

**Bone Lake Management District  
Commissioners Meeting  
Saturday, October 22, 2022  
9:00 a.m. Online via Zoom  
Minutes FINAL**

**Cary Olson called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.**

**Roll Call**

- ✓ Cary Olson, Chair
- ✓ Shelley Rose, Vice Chair
- ✓ Karen Engelbretson, Secretary
- ✓ Alex Chorewycz, Treasurer
- ✓ Mike Musial
- ✓ Doug Route, Polk County Supervisor, District 2
- Andy Brown, Town of Bone Lake
- Jeff Traynor, Town of Georgetown

Guests present:

Bob Boyd  
Deb Dawson

**Motion:** Motion to approve the agenda as written. Chorewycz/Rose. Carried.

**Polk County Report - Doug Route**

Board decisions, discretionary spending, three items:

1. Polk County will remodel the Command Center, similar to a motor home, estimated at \$200K.
2. The Polk County Museum steeple needs repairs. The cost of \$180K includes windows.
3. Many upgrades are being made to the Polk County Fair buildings.

Short term rentals law currently at 7 days out of 30, but now find County can't do that. Consecutive days would be 180. However the County zoning is re-writing the permitted uses again.

Question: How many rentals on Bone Lake? Zoning has information.

Include list of rules in the Bone Lake Newsletter.

**Town of Bone Lake Report - Andy Brown, by email**

Improvements at the north landing adding a parking lot will require an certified engineering study. The Town of Bone Lake may contribute to the cost. Polk County provided a list of engineering firms and the requirements. Andy contacted a firm in Rice Lake. Study may cost \$12K. Part of the cost may be eligible for payment from the open grant for Sunset Cove. Cheryl will help find out. What is the BLMD contribution to this project? Town of Bone Lake may contribute to the engineering study. BLMD has agreed to pay up to \$17K. The Town is committed to contributing gravel valued at \$8K. Once we have bids we can discuss what BLMD will donate. Paving is put off until 2023 in hopes the cost of asphalt will go down.

**Town of Georgetown - Shelley Rose**

Shelly has been attending the Georgetown town board meetings. Georgetown is creating a turnaround at the end of Sandy Hook to allow space for snowplows and emergency vehicles without using private driveways. The area is flagged now. West Bone Lake Point has an approved reduced road setback for a building. Ellen Butler, Treasurer of Half Moon

**Agenda October 22, 2022 Commissioners Meeting**

1. Roll call
2. Approve agenda
3. Polk County Report: Doug Route
4. Town of Bone Lake Report: Andy Brown
5. Town of Georgetown Report: Jeff Traynor
6. Treasurer Report: Alex Chorewycz
7. Review and approve grants for Nov 1 submission: Cary Olson
  - a. CBCW
  - b. Engaging Owners: Natives for Restoration and Stabilization Extension
  - c. Design for Shoreline Stabilization Extension
  - d. Bone Lake Aquatic Life Assessment and Mapping Extension
  - e. Bone Lake Healthy Lakes Projects Extension
8. Committee Reports
  - a. Boating/Water Safety: Mike Musial
  - b. Watershed: Phil Foster
  - c. Waterfront Runoff: Alex Chorewycz
  - d. Aquatic Plant Management: Bob Boyd/Cary Olson
  - e. Wildlife and Natural Beauty: Karen Engelbretson
  - f. Communications: Karen Engelbretson
  - g. Facebook page: Deb Dawson
9. Old Business
  - a. Decontamination Unit update Cary Olson
  - b. North Landing Parking update Cary Olson
10. Adjourn

Lake, is encouraging the Town to create a website and to be more transparent with their financials, income & expenses not just what they spent and have in the bank. Next Georgetown Town Board meeting November 15, 2022; 6:30 p.m. budget, 7:00 regular meeting.

Will BLMD meetings ever return to Georgetown Hall? Unsure.

### **Treasurer's Report - Alex Chorewycz**

Alex presented the current Treasurer's Report. First column is budget through December; third column is budget approved at annual meeting. Second column: grant dollars will increase hopefully before the end of the year to help us make budget. Cary: we don't get money back until we file for it and that's after the first of the year. Cheryl will work with us on that. We are \$27K short from what we anticipated but more is coming in (next year). Cary: we'll get a big chunk for the boat cleaning station. Waterfront runoff projects are under budget. Not many property owners using grant dollars for healthy lakes. Additional septic incentive; some owners interested waiting for someone to come out.

### **Review and Approve Grant Extensions and approval - Cary Olson**

The following grants have been extended through 2023: Engaging Owners Natives for Restoration and Stabilization 2023; Design for Shoreline Stabilization and Runoff Control 2023; Bone Lake Aquatic Life Assessment and Mapping 2023; and Bone Lake Healthy Lakes Projects 2023. This will allow us another year to use up grant funds that we were awarded.

Wildlife & Natural Beauty Committee has plans to use Aquatic Life Assessment and Mapping grant - Sensitive areas: we will develop a brochure and other activities to build awareness of these areas.

Marketing native plants and trees we're developing a brochure, maybe buy and distribute trees to property owners. Approved CBCW grant application for \$8,000 for 2023.

Healthy Lakes Extension.

Acceptance letters have been received for Aquatic Life, Design for Shoreline Stabilization, Marketing native plants.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Boating - Mike Musial**

Buoys are coming out today (Oct. 22). The North End dock is out. For newsletter, publish a thank you for boaters' courtesy on the water. For newsletter, thank boaters for being courteous. Will review the south end dock for condition. Noah Musial is checking equipment for Zebra mussels when pulling docks from the water.

### **Watershed - Phil Foster**

Phil Foster sent a Watershed Committee report including his investigation of two dam projects relating to Bone Lake. He reviewed the Guidera Dam at 255th Ave and CR GG, and included a brief discussion about a having a dam on Fox Creek where it exits Bone Lake, including the DNR rules for creating and operating a dam. Phil's documents are part of the pdf of these minutes. Note: Bone Lake water level is down 8.8" from first reading in spring 2022.

### **Waterfront Runoff - Alex Chorewycz**

Nothing more than mentioned earlier.

### **Aquatic Plant Management - Cary Olson**

We had a big algae bloom late summer that lasted well into October. In the newsletter chair letter Cary's mentioned some things about preventing algae blooms. We can only control what goes into the lake from our properties. It's been an unusual year for the lake.

### **Wildlife and Natural Beauty - Karen Engelbretson**

Grant extensions will allow us to fund publications and programming in 2023. Bob Boyd and others have proposed programming for children related to the aquatic life assessment and mapping study results at sensitive areas around the lake. See the pdf as part of these minutes.

### **Communications - Karen Engelbretson**

Website survey presented.

Newsletter content was reviewed. See PDF as part of these minutes.

Deb Dawson reported on the Bone Lakers facebook page since she's been the Admin since the annual meeting. See PDF as part of these minutes. Includes a new welcome message. Deb will mention the BoneLakers facebook page is not the official BLMD website.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Decontamination Unit Update - Cary Olson**

Cary presented the current state of the CD3 unit at the north landing, and the statistics for its use since August this year. Signage will be developed over the winter for installation before the 2023 boating season. Mandatory use was not required this year because CBCW personnel were not trained, because signage was not in place. CD3 provides stats of the equipment is used. See PDF as part of this equipment. Note: Brush usage may be inaccurate. Total of 246 sessions where someone has started to use one of the tools, and within 3 minutes has used another tool, etc. until they stop. That is a session. Bob Boyd compared the landing data showing 630 landings from the camera in the same time period but the camera records just coming out of the lake, not going in. So we can assume 1200 boats going in and coming out. 19% of the boats using the landing used something on the unit. That's a good response considering usage was not mandatory this fall. Signs will be in place in spring when dock is installed. Cary has contacts for sign vendors. Balsam Lake is filing a grant for seven units at 5 public and 2 private landings. The five public landing units are likely to be funded.

**Motion:** Approve grant application for a full size CD3 Unit like the one in place at the north landing for the Bone Lake south landing. Chorewycz/Engelbretson. Carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Cary Olson: Preferences for location of 2023 annual meeting?**

Those preferring Bone Lake Lutheran Church: Shelley Rose, Karen Engelbretson, Cary Olson, Alex Chorewycz.

If at the church, encourage people to move to the front. We have not surveyed property owners this year as to their preference for the location. Comments are 50/50 on location.

State of Wisconsin suggests meetings held in a public place.

Less than 100 people are attending.

Other options: Wilkins, or outdoors at Georgetown Hall or North Landing under a tent. Shelley Rose will investigate costs and viability of that type of meeting. Considerations are adequate AV systems.

Would Wilkins agree to not serve alcohol? They did not agree in the past. Can BLMD mitigate the loss of revenue?

Can we ask Wilkins?

A non-alcohol environment is necessary for our annual meeting.

Suggest no alcohol in dining room, set up dining room as theater seating, not tables.

We don't need a Zoom presentation. BL Lutheran could accommodate a Facebook stream of the meeting which they currently do for their church services, which would provide accessibility without the additional setup.

Cary: Table this discussion and table any vote.

Meeting adjourned 10:45 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted**

Karen Engelbretson  
Secretary  
Bone Lake Management District  
November 6, 2022

**2023 Meeting Dates**

February 18	Agenda TBD
April 22	Budget
June 17	Budget, Annual Meeting Planning
August 12	Annual Meeting
October 14	Grants

