

## **Bone Lake Commissioners Meeting**

**Saturday, October 27, 2018**

**8:00 am Georgetown Hall**

**FINAL**

Commissioners present:

Bob Murphy

Phil Foster

Alex Chorewycz

Karen Engelbretson

Mike Musial

Ron Ogren, Town of Georgetown

Doug Route, Polk County

Also present:

Bob Boyd

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

**Agenda.** The agenda was amended to include add under 6. Committee Reports Fisheries, Clean Boats and Clean Waters first, then Alum Committee, last in order. No motion.

**Minutes.** The commissioner meeting minutes from July 14, 2018 were reviewed and adopted as amended.

Motion to approve the 7.14.18 minutes: Chorewycz/Foster. Carried.

**Treasurer report.** Alex Chorewycz presented the Income Statement and Budget, FYE-2018 Budget and Actual 10.1.2017 through 9.30.2018 and FYE-2019 Budget Ending 9.30.2019, approved at the BLMD annual meeting August 11, 2018. Motion to approve as presented: Foster/Musial. Carried.

**Grants report.** Phil Foster presented the grants report. The report is included as part of this pdf.

- Motion to request to extend Grant LPT-475-15 to December 31, 2019: Foster/Chorewycz. Carried.
- CLP-171-15 extension to June, 2019 was approved.
- Motion to apply for two \$4000 CBCW grants, one for each landing: Foster/Chorewycz. Carried
- Motion to apply for a new Healthy Lakes grant for 2019 in the amount of \$13,972: Foster/Chorewycz. Carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Fisheries — Bob Boyd**

The committee was to meet 10.27.18 to discuss Black Crappie Sarcoma, panfish in general, walleye stocking, alum treatment, zebra mussels, tournaments, musky and bass, smallmouth bass reproduction, More cribs.

- Kayla Boyd Black Crappie Sarcoma Study. Kaela may get a grant through Polk County LWRD and other states. Kaela has received \$2,300 in funding from Bone Lake, \$500 from Pipe & North Pipe, \$2,000 from Wapo/Bear Trap, and \$200 from individual citizens.
- The DNR muskie report will be available winter 2018-19. Bigger fish, but fewer big fish.

**Recommend a toilet at the South Landing.** Cost would be approximately \$50/month or \$200 for the season.

Motion to approve \$200 for placement of a toilet on the South Landing for 2019 boating season: Engelbretson/Musial.

Bob Boyd will talk with Olsons.

**Cameras:** Total of 2,829 launches were recorded at the north and south landings. Of fourteen potential violations, eight were reported to Deputy Haan. Number of citations unknown. Opinion: Cameras are worth it. The cameras cost \$5000 per year out of District funds.

**AIS:** More adult zebra mussels were found in Deer Lake bringing the total to 5. The Polk County Zebra Mussel Task Force recommends containment or installation of a washing station at the Deer Lake landing.

**Kids Don't Float.** Mike Musial will help take over maintenance.

**Waterfront Runoff— Alex Chorewycz**

More site visits since the Annual Meeting. Some interest for 2019 including six 10x35 plantings. The committee is talking with Wilkins and Calderwood about installing practices. Keep getting the message out.

**Watershed Runoff — ?**

Potential for a holding pond at Musial property.

**Wildlife and Natural Beauty — Karen Engelbretson**

Committee will meet over the winter.

**Communications — Karen Engelbretson**

Discussed content for fall newsletter to be mailed at the end of November.

Will begin revise of Bone Lake website in spring 2019.

**Boating Safety — Mike Musial**

Buoys are out of the water. No one seems to know boating etiquette. Adults could benefit from boating safety classes.

**Aquatic Plant Management — Bob Boyd**

- Will spray a channel to the lagoon if GLIFWC will allow.

**Social — Phil Foster**

- The committee needs a new chairperson and new volunteers. Smiths and Singers have resigned.

**Alum Committee — Phil Foster**

The task of the committee is to learn about alum and make a recommendation to the Board whether or not to treat Bone Lake with Alum to reduce phosphorus. Bone Lake internal load (phosphorus released from lake sediments) is estimated at 50 percent of the total phosphorus in the lake. Other P reduction methods are being studied: aeration, pellets, research papers. Next meeting December 1. Note: An engineering study would be needed in order to evaluate aeration. Cost of study? District properties equal \$174M in property value.

**BLMD Bylaws — Karen Engelbretson**

The Bylaws were written in 1976 when the District was formed. No one knows where the originals exist. Lake Districts are governed by Wisconsin state statutes, largely through Chapter 33 plus other state laws. Lake districts can develop additional policies but they cannot conflict with Chapter 33 or other applicable statutes. Outdated bylaws can cause more trouble than they are worth. The District can rescind the current outdated and inaccurate 1976 Bylaws and adopt Wisconsin Statute Chapter 33. The District can write specific policies and time-saving procedure documents such as

commissioner/officer roles, number of signatures on checks, what dollar amounts require full board approval, cycle of reviewing polices, orientation guide for new board members, etc.

Motion to present to the BLMD membership at the 2019 Annual Meeting to rescind the 1976 BLMD Bylaws in favor of operating under Wisconsin Statute Chapter 33: Foster/Chorewycz. Carried.

Point of information: An auditor's report is mandated by law for the Annual Meeting.

#### **Property owner survey results — Phil Foster**

Some of the results of the recent survey were discussed in detail. 50 percent of property owners responding to the survey are unfamiliar with infiltration and runoff diversion practices while most are familiar with 10x35 plantings. Waterfront runoff committee could put out more information on infiltration and diversion in newsletter. Put survey results on website.

#### **Ron Ogren, Town of Georgetown**

- The Fire Department Board will meet in October. The Town is still far from a final decision on emergency services.
- Sandy Hook: The Town will pay for the required well abandonment of \$250. Tree removal will cost \$1800 and the Balsam Rod & Gun Club and the Polk County Sportsmens Club are donating the money for tree removal and conduct brush clearing. The required engineering study is still unfunded; the Town is talking with the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct the study.

#### **Supervisor Doug Route, Polk County report**

Mr. Route discussed the October 24 Environmental Services Committee meeting and public hearing to change the county Shoreland Protection Ordinance by adding allowed uses by conditional use permits and eliminating required erosion and stormwater plans from conditional use permits. The committee meets again and the hearing continues on November 14, 2018.

#### **Old business**

none

#### **New Business**

none

Motion to adjourn: Ogren/Chorewycz. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Engelbretson  
BLMD Secretary  
November 6, 2018