an ordinance in place so that private launches aren't outliers letting anyone launch without decontamination. Wilkins and Pine Grove launches are convenience for residents. Bob and Cary will continue to investigate, evaluate.

Wildlife and Natural Beauty, Karen Engelbretson

Planning to meet May 8. Grant award for Shoreline Stabilization Planning funding 6 shovel-ready designs. We have more than 6 individuals in case someone falls out. Some of the sites were presented. Sensitive area studies will help us know what's still there since first surveyed in 1987. Some studies will be visual by volunteers. Objective is to help property owners and lake users respect the areas for fisheries, water clarity. Collection of inserts in newsletter on sensitive area studies, tree and plant programs. Education grant has funds for purple martin house and outreach, native tree and shrub planting, guide to using native plants, and connect native plants to enjoyable activities like watching birds, butterflies, frogs. Connect water clarity to your recreational experience, which may mean a behavior change. Lakeshore lighting, noise and quiet hours also part of this.

Communications, Karen Engelbretson

Reviewed the communication vehicles in place.

Lagoon Dredging Update

Set to dredge. Back in order after COVID. Company out of Kansas City, start date is June 21 to make sure fish spawn is over. Send company name to Alex and Phil. Property owners, except for two, contributed \$20K, about \$200K reserved. District is contributing \$25K. Total project cost anticipated to be \$225K.

New Business

Annual Meeting

Confirmed August 14, 2021 at Wilkins. Need to work on zoom accessibility, voting logistics, ballots, audio. Exit survey shows positive review, audio was insufficient. Should all presenters be present at Wilkins. If remote, how do we guarantee audio. Possibly eliminate tables in dining room, gallery seating only. COVID restrictions might be in place.

Shelley Rose and Nancy helped at Wilkins last year. Many attendees would not wear masks and volunteers felt vulnerable. In-person voting. Not confident with controlling Zoom voting. Commissioner votes must be in person. Zoom accessibility is great for access and inclusion, but voting is not possible. Karen will reach out to Anna to help. Additional paid staff should be accommodated. Communicating with property owners on the website, eNews. Pay Karen for her time. Rely on rehearsals with presenters to test system and to make sure things work.

Cash balance, Phil Foster

Levy of \$67K annual being spent by District. Additional spent is grant revenue.

\$370K Cash balance at end of December including \$50K grant funds.

About \$175K cash available could be designated for CLP spraying, lake projects not grant funded (AIS, erosion projects, emergency AIS control), septic incentives.

Non-lapsible funds can be used for capital costs, maintenance of capital equipment, unforeseen contingencies. Should be set up in a public meeting and included in budget approved at annual meeting. For instance capital costs could be decontamination stations, septic incentives, shoreline runoff reduction.

Suggest having one fund for all these special types of lake improvements the fund could be used for which would show intent for the extra funds.

Further conversation at budget meeting June 19, 2021.

Spring Newsletter Content

Focus on boating & water safety including checklist removable insert extras for residents at resorts, Wilkins. Other content reviewed.

John Ukura

Lake Level Monitoring will continue this year. Once per month would be fine. John will contact county to install measuring stick.

Adjourn. 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Engelbretson
BLMD Secretary