

Bone Lake Commissioners Meeting
Saturday, April 9, 2016 9:00am Georgetown Hall
FINAL

Commissioners present:

Bob Murphy
Phil Foster
Karen Engelbretson
Mike Musial
Patricia Schmidt
Andy Brown

Also present: Bob Boyd

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

The commissioner meeting minutes from October 17, 2015 and December 5, 2015 were approved as final.

Phil Foster presented the financial statement: Income Statement and Projected Budget 10/1/2015 through 3/31/2016 Interim. Motion to approve and seconded: Engelbretson/Musial. Carried.
[The document is included as part of this pdf.]

Phil Foster presented a summary of current DNR grants total dollars and balance for the District.
[The summary is included as part of this pdf.]

Karen Engelbretson presented a recap of her attendance at the Wisconsin Lakes Convention held in March, 2016.
[A summary document is included as part of this pdf.]

Karen Engelbretson presented a summary of recent shoreland legislative changes and potential effects on water quality.
[The summary is included as part of this pdf.]

LMP and Committee Reports

Phil Foster presented our Lake Management Plan (LMP) was approved by DNR with one exception on page 49, Goal 3. Protect and improve the Bone Lake fishery. Under actions, second bullet which reads:

Encourage experimental reclassifying of lake to catch and release only for muskies with no harvesting for a period of 6 years. The goal is an increased in size of the muskies.

was not approved by DNR as too difficult to do with GLWFC cooperation.

Motion and second to delete the above quoted action item from the LMP: Musial/Engelbretson. Carried.

The winter fishery take is now reported by Aaron Cole, DNR, so the winter harvest is recorded.

Waterfront Committee, Phil Foster

Twenty pledges were received for 10x35 native plantings from the fall 2015 newsletter. The committee will meet on April 23, 2016. Dave Smith worked with Wilkins to approve a bulletin board in the front entry to post lake protection and lake news.

Watershed Committee, Phil Foster

A stream northeast of Chuck Adleman's is causing erosion near the lake on private property. A Polk County engineer is looking at solutions.

Wildlife and Natural Beauty Committee, Karen Engelbretson

A non-toxic lead exchange will commence this summer beginning Memorial Day weekend with the goal of removing toxic lead tackle from the Bone Lake environment. Property owners and anglers will be offered non-toxic split shot sinkers in exchange for the equivalent in lead sinkers from their tackle box. CBCW launch monitors will facilitate the exchange.

Communications Committee, Karen Engelbretson

Content for the spring newsletter was collected and reviewed.

Fisheries, Bob Boyd

Samples of Black Crappie Sarcoma from Bone Lake and Staples Lake are being reviewed in various labs. CBCW monitors will ask anglers about diseased crappies and the smallmouth catch at the landings. More cribs will be installed. Existing cribs north of big island will be repaired. Winter ice was a short season and fewer ice houses were noted on the lake over the winter.

Aquatic Plant Management, Bob Boyd

Lake Restoration is conducting spraying over 30 acres of CLP, coordinating with wind and temps. They usually need more than one day to do all. Bob Boyd conducts testing for dispersion rates, taking samples 2, 4, 6, 8, 16, 24 and 48 hours after spraying. More lake monitors are needed. Monitors are looking for Eurasian Water Milfoil, northern water milfoil and CLP populations. The Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) monitors are mostly children and grandchildren of people around the lake.

Boating Safety, Mike Musial

Mike built 6 new buoys. He will advise dates for the Polk County Sheriff boating safety class training. Website for the online class will be posted in the newsletter.

Old Business

Lagoon dredging, Mike Musial. A DNR grant application for funding the lagoon dredging was denied. Dredging is now planned to be funded by lagoon property owners. Coordination with Balsam Lake efforts on their project might save \$ if they hire the same dredger and equipment. The lease has a 3 month minimum. The proposed lagoon dredging will take one month's time.

New Business

Phil Foster explained the concept of a Conservancy or ways to set aside District funds for land purchases with the objectives of: keeping undeveloped property intact, keeping woodlands intact, and acquiring watershed areas for improvements to the water quality of Bone Lake.

Phil Foster presented information on an additional wireless microphone for the annual meeting at Wilkins. Mike Musial and his brother will investigate.

Patricia Schmidt was not re-elected to the Polk County Board of Supervisors. She thanked the BLMD board of commissioners for all she's learned from us about lake management issues.

Motion to Adjourn, 11:00 a.m.

Schmidt/Engelbretson. Carried.