

Bohners Lake Sanitary District No. 1
32288 Bushnell Road, P.O. Box 280 • Burlington, WI 53105

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 30, 2025
SANITARY DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

The September 2025 meeting of the Bohners Lake Sanitary District Commission was held on Thursday, September 30, 2025 at 5:00 PM at the Burlington Hall located at 32288 Bushnell Rd., Burlington, WI 53105. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Phil Paustian, Amber Della Bianca, and Brenda Szumski; District Admin/Accountant Ruth DeLay; and District Secretary Denise Rintz Brehm.

1. **Welcome – Call to Order** – Meeting called to order by Paustian.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment**
 - **Stacey Richards, 8559 Steele St.** Stacey is one of the homes affected by the system backup. She has been diligent in getting contractor quotes to submit for the insurance claim. The insurance adjuster is waiting until all quotes have been received. Her daughter and granddaughter lost all of their belongings and were in the process of moving out. That is why she would like funding sooner rather than later to help with expenses related to the loss. She is having a tough time finding contractors for quotes.
 - **Sue Ciabattone, 34006 S. Lakeshore Dr.** Sue wanted to bring it to our attention to the weed spraying. She said that this year the weed control (spraying and harvesting) was successful. She suggested we have two weed chemical applications next year. Sue suggested a printed schedule for weed harvesting for 2026. A timeline of areas and dates would be well received.
4. **Approval of the August 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes** – Motion was made by Paustian with a second by Della Bianca to approve the August 28, 2025 meeting minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Sanitary System Updates**
 - Monthly sewage flow to city of Burlington – We continue to stay below our 2025 budget for gallons flow and monthly bills.
 - Lift Station 7 Failure – A Special Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 23rd with the homeowners that were affected by the backup into their homes. It was determined that the failure was due to the automatic transfer switch (device that allows the safe transfer of electricity) triggered an overload situation that shut off the lift station pump and did not allow the back-up generator to operate. The SCADA system did not alert Wanasek technician that supports our sanitary district of the issues going on at the lift station. This is the third time that two neighboring homes were impacted with sewage flowing into their basements.
 - Actions following the Lift Station 7 failure- Evaluation of each lift station by a licensed integrator to ensure proper wiring and operation of the phase monitors as well as an integrity check of the existing communication system. Phil is going to meet with Pieper Power, a full-service mechanical and automation contractor, with on-site supported by Donny at Wanasek beginning Thursday October 2nd at Lift Station.
 - We will also explore option outside of our licensed UHF communication system such as cellular or 900 MHz ethernet radios.
 1. Trial Grndfos CIU 901 Cellular monitoring unit
 2. Determine effectiveness during a 30-day trial period
 3. Initial Costs - \$2,160 plus installation.
 4. Initiate a process to determine how we upgrade out lift station systems beginning with the Steele St. lift station.
 5. Competitively bid the selection/installation of all upgrades of electronic and communication systems.

- 6. Build the cost of this investment into our 2026 budget and budgets beyond
 - Homeowner impact following the Lift Station 7 failure
 1. Clean-up/disinfection/removal of damage
 2. Insurance claim process
 3. Reconstruction
 - Paustian discussed the option to install, at the district's expense, a sewage backflow prevention system that is acceptable to these homeowners.

6. Lake Preservation

- 2026 DNR Week Harvesting Permit Approval – Della Bianca talked to Jim Sharle from Wisconsin Lake and Pond about submitting the harvesting permit. He stated we can wait until after the first of the year 2026.

- 7. **Wetlands Updates** – Brenda Szumski, Dave Pfanzelter, and Jeff from Heartland will put together a proposal of what the cost would be for Heartland to be our general contractor for the permitting process to move the flow of the stream to prevent silt flow into the lake. Brenda will meet with Travis from DNR and Tracey from the wetlands group to talk about our parcel. Dave was able to secure Speaker Robin Vos who is excited to help with our projects including the classification of the ditch.
- 8. **2026 Budget Process** – The district commissioners will schedule the 2026 budget meeting to prepare the preliminary budget for posting by the end October. We will look at the week of October 20th for a budget meeting.
- 9. **8081 Lakeshore Drive Property** – Nothing new to report this month.
- 10. **August Invoices for Approval** – Motion was made by Paustian with a second by Della Bianca to approve the following invoices for payment.

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Baxter & Woodman

General Engineering	\$2,025.00	August
General Engineering	\$1,035.00	July
2025 Inlet Dredging	\$180.00	

City of Burlington Monthly Sewer	\$17,792.76
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Seymour, Kremer & Koch LLP	\$440.00
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We Energies	\$716.81
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Wanasek	\$588.63
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Diggers Hotline	\$53.30
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USIC	\$1,599.51
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TDS	\$91.13
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US Cellular	\$43.79
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ASDA	875.00
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Bob Spiegelhoff	\$270.00
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Browns Lake Sanitary District	<u>\$47,600.00</u>
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SUBTOTAL – GENERAL INVOICES	\$75,935.93
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8081 LAKESHORE DRIVE

TDS	\$49.24	Phone
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TDS	\$45.00	Internet
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We Energies	\$235.55
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Bob Spiegelhoff	\$240.00
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Fox Lane Lawns	<u>\$180.00</u>
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SUBTOTAL – 8081 LAKESHORE DRIVE	\$749.79
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TOTAL INVOICES PAID	\$76,685.72
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- 11. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 5:39 PM