

**Bone Lake Management District
Annual Meeting
Saturday, August 12, 2017
9:00am, Wilkins on Bone Lake**

FINAL

Commissioners present:

Bob Murphy

Phil Foster

Karen Engelbretson

Alex Chorewycz

Mike Musial

Guest:

Cheryl Clemens, Harmony Environmental

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Bob Murphy

Announcements, Chairman Bob Murphy. Use of microphone. Protocol to change the agenda.

Motion to change agenda item New Business to include Sandy Hook public access. Andrea Lopnow. Carried

Motion to approve minutes from August 2016 Annual Meeting. Carried.

Motion to approve Finance report FYE 2017 10/1/15 - 9/30/17. Mary Chorewycz/Mark Peacock. Carried.

Presentation:

Water Clarity: Where we've been, where we're going.

Cheryl Clemens

Cheryl presented Bone Lake's progress to reduce phosphorus from residential lots, tributaries, and internal loading along with our progress from 2015-2017. While 10x35 plantings are doing well, other projects need a "jump start," e.g. runoff diversions, runoff infiltration practices, septic system replacements and watershed projects.

The internal loading study underway was explained; it will provide data on phosphorus released from bottom sediments and how that happens.

Cheryl explained the alum treatment underway at Cedar Lake; preliminary results are available after the first of five treatments.

In summary, controlling runoff is critical to improving the lake's water clarity. More work needs to be done to capture runoff from residential properties and redirect it to soak into the ground.

Comment: Russel Herbst commented at length about the large population of geese on the lake and how they can be contributing to the phosphorus problem. He suggested a number of control methods and left his contact information for future action.

Question: Can wake boats disturb sediment and cause it to re-suspend in the water? Answer: Yes.

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AGENDA

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| 1. Call to order | 10. Goose proof or goose poop |
| 2. Approve prior meeting minutes | 11. Social activities |
| 3. Approve financial report | 12. Commissioner election |
| 4. Water clarity: where we've been, where we're going | Term of Mike Musial is expiring |
| 5. Waterfront runoff reduction options | 13. Approval of proposed budget |
| 6. Septic incentive for non-conforming system replacement | 14. Volunteer recognition and opportunities |
| 7. Zebra mussels: Why Bone Lake is at risk and what to do | 15. Audit |
| 8. Fisheries update | 16. Old Business |
| 9. How Bone Lakers stay connected | 17. New Business |
| | Adjournment |

Comment: Do something about the boats that throw large wakes and unlawful boating activity on the water.

Waterfront Runoff Reduction. Alex Chorewycz

Alex outlined waterfront projects that can keep water from running into the lake: 10x35 plantings, rock infiltration, rain gardens, septic replacement. Grant money is available to cover 75 percent of a \$1000 10x35 planting. Schedule a site visit to learn more. If a non-conforming septic is suspected, call Dick Mackie.

Question: What is the cost of an alum treatment? Cheryl Clemens answered that Cedar Lake's first treatment was a cost of \$500K of which the District paid \$85K. The complete project will total \$2.5 million.

Zebra Mussels. Bob Boyd

An adult zebra mussel was found in Deer Lake. A Polk County task force has been established to monitor lakes and establish best practices. Bone Lake is networking with Deer Lake because tournament anglers move from one lake to the other. Divers and veliger dredges have not found any other zebra mussels in Deer Lake or Bone Lake. Bone Lake may be at risk due to the lake's high calcium levels.

Property owners were asked to look in shallow water, especially along rocky bottom areas, to check equipment when pulling from the water in the fall, and to volunteer to monitor a plate sampler at their dock.

Clean Boats Clean Waters. Bob Boyd

A photo from our landing camera showed a boat launching with aquatic vegetation attached and resulted in a citation and a \$450 fine, plus court costs.

CBCW monitors contacted 1564 boaters at the north and south landings through July 23, 2017.

Fisheries. Bob Boyd

DNR completed a two-year fyke net study. Fourteen nets were placed over 12 weeks. Muskies are tagged. The largest was 45.9". Boom shocking is done at night in shallow waters. The stunned fish rise to the surface and are counted. Results of the fyke net study and boom shocking are posted at bonelakewi.com; click/tap fisheries.

Black Crappie Sarcoma. The initial report is on our website. DNR biologists are no longer available and the study has been dropped. About 20 percent of Black crappies caught are infected. It was recommended to remove infected fish from the water and dispose in the trash, don't eat them; the removed fish count toward your limit.

Bone Lake Communications. Karen Engelbretson

Karen described the communication vehicles in use by the District and its members: Bonelakewi.com, Bonelakers facebook page, Bone lake enews. Members were reminded that commissioners are available and contact information is on the website and in every newsletter.

Goose population: Methods and options for reducing and/or repelling Bone Lake's geese. Karen Engelbretson

Karen provided statistics on the national Canadian geese population and listed options for repelling geese, and the control methods that require state and federal permits. Members were invited to volunteer to help organize or participate in an early season organized goose hunt near Bone Lake.

Social activities. Shari Singer

Shari reported on the Bone Lake social activities. Progressive dinner: Only three couples signed up so the event was canceled. An Oktoberfest is scheduled for Saturday Sept 30 or October 7. The Spring Social on Derby Day at Wilkins was well attended with 100+ people. The Fourth of July boat parade included donations by friends of Viking fans with tickets to the opener as first prize. For 2018, first prize will be tickets to the Vikings/Packers game. A party on the sunken island was held July 22 organized by Linette and Paul Werner.

Shari Singer noted that they have let the grass grow across the front of their property and now have no geese on their lawn.

Fireworks recognition. Bob Boyd

Bob introduced Joel and Jolene Owens who have organized Bone Lake's south end fireworks at their own expense while collecting donations for veterans. \$9000 from a total of 66 contributors was collected this summer. Sgt. Haggert from Local VFW Post 6856 spoke in thanks for the donations. So far they have helped eight veterans, including providing a lawn mower, car downpayment, wheel chair, and living expenses for a vet having hip surgery. A hat was passed for additional donations and \$600 was collected at the meeting.

A drawing was held for door prizes: Cribbage board went to Sally Seiber, and a wine basket to Gail Heller. The social committee has produced Bone Lake T-shirts. They are available for \$10.

Commissioner election. Mike Musial, candidate for second three-year term. There were no nominations from the floor. Mike was elected by a show of hands/cards of eligible voters.

Proposed Budget. Alex Chorewycz.

Motion to approve: Mark Peacock/Steve Nusbaum. Proposed budget passes.

Volunteer recognition

The District recognized the following individuals for their volunteer service to Bone Lake with a ceramic platter crafted with an outline of Bone Lake: Sis and Steve Bol, John McColl, Jolene and Joel Owens, Frank Schlick, Lynette and Paul Werner, Kathie and Jim Widen. A sign-up/feedback form was mentioned for pickup at the door.

Audit

Mike Belich, auditor, was unable to attend but sent this statement in an email: The audit was completed and no issues were found. The documents were outstanding and there were very good paper trails on all transactions.

Old Business

none

New Business

Andrea Lopnow presented information about the proposed development of a Town of Georgetown access at Sandy Hook. Property owners were notified only when the TOG applied for a Conditional Use Permit with the Polk County Zoning Board of Adjustment. A public hearing is scheduled for August 22, 2017. The site has a 40-50% grade and includes a number of artesian springs that flow down the hill and collect in a wet area at the shore before entering the lake. There has been no engineering survey. Amount of access is questionable.

John Molamphy, Town of Georgetown supervisor, gave a statement and answered questions about the proposed development. All minutes of TOG meetings will be sent to property owners. The access has been open since 1920. The Conditional Use Permit application fee was donated by Balsam Rod & Gun Club; Molamphy is a lifetime member of Balsam Rod & Gun Club. The Club supports the proposed development for walk-in access during summer and ATV, UTV and snowmobile access in winter; the Polk County sportsmens Club also supports the development. Mark Ryan of Bolander & Sons excavating will donate their services to develop the site.

Phil Foster stated the Bone Lake Management District Board of Commissioners is opposed to this development and will send a letter to the BOA about the potential impact of the landing development.

A show of hands of eligible voters was unanimous in opposition of the proposed landing development.

The District promised to provide talking points, and a copy of the District's letter in an eNews and at bonelakewi.com.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and carried 11:32 a.m.

109 eligible voters signed in
Other attendees were not recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Engelbretson, Secretary
August 28, 2017

Commissioners met after adjournment to set future meeting dates and establish officers.

All officers will remain the same.

Future meetings:

Next meeting:
October 21, 2017

2018 meetings:
April 14
July 14 Budget
Aug 11 Annual meeting
October 13