

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

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 2026
SANITARY DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

The February 2026 meeting of the Bohners Lake Sanitary District Commission was held on Thursday, February 26, 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 Amber Della Bianca; and District Secretary Denise Rintz Brehm. Absent was District Admin/Accountant Ruth DeLay;

1. **Welcome – Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment** – No public comments.
4. **Approval of January 22, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
 - Motion was made by Paustian with a second by Della Bianca to approve the January 22, 2026 meeting minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Sanitary Stations/Sanitary System**
 - Sanitary system updates – January 2026 sewage flow was up 16% vs. January of 2025. About \$2,000 above our monthly budgeted cost. We may recalibrate our flow meter if the trend continues into February. Cummins was on site on January 28 at seven of the lift stations for yearly inspection and maintenance of the back-up generators. All generators passed inspection. Lift station 10 (McHenry ST) has a pending part replacement, waiting for Cummins to secure the part. No
 - Manhole repairs by Wanasek
 - Clark Dietz lift station upgrade draft completed
 - Top Line Summary – securing our communications and electrical systems should remain a key priority. The installation of a redundant communication system is recommended. Longer term, the control panels for each lift station should be scheduled for replacement and all brought up to the same standard. Pump maintenance and inspection should continue as currently serviced.
 - Next Step Recommendations – Within 30 Days – Public meeting with Clark Dietz, Wanasek team and commissioners to ensure that we fully understand the identified conditions/issues. Within 90 Days – Completion of short-term action plan development by commissioner team. Within 180 Days - Completion of longer-term action plan to ensure inclusion in our 2027 budget.
6. **Lake Preservation**
 - 2026 Wisconsin Lakes & Ponds contract
 - Background/History – Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) and curly-leaf pondweed (CLP) has been and remains our primary challenge. Control of EWM has focused on aquatic herbicides with 23.8 acres treated in 2025. Control of CLP has been with an herbicide and primary targeted through harvesting. Due to permit timing issue, no CLP herbicide management occurred in 2024. Our aquatic plant survey occurred on August 18, 2025.
 - 2025 Aquatic Plant Survey – August 18, 2025 – Lake Survey Process
 1. 300 points were surveyed spaced 43 meters apart
 2. Moderately dense vegetation was noted including a mix of chara and water stargrass beds. Note: Water stargrass becomes most prominent in July to September with many lakes in the region seeing dense growth in 2025.
 3. CLP was not measured as it tends to die off in mid-July.

4. Over the years there has been a noticeable decline in our plant community with 6 species dropping since 2020.
5. A motion was made by Paustian with a second by Della Bianca to approve the contract from Wisconsin Lake & Pond in the amount of \$30,825.86 for the 2026 chemical weed treatment and services.

- Targeted Coverage Area
 1. ELM has continued to expand in frequency and density within the southwest bay. Continued management
- Educational mailer determination – managed by WL&P or BLSD. Just the lakefront property owners have to be notified of any weed spraying.
- Frequency of future site visits by WL&P in 2026

7. **8081 Lakeshore Drive Property**

- BLSD house lawn maintenance/lift station weed maintenance bids. Amber received bids from James Regner who is most interested in mowing/maintaining the lift stations. His fee would be \$25 per visit for each lift station except the Fishman Rd. lift station which would be \$30 per visit. Phil will walk James through each lift station for the first time. Mark Szumski is interested in maintaining the Lakeshore property at a rate of \$40 per cut. He will also continue to maintain/weed the flower beds around the property at \$1,000 for the season. We will reimburse him for any supplies needed for maintenance.

8. **Invoices for Approval** – motion was made to approve invoices presented by Della Bianca with a second by Szumski. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL INVOICES

City of Burlington Monthly Sewer	\$19,868.84	
We Energies	\$1,153.08	
Wanasek Corp.	\$1,156.72	
Diggers Hotline	\$10.75	
USIC	\$349.44	
TDS (January check lost)	\$184.74	\$92.37 – Jan.
US Cellular	\$43.79	
CPME (SCADA)	\$350.00	
Minuteman Press	\$128.91	
Clark Dietz (need W-9)	\$12,150.00	
US Postal Service (must be delivered to clerk)	\$198.00	
Cummins (less taxes)	\$486.15	
Cummins (less taxes)	<u>\$2,825.17</u>	
SUBTOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	\$38,905.59	

HOUSE

TDS – Phone (January check lost)	\$189.64	\$49.82 – Jan.
TDS – Internet (January check lost)		\$45.00 – Jan.
We Energies	<u>\$220.40</u>	
SUBTOTAL HOUSE EXPENSES	\$410.04	

TOTAL INVOICES PAID **\$39,315.63**

9. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM