Bone Lake Management District
Commissioners Meeting
Saturday, July 11, 2026
9:00 a.m. via Zoom
Minutes DRAFT

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approve Minutes June 27, 2026 Meeting
3. 2027 Budget – Alex Chorewycz and All
   Vote to approve 2027 Budget
4. 10-Year Plan for Submission to DNR – Shelley Rose
   Vote to approve Draft 10-Year Plan
5 Annual Meeting Agenda – Cary/Karen
   Vote to approve agenda
6 Annual Meeting Slides Due Dates – Karen
7. Annual Meeting Vendor Costs – Karen
   Vote to approve expenditures
8. Old Business
   a. Public comment – Georgetown
   b. Public comment – Polk County ESC
9. New Business
   a. August fishing tournament – All
   b. Polk County AIS Strategic Plan Meeting – Shelley and Karen
   c. Considering a Lake Manager
10. Adjourn

Cary Olson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m

1. ROLL CALL

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

Shelley Rose called the meeting to order at 9:01.

2. APPROVE JUNE 27 MINUTES

Motion to approve June 27, 2026 minutes: Chorewycz/Rose. Carried.

3. 2027 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Interim financial report

- Last CLMP grant dollars will come in 2027.
- Watershed - leave $2,500 dollars in place for 2026.
- Alex Chorewycz mentioned a potential project at Noah Musial's property on the north end where a stream is entering the lake and erosion is apparent.
- Wildlife and Natural Beauty: $4,500 is for a chimney swift tower which has not yet been constructed.
- Consulting: $3,000 remainder of $10,000. More activities are expected by Cheryl Clemens in 2026.
- Buoy maintenance: $4,500
- Newsletter fall issue expenditures will be similar to spring.
- Annual Meeting postcard print and mail will go under meetings and workshops.
- Move $592.43 under meetings and workshops to Lake Projects.
- Insurance expense, including payroll. Andy Brown will send info from the Town to Alex.
- No information on Harvester expenses this year from Mike. Expected in October.

2027 Proposed Budget

- Vilstrup Stream is shown in two places. Leave under Watershed only.
- Meetings and Workshops: increase to $3,000. Covers two people to the convention and annual meeting expenses.
- Potential grants: Remains $25,000 based on Alex and Cary's discussions.
- Internet and Website: Annual subscriptions plus potential development stays at $2,500.
- Alex will make changes and send to Karen: three-column Interim Financials and one-column Proposed 2027 Budget with descriptors.

Motion to approve 2027 Budget with changes: Engelbretson/Rose. Carried.

4. TEN-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SUBMISSION TO DNR

Shelley presented the plan process. In a special meeting on April 25 Cheryl Clemens and Shelley Rose presented the draft plan to commissioners who approved it. Two public events were held at the North Landing with a display and hand-outs about the plan. Plan was sent for public review with a July 3, 2026 deadline. One comment was received regarding

zebra mussels and their effect on the fishery, and plans for fish stocking. Fish stocking is the responsibility of DNR, not BLMD. The final plan and its fact sheets are written and ready for submission to Alex Smith, DNR.

Motion to approve the Bone Lake Management District Ten Year Comprehensive Management Plan with Fact Sheets for submission to DNR: Chorewycz/Engelbretson.

5. ANNUAL MEETING 2026 - KAREN ENGELBRETSON

- Karen presented a proposed agenda.
- Mike Musial was going to contact John Sorensen, Milltown Fire Dept about attending the meeting, still unknown.
- Shelley and Cheryl Clemens will present the plan as adopted by BLMD. Shelley will not call for a vote to adopt the plan; it is not required to do so. DNR comments may not be available on Aug 8.
- Election: Mike Musial is the candidate for re-election. Vote for one on a secret ballot.
- Karen will present the new website design.
- Alex will notify Ron Rosenthal about the auditor's report which needs to be in the meeting slides.
- Old business: none. New business: none.
- Andy Brown will not be able to attend.
- Karen asked for any other items or reporting; none received.

Motion to approve the 2027 annual meeting agenda: Chorewycz/Rose.

- Karen presented a document of costs for the annual meeting including vendors, food, postcard printing, variable data and postage. Total cost is expected at $3,000. Karen will coordinate printing with Sign XPress in St Croix Falls to print additional needed road signs, CLMP display boards and annual meeting handout, plan goals document, ballots, surveys. Sign Xpress charges will be in addition to the appx. $3,000 above.
- Send slides to Anna Turk July 24, Anna returns on July 28. We'll have a week to make additions/changes. Final file from Anna August 5. Karen will send out slide template to everyone with dates.
- A vote to approve the annual meeting expenditures is not required.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Public comment Georgetown

Public comment Polk County Environmental Services Committee

- Karen will prepare a letter on BLMD stationery from Shelley's Public Comment document and submit as Public Comment prior to the county ESC meeting on July 15. Adam Jarchow has an item on the agenda proposing his own Shoreland Ordinance while the ESC is trying to approve and move to a full county vote the Shoreland Protection Ordinance that's been worked on for 1.5 years and that has been reviewed by DNR. Alex and Karen will attend. Karen will deliver public comment.
- The Georgetown meeting is on July 21. Karen and Alex will attend and deliver public comment regarding the importance of Town zoning.
- Shelley will contact Logan Hacker at Polk County about Bone Lake's zoning vulnerability since Georgetown adopted *Village Powers.*
- Andy Brown states that about 12 years ago the County required the Towns to adopt county zoning or develop their own. Town of Bone Lake went with county zoning. (Regarding CAFOs, Town of Bone Lake cannot prohibit them, but they wrote an Operations Ordinance to establish requirements how a CAFO could operate in the Town.) Six or seven Towns elected to adopt their own zoning including Georgetown which now has no zoning, and therefore are vulnerable to proposed data centers.
- A proposal to create a moratorium on data centers is also on the agenda at the ESC meeting on July 15. Facebook posts indicate many people plan to attend the meeting in protest of data centers.
- It is unknown how public comment will be handled in light of two big issues so our letter is important.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- August Indianhead fishing tournament. 70 boats expected. Contact Colton Sorensen about talking to the fishermen about boat cleaning this year. We should request it. The Indianhead tournament may have their own hot water

sprayer. How are they cleaning their boats before entering the lake? Do we need to certify their boats are clean?

- Fishing boats and people who install and take out docks are the biggest risks of invasive species. Shelley will contact law enforcement for a presence at the landing. Karen will contact Colton. Cary has been in touch with CD3 people. Karen will contact Cary.
- Karen mentioned that she and Shelley are over-capacity on all the work they do. Shelley asks how, with seven commissioners, two of whom are busy with Town and County work, we will be able to implement all that we're planning without additional help. It's difficult to find volunteers. Building capacity should be at the top of our plan for the coming year.
- Balsam Lake has a lake manager, a recorder, and clerical help. Shelley: That changes the levy.
- Can we get volunteers for specific tasks?

14. ADJOURN
Meeting adjourned 10:06 a.m.

Next meetings:
Annual Meeting: August 8
Annual Meeting Followup: **August 8**
October 10, 2026

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Engelbretson
Secretary
Bone Lake Management District
August 5, 2026

BONE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BLMD ANNUAL MEETING 8 AUG 2026
INTERIM STATE MENT OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS
APPROVED: (1) 2026 BUDGET; (2) ACTUAL AND ESTIMATED REVENUE & EXPENSES
(3) 2027 BUDGET (1JAN2027 THROUGH 31 DEC 2027

	Budget- FYE 2026 1/1/2026 thru 12/31/2026-APPROVED	Actual-Rev & Exp 1/1/2026 thru 6/30//2026	ESTIMATED Revenue/Expense 7/1/2026 thru 12/31/2026
Revenue			
Towns of Georgetown and Bone Lake	$ 70,000.00	$ 42,252.62	$ 27,747.38
Frandsen Bank-Interest (Chkg. & Sav.)	$ 3,300.00	$ 3,582.60	$ 3,300.00
Newsletter Ads	$ 4,860.00	$ 4,840.00	$ 270.00
CD's	$ -	$ -	$ -
Grants (incl: Harvester,CBCW,LMP)	$ 25,000.00	$ -	$ 6,000.00
Other-maps-owner cost share & Misc.	$ 300.00	$ 258.00	$ 100.00
Total Revenue	**$ 103,460.00**	**$ 50,933.22**	**$ 37,417.38**
Expenditures			
Lake Improvement Projects			
Lake Protect. (LPA):CBCW,Biff,ISP,Cams,LMP	$ 26,500.00	$ 8,224.98	$ 15,000.00
Harvester Operations	$ 27,500.00	$ 375.00	$ 2,500.00
Decontamination Stations & fees	$ -	$ -	$ -
Dock-South Landing	$ -	$ -	$ -
N/S Landings-Donations-Improv./Mnt.	$ 20,000.00	$ -	$ 15,000.00
Misc.Equip. purchase & maintenance	$ 2,500.00	$ -	$ -
	$ -	$ -	$ -
Sub-Total Lake Improvements	**$ 76,500.00**	**$ 8,599.98**	**$ 32,500.00**
Lake Management Projects			
Watershed projects	$ 2,500.00	$ 250.00	$ 2,500.00
Waterfront runoff projects	$ 1,000.00	$ 71.02	$ 750.00
Septic Incentives	$ 5,000.00	$ -	$ 5,000.00
Evaluation and Studies	$ 1,000.00	$ 376.10	$ 1,000.00
Wildlife and Natural Beauty	$ 4,500.00	$ -	$ 4,500.00
Fisheries	$ 500.00	$ -	$ -
Communications/Education/Recognition	$ 1,000.00	$ -	$ 1,000.00
Consulting-incl. grant funded assistance	$ 10,000.00	$ 7,950.00	$ 3,500.00
Sub- Total Lake Mgmt. Projects	**$ 25,500.00**	**$ 8,647.12**	**$ 18,250.00**
Total Lake Improvements	**$ 102,000.00**	**$ 17,247.10**	**$ 50,750.00**
Public Safety			
Buoy Maintenance	$ 5,000.00	$ -	$ 4,500.00
Safety Patrol	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Public Safety	**$ 5,000.00**	**$ -**	**$ 4,500.00**
Information and Education			
Newsletter	$ 9,300.00	$ 5,805.27	$ 4,300.00
Dues-Associations	$ 775.00	$ 750.00	$ 775.00
Internet & Website	$ 3,500.00	$ 3,633.44	$ 1,000.00
Meetings/Workshops	$ 2,000.00	$ 278.00	$ 2,000.00
Total Information and Education	**$ 15,575.00**	**$ 10,466.71**	**$ 8,075.00**
Administration			
Insurance	$ 9,000.00	$ 2,410.00	$ 3,000.00
Donations/Subscriptions	$ 3,500.00	$ 2,500.00	$ 500.00
Misc office expense	$ 750.00	$ -	$ 500.00
Total Adminstration	**$ 13,250.00**	**$ 4,910.00**	**$ 4,000.00**
Total expenditures	**$ 135,825.00**	**$ 32,623.81**	**$ 67,325.00**
Beginning Cash Balance	**$ 198,923.56**	**$ 198,923.56**	**$ 217,232.97**
Ending Cash balance	**$ 166,558.56**	**$ 217,232.97**	**$ 187,325.35**

Cash Balance - 6/30//2026

Checking:	bal. book to bank-6/30//2026	$ 110,819.16
Money Market Savings:	bal. book to bank-6/21/2026	$ 106,413.81
Certificate of Deposit		$ -
Total:	**balanced book to bank**	**$ 217,232.97**

Designated Funds approved for current Fiscal Year:	$	30,000.00
Designated Funds used in current Fiscal Year:	$	-
Designated Funds balance as of 12/31/2026:	**$**	**30,000.00**

BLMD - PROPOSED BUDGET
BLMD ANNUAL MEETING 8 AUG 2026

		PROPOSED BUDGET 1/1/2027 12/31/2027	
Revenue			
Towns of Georgetown and Bone Lake	$	70,000.00	BLMD Levy
Frandsen Bank-Interest	$	5,000.00	Checking & Savings
Newsletter Ads	$	4,860.00	36 - 2inch Ad spaces
CD's	$	-	
Grants (incl:CLMP, N/S Landings)	$	25,000.00	CLM Plan & N/S Lndg. Grants
Other-maps-owner cost share & Misc.	$	300.00	Misc rev.
Total Revenue	**$**	**105,160.00**	
Expenditures			
Lake Improvement Projects			
Lake Mgmt Activities.(LM)	$	27,000.00	CLMP/Lndg toilet/Internet Svc/Lndg Cams/APM
Harvester Operations	$	27,500.00	Labor donation/fuel/weed removal/other misc.
Decontamination Stations & fees	$	2,000.00	Maint. Decon stations N/S landings
Dock-South Landing	$	10,000.00	Replacement cost (net no grant)
N/S Landings-Donations-Improv./Mnt.	$	30,000.00	Improvement and mnt of N/S landing areas
Misc.Equip. purchase & maintenance	$	2,500.00	Harvester needs
	$	-	
Sub-Total Lake Improvements	**$**	**99,000.00**	
Lake Management Projects			
Watershed projects	$	2,500.00	Incl. Maint. of Vilstrup stream & other projects
Waterfront runoff projects	$	2,000.00	Incl.Plantings No.Lndg WF & other projects
Septic Incentives	$	5,000.00	2 at $2.5 k each
Evaluation and Studies	$	1,500.00	includes annual CLP bed eval.
Wildlife and Natural Beauty	$	2,500.00	Discovery Day Activities
Fisheries	$	500.00	
Communications/Education/Recognition	$	5,000.00	incl. exp for volunteer recog/program comm/etc.
Consulting	$	10,000.00	Incl-grant writing/funding assistance/mtgs etc.
Sub- Total Lake Mgmt. Projects	**$**	**29,000.00**	
Total Lake Improvements	**$**	**128,000.00**	
Public Safety			
Buoy Maintenance	$	5,000.00	Reimb exp-in/out and repl and/or repair
Safety Patrol	$	-	
Total Public Safety	**$**	**5,000.00**	
Information and Education			
Newsletter	$	9,500.00	Design/layout/print/postage & delivery
Dues-Associations	$	775.00	Incl. WI Lakes
Internet & Website	$	2,500.00	Maintain BLMD website
Meetings/Workshops	$	3,000.00	Reimb. expenses for annual and other mtgs
Total Information and Education	**$**	**15,775.00**	
Administration			
Insurance	$	7,000.00	District D&O/Gen.Liability/W/C
Donations/Subscriptions	$	3,500.00	Mnt-Langel Park & Misc.donations
Misc office expense	$	750.00	
Total Adminstration	**$**	**11,250.00**	
Total expenditures	**$**	**160,025.00**	
Beginning Cash Balance	**$**	**187,325.35**	estimated
Ending Cash balance	**$**	**132,460.35**	estimated

July 9, 2026

Environmental Services Committee
Land Information Department via Polk County Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CONSIDERATION
PROPOSED AMENDEMENTS TO POLK COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES SHORELINE PROTECTION

By email to: public.comment@polkcountywi.gov

Supporting Shoreland Ordinance and Changes

The Bone Lake Management District supports the Polk County Shoreland Ordinance along with the proposed amendments.

In particular, the District supports changes to definitions, general provisions, setbacks, impervious surface, mitigation, and land disturbance within 35' of the OHWM.

As evidenced in the public comment meeting of May 21, 2026, many local businesses and individuals rely or thrive on the business created by the healthy lakes in Polk County. It is imperative lakes remain clean, safe, and support a variety of recreation to maintain economic prosperity in the region. The shoreland ordinance helps us do that.

Local school districts, towns like Bone Lake and Georgetown, and Polk County receive significant tax revenue from the values of lakeshore property. The shoreland ordinance helps the County, lake districts, and property owners properly care for and protect the lakes to maintain property values.

A county shoreland ordinance may support grant application awards from the state as it demonstrates community readiness and a commitment to natural resource protection.

The changes in the proposed shoreland ordinance have minimal, if any, impact on Georgetown and its ability to perform and meet town duties.

The land disturbance change is particularly critical for BLMD to meet its erosion reduction and runoff goals to reduce sediment and pollution from entering the lake.

We understand that changes to the Shoreland Ordinance have been updated to reflect the model ordinance which was written to reflect the objectives and requirements of s. 59.692, Stats, and ch. NR 115, Wis. Admin. Code, and represents a way for counties to meet the requirements of s. NR 115.06(2)(b)1, Wis. Admin. Code, to adopt legal shoreland zoning standards.

Finally, Polk County has worked diligently to prepare this version of the Ordinance which includes years of public input, and, as we understand, has been vetted by and is expected to be certified by Wisconsin DNR.

BLMD appreciates the opportunity to again comment on the proposed ordinance changes and we look forward to continued involvement with the Land Information Department, the Zoning Department, and other important stakeholders as these changes are certified by the DNR and ultimately enforced.

Respecfully,

Bone Lake Management District Commissioners