

**Bone Lake Management District
Special Commissioners Meeting
Tuesday, August 15, 2023
2:00 p.m. Online via Zoom
Minutes DRAFT**

Cary Olson called the meeting to order at 1:59 P.m.

Roll Call

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

Guests present:

- X Cheryl Clemens

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Motion to approve agenda: Chorewycz/Rose. Carried.

Cheryl: quick summary of potential Harvester grant funding via email August 15, 2023.

All \$ for inland waters (not Great Lakes) were distributed in the first meeting of the Waterways Commission in August 2023. There was \$2 million available and 3.5 million in funding requests. 1.2 million was available for inland waters. The upcoming cycle (due Sept. 1) for the Nov. Waterways Commission meeting has funding available only for Great Lakes projects.

If some of the funding awarded in August 2023 is not used, there may be inland waters funding available at the April meeting. Pat thought they would know this by Sept. 1.

BLMD could submit an application at any time. A harvesting permit (completed not just the application) must be included with the grant request. If you want to submit an application for the April 1, 2024 deadline, you could proceed with a harvesting permit in Sept. It is most likely that \$ will be available beginning July 1, 2024. In the meantime, Pat is willing to review a draft application.

Grant money is gone. 1.2 million dollars were used on Lake Winnebago and in Waukesha County. There may be money available in April, 2024. New fiscal year starts July 2024, meeting is in August. Timing after that is unknown, but likely harvesting could begin in 2025. A 50 percent grant can be anticipated if the project gets funded.

Another procedural step: A DNR approved APM harvesting permit would need to be approved to begin harvesting. \$300 fee for one year. Continue working on submitting grant September 1.

We need a bidding process. Mike will contact Inland Harvester and
Would be helpful to have letter of support from Town of Bone Lake and Lions Club including elements importance of landing to the town, amount of use, cooperation between Town and District. Plan for a board member to attend presentation at Waterways Commission - location not known now.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order: Cary Olson
2. Introductions: Cary Olson, Commissioners, Guests
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Grant Resolution for Waterways Commission Grant Application for Harvester, conveyor, and trailer and related equipment purchase.
5. Adjourn

Motion to approve a Grant Project Resolution September 1. Chorwycz/Rose. Carried.

The grant resolution form was filled out in the meeting. Return form to Cheryl who will compile everything. Shelley will send everything in.

The APM Plan has been sent to DNR for review.

Grant application and an attachment — APM Permit for harvesting.

Approved APM Harvesting permit for 2024 — approve on October 14 meeting.

Harvester budget approved for 2024 but we won't be spending. Will need to approve a harvester budget again next year. If we have grant available at annual meeting next year would be good.

Determine whether we'll use chemical spraying in 2024, or no management at all. Decide this at Oct. 14 meeting.

Meeting adjourned 2:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Engelbretson
Secretary
Bone Lake Management District
October 15, 2023

