

Bone Lake Commissioners Meeting

Saturday, April 18, 2020

10:00 am

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The meeting was held online via Zoom app due to Wisconsin Emergency Order #28 "Safer at Home Order" effective 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 and in effect until 8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

Commissioners present:

Phil Foster

Alex Chorewycz

Karen Engelbretson

Mike Musial

Cary Olson

Doug Route, Polk County

Also present:

Bob Boyd

John Ukura, Luck Lions Club

Shelly Rose, Alum Committee

Steve Skoge

Agenda

Call to Order

Roll call

Approval of Minutes October 2019 meeting

Treasurer report

Grants report

Committee reports:

Watershed: Phil Foster

Waterfront runoff: Alex Chorewycz

Fisheries: Bob Boyd

Aquatic Plant Management: Bob Boyd/ Cary Olson

Boating Safety: Mike Musial

Wildlife and Natural Beauty: Karen Engelbretson

Communications: Karen Engelbretson

Reduced wake committee: Cary Olson

Old business

Policy document -

Approve proposed Vice Chair position for BLMD

Other

New Business

Motion to postpone 2020 annual meeting vote on alum.

Instead have owners vote at 2020 annual meeting if we should schedule an alum vote for the 2021 annual meeting.

Review proposed updated APM plan

Other

Reports from Towns and County

Town of Georgetown: Ron Ogren

Town of Bone Lake: Andy Brown Polk County:

Doug Route Polk County

Adjourn

Amend the agenda to include the Alum Committee Report in the agenda under committee reports.

Motion to approve: Chorewycz/Olson. Carried.

Amend the agenda to approve the proposed updated APM Plan.

Motion to approve: Chorewycz/Foster Carried.

Minutes. The commissioner meeting minutes from October 26, 2019 were reviewed and adopted without changes.

Motion to approve: Chorewycz/Olson. Carried.

Treasurer report. Alex Chorewycz presented the document: FYE 10/1/2019 through 12/31/2020.

Motion to approve: Engelbretson/Olson. Carried.

Grants report. Phil Foster presented the document Grants for the Bone Lake Management District as of March 31, 2020.

Motion to approve: Olson/Engelbretson. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Watershed Runoff – Phil Foster

Holding ponds above 250th St. are still flooded. Christensen's area dams baking up. Beaver are blocking overflow and trapping the beaver is underway.

Waterfront Runoff— Alex Chorewycz

Wilkins project: DNR has approved waterfront mitigation including holding pond and grading from parking lot to the lake. Cheryl Clemens has been helpful moving the project forward. Due to Covid-19 conditions, Wilkins has put the project on hold. Wilkins, DNR and the District are working together to finish the project this year. Waterfront runoff with property owners: newsletter will promote Mary and Cheryl's consulting.

District-funded Septic Incentive is still available, limit of five granted per year. If holding tank is taking on water it is not considered a failing system. If drainfields are flooding, the system is non-compliant and could be eligible for the District incentive.

Fisheries — Bob Boyd

Repairing fish cribs moved by ice. Still monitoring smallmouth reproduction and sizes being caught.

Aquatic Plant Management — Bob Boyd and Cary Olson

Thanks to Cheryl Clemens and Steve Schieffer for working with us to draft the well-written document. We tightened up a lot of language to cover unknowns and new invasive species, how to determine treatment of CLP and navigation channels, how property owners can treat their own properties with permitting. CLP contract for this year has been issued. Waiting for Tribe harvesting to be completed. After that and when water temp and wind conditions are right treatment will begin.

Clean Boats Clean Waters — Bob Boyd

Program is on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions. Monitors are ready when they can be allowed. Statewide, monitors are on hold. Landing cameras are starting up.

Boating Safety — Mike Musial

Buoys are ready and will be installed in critical areas first; all will be in place before fishing opener. Docks: New dock on North Landing. South end dock was damaged, old north end dock will not work there. Noah knocked down the sand and ice berm but other work needs to be done to level the ground so the dock can be installed. Mike repaired the dock at cost of \$1,600. Some money can be gained from sale of north end dock to offset the ; not sure of value. John Ukura agrees to sell north end dock. New north end dock will arrive on Wednesday, April 29. Ron Ogren says Town of Georgetown will help as part of their services to work on the lake substrate to level it. Phil will send Town info to Mike to coordinate. North end fishing pier is already installed.

Motion: Mike Musial to repair south landing substrate following Town of Georgetown's capacity. Mike will provide projected costs prior to proceeding. Chorewycz/ Motion was not seconded.

Motion: Sell north end dock to offset cost of south end dock repair. Musial/Chorewycz

Send eNews update on buoys, docks, landings, boat safety.

South landing safety: Outhouse.

Motion: Place and pay for an outhouse from Olson Sewer Service at the south landing for the time period of May 15 - October 15. Musial/Chorewycz. Carried.

Wildlife and Natural Beauty Committee — Karen Engelbretson

New members: David Klopp, Teri Albright, Kay Banister Schafer. Purple martin initiative: Install refurbished houses donated by David Klopp. Motion Appropriate \$750 from Wildlife and Natural Beauty Committee budget to pay for purple martin house installation. Engelbretson/Musial. Carried.

Communications — Karen Engelbretson, Chair

Spring Bone Lake Newsletter content was reviewed as presented. Fireworks will be on July 4th. Owens setting up a 501(c)(3). Thank your to our advertisers. Add APM article, Cary will write. Alum FAQ - leave out anything on fisheries at this time. Impact of alum on fisheries is uncertain. FAQs is first of a number of alum committee communications.

Fisheries will be included later. County board report could add something about the CAFOs but things are changing daily. Mike: not recommending Kids Don't Float kiosk use at this time due to Covid-19.

Reduced Wake — Cary Olson, chair

Response from e news recruiting wakeboat owners added a few new committee members, T. Poeling, A. Koester, J. Owens. Committee also includes J. Ukura and _____. Make known legal distances from shoreline for wakes. Add buoys for 100 ft from shore to illustrate distance. Cary will get committee going right away. Mike was asked to place a buoy at the location where a homemade temporary buoy might suffice. Mike could take an old buoy and paint our own signage on it and move around the lake. [Sec. note: legality of these buoys?]

Alum Committee — Phil Foster, chair

Several meetings of committee and finance subcommittee over the winter. Four items in addition to communications plan. Alum cost projections have gone up. Alum comes from China, tariffs and instability in prices. Alum prices are expected to go up 3% above normal inflation for material.

1. Treatments: Was 40/30/30 over 6 years. Recommendation now is 30/30/20/20 of dosage of 100 gallons per meter over 9 years instead. More benefit, subsequent treatments go out to 19 or 20 years.
2. How to pay for it: Bank financing has additional cost. Pay as you go approach would postpone treatments one year to build up cash. Summary on Alum costs document illustrates costs and payments.
3. Contingency: contingent on receiving one DNR grant of \$200K.
4. Exempting back lot property owners: 560 property owners, 70 properties do not have direct lake access (12% of owners) representing 5% of the value. Excluding these property owners increases the tax 5% to other property owners. \$122 to \$130 per 100K of value. Reasoning is that back lot owners do not have same direct benefit. Requires a special assessment category, not part of Bone Lake District tax. Over ten years.

Discussion:

- All approaches assume \$200K from District funds which is not on the document presented to the Board. Suggested that the amount be included on documents presented to District members.
- All District members including those on back lots pay District taxes equally for lake improvement activity. Considering excluding backlot owners from the alum tax yet they can vote for it.
- If it is not a District tax then back lot owners could be excluded from the vote on using alum.
- Pay as you go timing with four applications, 30 gal. vs. 40. Will the first treatment be effective? Bill James says it will work at that dosage.
- If using 3 treatments would need to wait 3 years to begin.
- Once we begin a 9- to 10-year tax, we're in it. We do have the right to stop treatment should the District members vote for it.
- If 2021 annual meeting vote to use alum is passed, tax would be included and payable on 2022 tax statement.
- Expected water clarity improvement has been projected in committee communications as 3-4 feet. Actual average over the year is 2.6 ft., or 3 feet in late summer. Communications should be clear on where figures come from.
- Include citations FAQs.
- Other citations mentioning water clarity and property values should be included.
- Stating "potential improvement of approximately 3 feet of water clarity" is acceptable.
- Any final motion on using alum would include the 4 points above and the 4 points will be communicated to District members.

Motion: Use the four points above for communications going forward over the next year assuming the alum treatment objective continues. Foster/Chorewycz.

Discussion:

Suggest "pay as we go" for terminology. Agreed.

Simplify information to property owners about the assessment and payments.

Include detailed spread sheets on the Bone Lake website. New material can be added.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Move to table old business agenda item: Policy document to approve chair description and establish vice chair role.

NEW BUSINESS

Alum treatment

Motion: Cancel scheduled alum treatment vote at 2020 annual meeting and instead do a late summer 2020 BLMD survey if we should have an alum treatment vote at the 2021 annual meeting. Foster/Chorewycz.

Discussion:

- How will survey be conducted. Online. Enews. Postcard to sign in to do an online survey generated 50% response for Cedar Lake. Plans for survey are not finalized.
- A late summer survey may be better generated in November. Is late summer timing intended to coordinate with algae bloom? Late fall would give a better look at conditions.
- Families with children returning to school and college are busy late Aug and early September. Later in September might be better timing.
- Postcard mailing would cost \$350.

Motion carried.

Approve updated APM Plan

Motion: Approve updated Aquatic Plant Management Plan. Engelbretson/Chorewycz.

Discussion:

- Does the plan include a navigation channel for the north end? Yes. Was approved in the permit. Markers will be placed for treatment area this spring.
- Public comment received from Atkinson requesting treatment in a sensitive area fits into the planning we wrote into the plan and is an example of how we would act on a request like this. This summer we can survey the plant population in that area to quantify the amount of CLP.
- Treatment for 2020 is already established.
- Thank you to those who attended the committee meetings and doing the hard work. Thank you to Cheryl Clemens and Steve Schieffer for their expertise and leadership.

Motion carried.

TOWN AND COUNTY REPORTS

Supervisor Doug Route, Polk County report

At the ESC Committee, a subcommittee has been created consisting of LWRD, Zoning and the Health Department. The report provided on Wednesday will be discussed in the next few meetings. Moratorium on CAFOs: Criticism is that the committee has only created a 1000 ft. shoreland protection area around the lakes precluding a CAFO although more has

been done including conditional use permits. Can't stop a CAFO but controls can be put on them. State government also has rules. Conditional uses are all the county can do. The 1000 ft. protection area from a lake is considered a big step and a start. ESC committee meetings are filmed and available on YouTube. Concerns for water quality are big issues. Movie Right to Harm is available online. The process has been very difficult. Doug is opposed to CAFOs and suggests people contact those supervisors who are in favor of CAFOs. Send emails to county clerk. Call supervisors.

Andy Brown, Chair, Town of Bone Lake report (read by Karen Engelbretson)

As many of you know the dam project on the Straight River ended up needing to be redesigned and rebid last October. The bids came back and raised the overall cost of the project significantly. On a split vote the town board decided to end the project due to excessive costs. This was a tough decision and the culmination of years of hard work by many people. The Straight River will continue to flow into Big Round Lake at its current level without restriction.

On a brighter note, the old narrow culvert/bridge over the river was replaced with a new wider metal culvert and guard rails and the road will be repaved this May or June. Our beloved Town Clerk, Darrell Frandsen, has announced that he will retire in April of 2020 and we'll begin looking for his successor soon. Our clerk is appointed by the board not elected by the voters. The township thanks the Luck Lions Club especially Gerry Albright for the work that they do maintaining Don Langel Park (north landing).

Ron Ogren, Chair, Town of Georgetown report

Ron Ogren did not attend.

Adjourned 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Engelbretson
BLMD Secretary
May 2, 2020

Current Wisconsin DNR Grants for the Bone Lake Mgmt District
As of March 31, 2020

		Grant Total	Grant Balance
Bone Lake Lake Mgmt Plan (April 15, 2015 to Dec 31, 2020)	Grant LPT-475-15	\$175,020	
Purpose: Improve water clarity, fisheries, wildlife and natural beauty			
Payment received to date		\$88,711	
Payment outstanding		\$23,213	
Remaining grant balance			\$63,096
CLP Control grant (4/1/2018 to 6/30/2020)	ACE121418	\$36,700	
Purpose: 50% funding to spray 30 acres of Curlyleaf Pondweed			
Payment received to date		\$11,494	
Remaining grant balance			\$25,206
Clean Boats Clean Waters grant (2/2020 to 12/31/2020)	Grant 772-20	\$8,000	
Purpose: Watercraft inspection and boater education on invasive species prevention			
Grant Advance:			
Payments received based on expenditures		\$2,000	
Remaining grant balance			\$6,000
Aquatic Plan update grant (2/15/17 to 6/30/2020)	AEPP 49117	\$9,461	
Purpose: Update Aquatic Management Plan and Aquatic Invasive Species monitoring			
Grant Advance:			
Payments received based on expenditures		\$5,705	
Remaining grant balance			\$3,756

INCOME STATEMENT AND BUDGET

BONE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT - COMMISSIONERS MEETING 18 APRIL 2020

FYE 2020 BUDGET (10/1/2019 THROUGH 12/31/2020) APPROVED AT BONE LAKE ANNUAL MEETING 10 AUGUST 2019 AND ACTUAL REVENUE & EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD 10-1-2019 THROUGH 3-31-2020

	Budget- FYE 2020 10/1/2019 thru 12/31/20	Actual-Rev & Exp 10/1/2019 thru 3/31/20
Towns of Georgetown and Bone Lake	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 37,837.34
Frandsen Bank-Interest	\$ 25.50	\$ 14.13
Newsletter Ads	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 200.00
	\$ -	\$ -
Grants	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 24,521.77
Other-maps-owner cost share & Misc.	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 103,625.50	\$ 62,573.24
Expenditures		
Lake Improvements		
Aquatic Plant Management (incl CBCW)	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 6,479.02
Consulting	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Lake Management		
Watershed	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 250.00
Waterfront runoff	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 11,503.41
Evaluation and Studies	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,026.36
Wildlife and Natural Beauty	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
Fisheries	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Communications/Education/Recognition	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Sub- Total Lake Mgmt.	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 15,779.77
Total Lake Improvements	\$ 109,000.00	\$ 22,258.79
Public Safety		
Buoy Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Safety Patrol	\$ -	\$ -
Total Public Safety	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Information and Education		
Newsletter	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,613.37
Dues	\$ 775.00	\$ -
Website	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
Meetings/Workshops	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 40.00
Total Information and Education	\$ 15,375.00	\$ 3,653.37
Administration		
Insurance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 259.00
Donations/Subscriptions	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Misc office expense	\$ 750.00	\$ -
Total Administration	\$ 12,750.00	\$ 4,259.00
Total expenditures	\$ 142,125.00	\$ 30,171.16
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 288,643.28	\$ 288,643.28
Ending Cash balance	\$ 250,143.78	\$ 321,045.36
Cash Balance - 3/31/2020		
Checking: balanced book to bank	\$	166,721.89
Money Market Savings: balanced book to bank	\$	154,323.47
Total: balanced book to bank	\$	321,045.36