

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

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2025
SANITARY DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

The December 2025 meeting of the Bohners Lake Sanitary District Commission was held on Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 5:14 PM at the Burlington Hall located at 32288 Bushnell Rd., Burlington, WI 53105. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Phil Paustian, and Brenda Szumski; District Secretary Denise Rintz Brehm; and District Admin/Accountant Ruth DeLay. Absent was Commissioner Amber Della Bianca.

1. **Welcome – Call to Order** – Meeting called to order by Paustian.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Approval of the November 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes and November 24, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes** – Motion was made by Szumski with a second by Paustian to approve November 20, 2025 meeting minutes and November 24, 2025 special meeting minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Welcome to Attorney Steven Koch from Seymour Kremer Koch LLP** – Steve joined our team in July 2025 to replace the vacancy left by Rich Scholze's retirement. Steve gave a brief overview of his legal experience throughout the state of Wisconsin. He was recently awarded the Lifetime Achievement award by the bar association.
6. **Lift Stations/Sanitary System Updates**
 - **Sanitary System Updates Since November Regular Meeting** – We had a high-water alarm at Lift Station 2. Joe Wessel with Wanasek was out immediately and reset the lift station and was back to normal. Joe spent a good deal of time trying to figure out what happened? Joe discovered that a part was malfunctioning and had the part in his inventory. Once it was replaced, the lift station functioned normally.
 - **Kick-off of Clark Dietz Lift Station Evaluation** – Clark Dietz specializes in sanitary district systems. In the kick-off meeting, the Wanasek team, Clark Dietz team and Phil reviewed each lift station to get a handle on the complete system. Phil felt it was time to truly evaluate the entire system as it is aging. Clark Dietz will examine each lift station and provide a prioritized list of items that need attention. We should have their report sometime in March. We will schedule a follow up meeting to review their results and suggestions for updates.
 - **MPC Invoicing – Timeliness/2025 Total Spent vs 2026 Budget** – Phil presented his concern with MPC's services. They are extremely slow to provide us with a quarterly bill. Their service is generally acceptable to good. Phil would like Ruth and himself to meet with the owner of MPC and address the concerns the district has with their services. Discussed options of providing an ACH option to district property owners.
7. **Lake Preservation**
 - **2026 Lake Harvesting Decision** – In Amber's absence, Phil presented the schedule of cost and time for Brown's Lake Sanitary District (\$38,300) and Clearwater (\$20,000). Motion was made by Paustian with a second by Szumski to accept the proposals by both Brown's Lake Sanitary District and Clearwater. Motion passed unanimously.
 - **2027 Inlet Dredging Design** – Postponement to 2026 due to lake icing.
8. **Wetlands Updates** – Szumski is working with Heartland on the permitting process, in order to change the meandering of the stream to the natural flow of the water through the wetlands. This is the very beginning stages of this project. Szumski explained the history of this property and what our mission is for the outcome.

9. **8081 Lakeshore Drive Property**
 - **Furnace Thermostat Check-Up – Potential Replacement** – Phil determined that the thermostat is not functioning properly. The thermostat will be replaced.
10. **2026 Proposed Meeting Calendar** – Phil presented the dates for the 2026 meetings. It was requested that it is posted not only on the district website but also the town website. Phil will provide Jeannie at the town with the dates to have them included at the town site as well.
11. **Spring Election – April 7, 2026 Reminder – BLSD Commissioner Role** – The district is still actively searching for a candidate to replace Amber Della Bianca as she is stepping down at the end of her term in April 2026.
12. **November Invoices for Approval** – Motion was made by Paustian with a second by Della Bianca to approve the following invoices for payment.

SANITARY DISTRICT

City of Burlington Monthly Sewer	\$16,364.73
Salaries	\$6448.35
Seymour Kremer Koch LLP	\$160.00
We Energies	\$1,122.20
Wanasek	\$1,105.75
Diggers Hotline	\$18.45
USIC	\$775.52
TDS	\$91.71
US Cellular	\$43.79
MPC	\$11,984.89
Cyan Design	\$350.00
Patrick Romenesko	\$4,277.00
Phil Paustian – Stanley Steamer (Sewer Back-up)	\$1,284.00
Corey & Stacey Richards (Sewer Back-up)	\$5,000.00
Susan Erickson (Sewer Back-up) O’Leary	\$4,249.76
Susan Erickson (Sewer Back-up) DJK	\$3,850.00
Denise Brehm - Website	\$304.57
Oakwood Hills Property Owners Assn.	\$2,160.00
Oakwood Hills Civic Assn.	<u>\$2,160.00</u>
SUBTOTAL – GENERAL INVOICES	\$74,196.43

8081 LAKESHORE DRIVE

TDS	\$49.46	Phone
TDS	\$45.00	Internet
We Energies	<u>\$139.02</u>	
SUBTOTAL – 8081 LAKESHORE DRIVE	\$233.48	
TOTAL INVOICES PAID	\$74,429.91	

13. Motion to Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM