

Bohner's Lake Sanitary District No. 1
32288 Bushnell Road, P.O. Box 280, Burlington, WI 53105

MINUTES OF THE JULY 25, 2024
SANITARY DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

The July 2024 meeting of the Bohner's Lake Sanitary District Commission was held on Thursday July 25, 2024 at 5:00 PM at the Burlington Hall located at 32288 Bushnell Rd., Burlington, WI 53105. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Carrie Oldenburg, Jess Wiskes and Phil Paustian; Attorney Richard Scholze, Mark Kolczaski and Tyler Gates of Baxter & Woodman and District Admin/Accountant Ruth DeLay.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
2. **DNR Presentation on Aquatic Plant Management Plan.** Craig Helker of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources gave a presentation regarding the use of a plant management plan as a tool to assist in addressing weed concerns on Bohner's Lake. He noted that the traditional methods of mechanical harvesting and herbicides have been supplemented by use of hand harvesting under certain circumstances. He noted further that the current administrative code provisions require a permit to harvest which is based on an aquatic plant management plan. The plan takes into account the plant community for each individual lake and must be updated every five years. He noted that implementation of the plan is limited by two factors. One of which is the permissible extent of plant management, either harvesting or herbicide, that will be permitted by the DNR and the second is the local municipal budget. In implementing the plan, there is necessarily a balancing between goals and budget. Mr. Helker noted that there is no one size fits all approach to treatment but rather that the municipality must balance a "soup or salad" approach to plant management, taking into consideration protecting native plants, which are beneficial to the environment, and concerns about possible resistance to herbicides as well as limits on mechanical harvesting. The approved aquatic plant management plan addresses where harvesting will be implemented, the permitted depth of harvesting and typically includes a goal of retaining native plants, although flexibility in implementing the plan is required because plant growth on a particular lake is unpredictable from year to year. The District's current plan ends in 2025 when a new plan will be required. Mr. Helker addressed a number of questions from members of the public dealing with various issues, including management of e-coli bacteria levels, the impact of fertilizers and other phosphorus sources on the lake and ways to limit those, possible approaches to managing curly leaf pond weed, harvesting time lines under DNR rules and permits, the fact that the DNR does not "enforce" the aquatic plant management plan but instead the plan sets the allowable limit for plant management on the lake. Mr. Helker also addressed questions with regard to the mitigation field and ways in which the people within the District and the District itself can try to limit or manage the amount silt infiltration into the lake, as well as questions about a lake plan for the entire lake.
3. **Public Comments.** There were none.
4. **Approval of Minutes from the June 27, 2024 Meeting.** Motion by Carrie Oldenburg, Seconded by Phil Paustian to approve the minutes, carried unanimously.

5. **Baxter & Woodman.** Tyler Gates noted that there have been three permit connection reviews recently, indicating new connections to the District system. He also reported that the cleaning and televising work by Green Bay Pipe has been completed, but we are awaiting their report and video information.
6. **Lift Stations/Sanitary System.** Mark Kolczaski from Baxter & Woodman reported on recent efforts to investigate possible ways to take proactive action to avoid system component failures and to in general make the system more reliable. He is waiting for some information from the SCADA data to put together a plan to address those issues.
7. **Lake Preservation.** Carrie Oldenburg provided an update on the July harvest. July's harvest was from July 9th through the 16th. The Browns Lake Sanitary District crew harvested the Southwest Bay and South Shoreline from Leach Beach boat parking to the Aukes Beach inside and outside the buoys where water level permitted. As they harvested, they were able to pick up a lot of floating weeds and algae. They also harvested the lagoon to the left of the Public Beach, the Public Beach inside the swim area, the North Shore inside and outside the buoys from the public beach to three houses past Hans Jansen's house, and the deep water on the North side of the lake. Truck loads to the farm - 28. Big Harvester loads - 23. There was a motion by Carrie Oldenburg with second by Jess Wiskes to do four additional days of weed harvesting in August. That motion carried unanimously.
8. **Mitigation Field.** Phil Paustian reported that there will be a cutting provided by Cutting Edge Landscaping on or before August 15th to address some invasive plant species. He also mentioned his efforts to date and intended efforts going forward to advance resolution of the stream bank issues.
9. **8081 Lakeshore Drive Property.** Jess Wiskes reported that she had spoken to the landscaper to address a problem with regard to unauthorized disposal of certain materials in an area near the property and that issue is now resolved.
10. **Boundary Change Request.** Motion by Carrie Oldenburg, second by Phil Paustian to request that the Town Board amend the District boundaries to add the following parcels: 002-02-19-20-731-000; 002-02-19-20-730-000; 002-02-19-20-729-000; 002-02-19-20-728-000; and 002-02-19-20-727-000. Motion carried unanimously.
11. **Invoices for approval.**

SANITARY DISTRICT

Scholze, Ludwig, Gruhn & Wishau SC	\$857.50
City of Burlington Monthly Sewer	\$24,472.69
City of Burlington	\$1,650.00
We Energies	\$721.79
Wanasek Corp.	\$260.75
Diggers Hotline	\$39.80
USIC	\$941.22
TDS	\$89.91

US Cellular	\$86.98	
Bob Spiegelhoff	\$260.00	
ASDA	<u>\$875.00</u>	Lake Preservation
SUBTOTAL – GENERAL INVOICES	\$28,605.64	

8081 LAKESHORE DRIVE PROPERTY

TDS	\$48.41	Phone
TDS	\$45.00	Internet
We Energies	\$58.95	
TruGreen	\$100.00	Weed control
TruGreen	\$89.00	Lawn service
Bob Spiegelhoff	<u>\$160.00</u>	
SUBTOTAL – 8081 LAKESHORE PROPERTY	\$501.53	

TOTAL INVOICES PAID **\$29,107.17**

Paychex Auto Withdrawal	\$172.50
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12. **Meeting Adjourned.** Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.