

**Bone Lake Management District
Commissioners Meeting
Saturday, October 26, 2024
9:00 a.m. via Zoom
Minutes FINAL**

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

Guests present:

- X Deb Dawson

Cary Olson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Motion to approve Agenda: Rose/Chorewycz. Carried.

Motion to approve July 13 meeting minutes: Chorewycz/Rose. Carried.

Motion to approve July 30 meeting minutes: Rose/Musial. Carried.

Polk County Report - Doug Route

The County Recycling Center is still under construction. The Environmental Services Committee passed a resolution to tax every Polk County property \$35 annually to support the purchase of new equipment, particularly for sorting plastics (\$100+K). The budget was \$150K in the red two years ago. Prices for aluminum cycle up and down. The Resolution did not pass the county board. The County passed a resolution to hire three new officers, one designated as a Recreational Officer. The remodeling of the Recycling Center was funded from the County budget after the board voted to keep it open.

Town of Bone Lake Report - Andy Brown

Gerry Albright, Luck Lions, is working with a donor to install a memorial bench in Don Langel Memorial Park. The new parking area was used heavily this summer. People respected the no parking signs on the road to the landing and improved safety for park landing users.

Town of Georgetown Report - Shelley Rose

1. New property assessments should be received by now. Public review notices should also have been received.
2. Big Round Lake approached the Georgetown Board about a wake boat ordinance (the first wake boat appeared on the lake and the lake is only 17 ft. deep.) Traynor did not support a Town ordinance but did support lake districts to establish their own ordinance. Based on that Big Round hired their own attorney but their request to put the item on the Town Board agenda, the request was denied. The attorney recommended getting a few lake districts together to make the request of Georgetown. Big Blake Lake has agreed; Big Round has asked if Bone Lake would agree to support asking Georgetown ask to give lake districts the authority to create ordinances to the protection needs of the waters we manage. Shelley is bringing the request to the BLMD board.
Cary: DNR controls the lakes;

AGENDA

1. Roll call
2. Approve agenda
3. Approve July 13th meeting minutes
4. Approve July 30th meeting minutes
5. Polk County Report: Doug Route
6. Town of Bone Lake Report: Andy Brown
7. Town of Georgetown Report: Jeff Traynor/Shelley
8. Treasurer Report: Alex Chorewycz
9. Zebra Mussel finding / discussion and action: All
10. Review and approve grants for Nov 1 submission:
 - a. CBCW
 - b. Lake Management Plan
 - c. Harvester updates Grant award/ payments/ timeline/ color selection: Cary
11. Lake Management Plan letters of support: Shelley
12. Lake Group funding of county sheriff patrol: Shelley
13. Pay homeowners to keep shorelines natural: Karen
14. Annual meeting feedback: All
15. Committee Reports
 - a. Boating/Water Safety: Mike Musial, landings
 - b. Watershed: Shelley Rose
 - c. Waterfront Runoff: Alex Chorewycz
Runoff on Anderson property
 - d. Aquatic Plant Management: Bob Boyd/Cary Olson
 - e. Wildlife and Natural Beauty: Karen Engelbretson
 - f. Communications: Karen Engelbretson Fall
newsletter, website
 - g. Facebook page: Deb Dawson
16. Fall newsletter
content
printing services – new vendor pricing
17. Old business / feedback on lights on buoys
18. Adjourn

Shelley: Are we interested in asking Georgetown to give lake districts the authority to create ordinances to the protection needs of the waters we manage?

Cary: It's a good idea if we can create ordinances on the lake. We know the damage wake boats can create. We don't have the expertise to do that.

Alex: There's any number of potential ideas for the management of the lake we could initiate. So we should support this.

Shelley: We're going along with the ride with Big Round Lake. We can say we're generally interested in supporting the effort and ask for more information.

Mike: How is it going to be possible to know what the rules are if they're different on every lake?

Cary: That's why DNR should set the standard.

Shelley: We'll say there is general interest pending more information.

Treasurer's Report - Alex Chorewycz

Financial operations statement through September presented.

Motion to approve treasurer's report: Rose/Olson. Carried.

Zebra Mussel Findings - Cary Olson

We need to continue with our enforcement of AIS prevention. There are still other invasives out there: EWM, spiny water flea, hydrilla and others. We want to support every effort to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species. As a District we need to support the continued use of the stations especially leaving the lake. We need to remind lake users to support the effort. We need to be sure new infestations don't enter the lake. ZMs that have been found were on the equipment that was in the deepest water. We need to work more with the CBCW inspectors and have some adults at the landings to support them, esp. during tournaments. CBCW monitors need to be visible. When Gerry Albright is there wearing his yellow vest people see him as authority. The camera is now off on weekends. Monitors are supposed to be taking a number of interviews per day and enter into SWIMS database. More information and education should be ongoing, How to reach visitors? Deb Dawson: Use the facebook page. People go there for info about the lake.

Grants - Cary Olson

CBCW

We need an approval and the grant request amount and local share amount. We have the 200 minimum hours for each of the landings. Maximum state share is \$4K for each landing so the grant application can move ahead with the same numbers as 2024. Cary will still talk with Cheryl about it for other ideas for more enforcement.

Motion to continue grant request of maximum \$4k per landing for 2025: Olson/Rose. Carried.

Lake Management Plan

Motion to approve the grant application to update the BLMD Lake Management Plan: Rose/Chorewycz. Carried.

Meeting November 6, 2024, 2:30 p.m. to finalize grant activities and budget activities. Others can be on the Zoom call to add expertise. Karen and Cary will also attend. Alex: Invite Phil Foster? Shelley will ask Cheryl if that would be helpful. Shelley will confirm time and send an email.

Should the District engage the county to conduct a shoreline inventory at the cost of \$11K. Will discuss in agenda item 13. Letters of support requests have been sent to thirteen organizations and Shelley is following up with other requests from marinas, property maintenance companies, Rod & Gun Club. Karen can help with contact information she has for advertisers. Jeff Dawson can help with providers.

Harvester Update

On September 9 Cary attended a three-year Zoom call for Waterways Commission grants. Priorities are given to the most people that will be served. There are standards for boat landings. Also they stress that fees are charged at boat landings. DNR and public funds cannot support all the work at the landings and the users need to contribute. All harvester grant requests were awarded at fifty percent, including Bone Lake. BLMD was awarded \$125,433. \$62,716 advance payment. We can't apply for another harvester for ten years. Mid-May delivery is scheduled from Inland Harvester.

Once the unit is finished they offer a free two-day training session. Shipping costs could have been included. Mike thought they would deliver and do training here on site. It's four hours from here. The Hatch diesel engine was chosen. Color selections were sent to commissioners. Blue was preferred by all. Cobalt Blue was selected from the Pantone® chart. A Bimini top can be added to keep operators out of the sun.

Lake Group Funding of County Sheriff Patrol - Shelley Rose

In July at the lakes meeting sponsored by LWRD attendees discussed the amount of patrols on the area lakes. The idea of lake groups helping fund an additional officer was suggested. Deputy Sheriff Don Burrows wants to know which Districts would be interested in helping fund additional patrols. Interested in hours? Many hours we would want per year? \$65-\$75 per hour. Patrols don't spend a lot of time on each lake. Camera reports mention when sheriff patrols are launched. There was a budget item in the past for \$2500/year. Alex: We just learned that three additional officers are being hired, one of which is a water patrol officer, so why would we contribute more? Mike: survey in the past asking for more water patrols was voted down. Districts should approach law enforcement with unlawful activity and request an additional officer the same as is done for other unlawful activity. Karen: The suggestion was made by lake groups to get together to fund another officer and that officer should be designated for the lakes and not elsewhere. Alex: Officers will go where they're needed. Mike: Why do we need extra patrols? Shelley: boating safety. Alex: we just learned three officers were hired with one being a recreational officer. Mike: so why pay more for law enforcement? Why pay double? Shelley: the additional recreational officer was in response to the lake groups offering funding. We're asking for more help with boating safety patrols and cleaning station usage enforcement which is now a law in Polk County. Are we willing to take our taxpayer dollars earmarked for boating safety to add more enforcement. Cary: Put dollars in the budget for enforcement. If we don't get the hours in the future then we withdraw that support.

Poll

In favor: Alex, Karen, Cary, Shelley Opposed: Mike

Shelley will send a message to Don Burrows that we are a maybe at a contribution of \$2,500.

Waterfront Runoff: Runoff on Anderson Property - Alex Chorewycz

Alex: We have nothing new. We've contacted three contractors. One is not interested, two have not responded. The property owner has indicated he does not want to lose any more of his yard. Things are at a standstill.

There are three potential septic grants this year but septic companies are too busy to complete them this year so incentives would be paid next year when projects are complete.

Pay homeowners to keep shoreline natural - Karen Engelbretson

Alex called our attention to an MPR article about the Burnett County Shoreline Incentive Program that pays property owners to keep their properties natural. The program is about 20 years old and our consultant Cheryl Clemens has been involved since its inception. Requires a 35 ft. buffer and 30 ft. viewing corridor. The incentive is an enrollment payment and annual payment. We can include this in our lake management plan. The first step is to choose a proposal for a shoreland property inventory. We have two estimates for this survey: One from Ecological Integrity Services for \$7,900 and one from Polk County for \$11,000. Polk County has already used their new ARC app to inventory MacKenzie and Paulson Lakes. Bone Lake is one of their lakes of high value and they are interested in extending the data set to include Bone Lake. Should we include questions about this program in focus groups and meetings with property owners while establishing the lake management plan? Shelley: We're working on the plans and budget for the LMP. The shoreland survey would help us on other shoreline questions. Karen: I believe the county involvement in this survey is essential to our lake management plan and future work around the lake. Shelley: The county has a technological solution to name the photos being used which saves a lot of time. The 2018 survey can help show properties that meet standards already. Alex: the programs that had grant funding required the owners to sign off on a twenty-year commitment to keep the practices in place and that's why interest went away. Karen: But this is a forward looking project and we need to speak with property owners about it. Cary: trying to get people to change is very hard. Karen: We have an opportunity to find out how people feel about it now. Shelley: the survey would be covered by the LMP grant. I'd like to see it under \$10K. We don't need a resolution for this, but we need a decision if we want to have the county do the inventory if it's under \$10K otherwise go with EIS. Cary: I support that. Karen: I support that too but the other question is if we want a shoreline incentive program in the lake management plan. Shelley: My hope is to do something less massive than a 35 ft. deep

program and less restrictive. We need to do questions about it. Based on historical experience I'm not sure property owners would support it. Karen: Well if we want DNR grant funding for it this is what it needs to look like. If we want a program funded by us it could be different and apply for a grant for it. There are other programs like the 10x30 plantings already in place. But if it is a DNR funded a shoreline incentive program, 35 ft buffer is what it looks like. Shoreline inventory: incentive program and other programs over the life of the plan. Shelley: We will work on Polk County to reduce the survey fee to 10K.

Annual Meeting Feedback

Forty-six people attended the meeting. Karen presented the survey comments. Good comments for the location, others signed up to volunteer.

Committee Reports

Boating Safety - Mike Musial

Buoys are out and I will make repairs so all are ready for putting in next spring.

Lights on buoys: Couple of property owners with property next to the sandbar expressed their concern about adding more lights on the lake. Mike: When we had them before people liked them. One boat went aground on the sandbar. If people don't want it, I won't pursue it. Cary: People have enough information about the lake on their phone. Alex: Is there something we can hand out at the landings with lake information? Karen: The blue boating brochure has a map with all the buoy locations. Mike: The gps units have all that information nationwide. This is a courtesy thing having buoys marking hazards.

Watershed - Shelley Rose

There was a washout on the second spillway dam of the Vilstrip property which has been repaired.

Aquatic Plant Management - Bob Boyd (in absentia)

Motion to purchase a YSI Pro 20, a new instrument to monitor dissolved oxygen and temperature when taking profile readings of Bone Lake at the cost of approximately \$1,450. Rose/Olson. Carried.

The cameras have been pulled and put away for the winter. The portable toilet will be pulled at the end of October.

An item for the newsletter, If anyone has interest in helping with the harvester contact Mike Musial. Jeff Dawson and Steve Nusbaum were mentioned. Mike will put together some scheduling of operators and some maintenance. Mike will send Karen his best contact information.

Wildlife and Natural Beauty - Karen Engelbretson

Nothing to report.

Communications - Karen Engelbretson

Newsletter content was reviewed.

Don't drive in the lake. Karen showed her video of a property owner driving a tractor with a front loader to remove his dock and lift from the lake. She entered the violation on the DNR tip line and within 24 hours received a call from a DNR warden who got the location and visited the property owner to let him know his actions were unlawful. The property owner was unaware and no citation/fine was given.

Zebra mussel info can be picked up from the county brochure created last year for the ZM Forum.

Harvester update from Cary

New LMP - Shelley

Cris Dueholm - Vultures

History items - Soren Larsen Sawmill, Bone Lake Island names, Memorial to Dick Creek Musky Hunter

Monitoring hours, stats from cleaning stations

Water Safety, Mike

Deb Dawson - BoneLakers Facebook

Deb presented stats on the page, demographic of membership, most viewed posts and trends. Suggestion to use the page for announcements and lake information. If Deb as admin does the posting everyone gets it in their feed. Activity is trending down for fall, top contributors are local businesses, comments turned off on bullying activity. Spammers are more prevalent.

Newsletter printing prices

A new estimate was provided, costs were \$600-\$700 higher than the spring issue from ICCPA due to the problems we had with them over the annual meeting postcard. They don't have a secure server, they're unresponsive during projects. Shelley suggested Bolger Printing. Karen presented an estimate from Dolan Printing for \$2275 - \$2387 plus postage. Karen can get other estimates.

Motion to select a new printer for the newsletter at a cost of approximately \$2,400 plus postage. Engelbretson/Rose. Carried.

Old Business

Where are we at with repairs on the boat landings? Polk County was going to do measurements of both landings and over the winter will work on designs.

Dates for 2025 meetings established:

- February 22 (changed to February 15)
- April 26
- June 21 Budget
- July 12 Budget & Annual Meeting Agenda
- August 9 Annual Meeting
- October 11

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Engelbretson
Secretary
Bone Lake Management District
October 31, 2024

**BONE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 COMMISSIONERS MEETING 26 OCTOBER 2024
 INTERIM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS
 APPROVED FYE 2024 BUDGET (1/1/2024 THROUGH 12/31/2024 AND
 REVENUE & EXPENSE 1JAN24 THRU 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Budget- FYE 2024 1/1/2024 thru 12/31/2024-APPROVED	Actual-Rev & Exp 1/1/2024 thru 9/30/24
Revenue		
Towns of Georgetown and Bone Lake	\$ 67,000.00	\$ 67,000.00
Frandsen Bank-Interest (Chkg. & Sav.)	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,924.85
Newsletter Ads	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,125.00
Interest: CD's (1 & 2)	\$ -	\$ 3,400.60
Grants (incl harvester grant)	\$ 124,200.00	\$ 92,364.74
Other-maps-owner cost share & Misc.	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 196,500.00	\$ 169,815.19
Expenditures		
Lake Improvements		
APM Projects (includes CBCW)	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 18,313.34
CLP-Trtment/Harvester Operations	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 350.00
Decontamination Stations & fees	\$ -	\$ 1,275.00
Dock-South Landing	\$ -	\$ -
N/S Landings-Donations-Improv./Mnt.	\$ -	\$ 3,485.00
CLP Harvester	\$ 273,000.00	\$ -
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Sub-Total Lake Improvements	\$ 321,500.00	\$ 23,423.34
Lake Management Projects		
Watershed projects	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 200.00
Waterfront runoff projects	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 548.24
Septic Incentives	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Evaluation and Studies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,569.72
Wildlife and Natural Beauty	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Fisheries	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Communications/Education/Recognition	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Consulting-incl. grant funded assistance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,375.00
Sub- Total Lake Mgmt. Projects	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 10,192.96
Total Lake Improvements	\$ 345,500.00	\$ 33,616.30
Public Safety		
Buoy Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,825.00
Safety Patrol	\$ -	\$ -
Total Public Safety	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,825.00
Information and Education		
Newsletter	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,306.23
Dues-Associations	\$ 775.00	\$ -
Website	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Meetings/Workshops	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,096.53
Total Information and Education	\$ 13,775.00	\$ 6,402.76
Administration		
Insurance	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,535.00
Donations/Subscriptions	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,659.90
Misc office expense	\$ 750.00	\$ 25.00
Total Administration	\$ 10,250.00	\$ 3,219.90
Total expenditures	\$ 374,525.00	\$ 45,063.96
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 246,933.90	\$ 246,933.90
Ending Cash balance	\$ 68,908.90	\$ 371,685.13

Cash Balance - 9/30//2024

Checking: bal. book to bank-9/30//2024	\$ 187,238.04
Money Market Savings: bal. book to bank-9/20/2024	\$ 6,046.49
Certificate of Deposit (CD) #xxxxx1998 purchased 2/21/2024	<u>\$ 178,400.60</u>

Total: balanced book to bank \$ 371,685.13

Designated Funds approved for current Fiscal Year:	\$ 30,000.00
Designated Funds used in current Fiscal Year:	\$ -
Designated Funds balance as of 12/31/2024:	<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>

Bone Lake Management District 2025 Annual Budget—Includes Harvester

Proposed Revenue & Expense 1/1/2025 thru 12/31/2025

Towns of Georgetown and Bone Lake	67,000.00	
Frandsen Bank-Interest (Chkg.&Sav.)	1,500.00	
Newsletter Ads	4,500.00	
CD's (1&2)	—	
Grants (incl harvester grant)	104,000.00	◀ Harvester 30%, Decon Sta(p), CBCW/APM Plan, Wildlife & Nat.Beauty, Lake Management Plan
Other-maps-owner cost share & Misc.	500.00	

Total Revenue \$177,500.00

EXPENDITURES

Lake Improvements

APM Projects (includes CBCW)	22,000.00	CBCW, Landing Cameras, Internet Expense, Portable Toilet Payroll & related expenses, Fuel, Transport, Storage, Maintenance
CLP Treatment, Harvester Ops.	27,500.00	
Decontamination Stations	—	
Dock-South Landing	—	
N/S Landings: improvement & maintenance	10,000.00	
CLP Harvester	273,000.00	Harvester/Barge, Conveyor, Conveyor Trailer, GPS mapper
Equipment Maintenance	2,500.00	
Subtotal Lake Improvements	\$335,000.00	

Lake Management Projects

Watershed projects	2,500.00
Waterfront runoff projects	2,500.00
Septic Incentives	5,000.00
Evaluation and Studies	8,000.00
Wildlife and Natural Beauty	2,500.00
Fisheries	500.00
Comm./Education/Recognition	1,000.00
Consulting, incl grant funded asst.	8,000.00
Subtotal Lake Management Projects	\$30,000.00

Total Lake Improvements \$365,000.00

Public Safety

Buoy Maintenance	5,000.00
Safety Patrol	—
Total Public Safety	\$ 5,000.00

Information and Education

Newsletter	9,000.00
Dues	775.00
Website	1,000.00
Meetings/Workshops	3,000.00
Total Information and Education	\$13,775.00

Administration

Insurance	9,000.00
Donations/Subscriptions	3,500.00
Misc office expense	750.00
Total Administration	\$ 13,250.00

Total Expenditures \$397,025.00

Beginning cash balance (estimated) \$293,864.14

Ending cash balance (estimated) \$74,339.14

Cash Balance January 1, 2025 (estimated)

Checking 6/30/23	103,364.05
Money Market Savings 6/22/23	190,500.09
Total Cash Balance (estimated)	\$293,864.14

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Designated Funds approved for current Fiscal Year	\$30,000.00
Designated Funds used in current Fiscal Year:	—
Designated Funds reserved for next Fiscal Year:	—
Additional Funds approved for next Fiscal Year:	—
Total Unused DSF balance this FY as of 12/31/2024	\$30,000.00