# Bohners Lake Sanitary District No. 1

**32288 Bushnell Road, P.O. Box 280 • Burlington, WI 53105**

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 27, 2026
SANITARY DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

The August 2026 meeting of the Bohners Lake Sanitary District Commission was held on Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 5:00 PM at the Burlington Town Hall located at 32288 Bushnell Rd., Burlington, WI 53105. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Phil Paustian, Brenda Szumski, and John Tithof; District Secretary Denise Rintz Brehm; District Admin/Accountant Ruth DeLay; and Tyler Gates of Baxter & Woodman.

1. **Welcome – Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment** – No public comments.
4. **Approval of July 30, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
   - Motion was made by Paustian with a second by Szumski to approve the July 30, 2026 meeting minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Sanitary Stations/Sanitary System**
   - Sanitary system monthly update – It looks like we are going to surpass our budgeted amount for sewage processing with the city. No operational issues to report. Pumps at each station will be reviewed by LW Allen. Scheduling has been approved for the 2026 lift station electrical audit to take place in September. Cost is expected to be $13,340.
   - BLSD insurance coverage renewals (general liability/property coverage) – Our new general liability policy is in place with CSU Producer Resources. We also secured property coverage for the lift stations and the house. We need to add insurance riders for employment practices liability insurance, public officials' liability coverage, and $1M umbrella liability coverage.
   - BLSD YTD 2026 user fee/tax levy payment – The 2025 tax levy is set at $90,000. We have collected $63,663.15. The balance of $26,337.38 will be paid in August by the Town/County/Lottery proceeds with the delinquent homeowners ultimately responsible in their 2026 tax payments plus penalties. 2025 delinquent sewer user fees of $19,066 will be paid to the district by the county this month. The county will treat failed payments as delinquent property taxes.
6. **Lake Preservation**
   - August weed harvest updates – Tithof felt that the weed harvesting this year was the best he has seen. He would like to continue to use both Brown's Lake and Clearwater. It seemed to work well using both companies.
   - Final ASDA lake weed on-street pick-up – Scheduled for Thursday, September 10
   - 2027 contract harvesting options – It was decided to use the same process as this year for 2027. We will use both Clearwater and Brown's Lake for weed harvesting.
   - Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resources update – Our dredging permit is still good through next year. WLPR will help us with our permit application once this permit is closer to expiration.
   - DNR harvester purchase funding update – We are still in line for funding but may be a while. We are number 20 on the list. If our permit states more than 50 acres, it will move our spot two spaces. Inland harvester's timeline is now at one year for ordering harvesting equipment. Secci disk testing (water clarity testing) was completed back in the 1990's, however we no longer take this test. Tithof ordered the testing tools to begin taking monthly readings moving forward. He will run these tests on an annual basis from April through November moving forward. Completing this test will also help us move up on the list with the DNR for the harvester grant funding.

- Resident interest in creating a 501(c)(3) to partially fund a harvester purchase – It was determined that the district did not fall under the 501(c)(3) but may fall under the 170(c)(1)
- Lake inlet restoration update – John spoke with the owner of the property on the inlet across from the district home) and received a favorable response from the owner. She will allow us access to work on the rip rap project to repair the banks of the inlet. Gates states that the preliminary cost was around $150,000 to $200,000 to repair both sides of the inlet.

7. **Wetlands Updates** – Szumski has made some progress with neighbor engagement to reroute the stream but still needs buy-in from a few more homeowners to agree.
8. **Invoices for Approval**– motion was made to approve invoices presented by Paustian with a second by Tithof. Motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL INVOICES**

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| Baxter & Woodman | | |
| General Engineering | $1,220.00 | |
| 2027 Inlet Dredging | $210.00 | |
| 2026-2030 Sewer Cleaning | $1,137.50 | |
| City of Burlington | $19,825.68 | |
| We Energies | $844.08 | |
| Wanasek Corp. | $3,387.78 | |
| Diggers Hotline | $292.40 | |
| USIC | $6,338.42 | |
| TDS | $92.69 | |
| T-Mobile | $24.90 | |
| CPME | $167.25 | Storm damage |
| ASDA | $908.08 | |
| Sam Redmer | $500.00 | Landscaping |
| Mark Szumski | $300.00 | Down tree |
| Zarek Insurance | $5,229.00 | |
| CSU Producer Resources Inc. (Insurance) | $15,501.50 | |
| **SUBTOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES** | **$55,979.28** | |

**HOUSE**

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| TDS – Phone | $49.95 | |
| TDS – Internet | $45.00 | |
| We Energies | $59.03 | |
| Zarek Insurance | $1,224.00 | |
| **SUBTOTAL HOUSE EXPENSES** | **$1,377.98** | |
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| **TOTAL INVOICES PAID** | **$57,357.26** | |
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| **Paychex Auto Withdrawal** | **$20.00** | **Payroll** |

9. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM