

Black Otter Lake District (BOLD) Commissioners Meeting - Minutes
Hortonville Community Center
8/27/2025

Attendees: Sean Kuske (Chairperson), Judy Williams (Treasurer), Aaron Steber (Village Public Works Director), Dan Nejedlo, Colton Glocke (Secretary), and Jared Dorn.

1. Call to order

- a. Sean Kuske called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

2. Minutes of 2024 Annual Meeting

- a. Minutes from 2024 annual meeting were reviewed Jeane Bellile made a motion to approve. Jerry Flunker second. Motion carried.

3. Treasures report

- a. Judy showed residents what was in the BOLD Accounts and the 3 audits that were done. Everything came back good and no issues were found. Jerry Flunker made a motion to approve treasures report. Mark Shweiss second. Motion carried.

4. Presentation of Annual Audit

- a. Dan Nejedlo explained how BOLD had a ton of volunteers to help fix the harvester this year to get it up and going. Dan stated BOLD saved a lot of money doing the maintenance fixes ourselves.
- b. 800 cubic yards of weeds have been taken off the lake this year and more than 150 hours of cutting time.
- c. Lake clean up this year we had roughly 250 pounds of garbage picked up from around the lake. Cub scouts and volunteers made this happen.

5. New Business

a. Residents contributing to watershed, not being billed

- i. Watershed study is being done to see where all of our water is coming from and who is in our taxable district that's contributing to the lake. Found that 853 residents were contributing to the watershed and not paying taxes.

6. EOR Update

- a. BOLD is doing a bunch of sampling on the lake each month and sending it off to University of Stevens Point to be tested and seeing what is coming into the lake. EOR is still going great, waiting to hear on a couple things yet.

7. Review & Consider Approval of Proposed Budget

- a. We Energies and porta potties were not implemented to August Bill yet. \$14,805 is being implemented into our account for the harvester to start saving for new one.
- b. Looking to replace the culverts on the trail.
- c. Brian Boushley asked about what it would entail to get the culvert project done. Sean Kuske explained what we had in vision of doing it. With the DNR, we have to follow a lot of steps in order to get the project completed.
- d. Meg Obrien asked about the watershed study asked if it's a yearly cost. Every 5 years you need the aquatic study. We haven't put money away specifically towards this project. Looking to be more focused on certain projects and how to budget for them.

- e. Ben Hamlin asked if the culverts were a slip line one and the ones farther down the trail and asked if it was going to be a full reconstruct or slip line them. Asked about if the ones that were being replaced still have good structural bones. Dan explained the process of how we were thinking of doing it and how it's been done in the past and the reasoning behind it. Dan stated that back in the day most pipes were done with concrete. Ben Hamlin asked why BOLD is responsible for culvert repair. Back in the 1940's they did a study and found that it would be best to route the water the way it is now and the lake district put those culverts in.
- f. Jerry Flunker asked about the 853 that are in the water shed and not getting billed for it. Aaron Steber stated that we were going to go to County board to see if we can get those people in the district to help with funding.
- g. Pat Lund Moe asked if we know about what the average cost of taxes people are paying. Sean Kuske stated that the average is about \$25.
- h. Brian Boushelly asked if BOLD ever reached out to other places like the Manawa Mill Pond and get idea from them on what they do.
- i. Ben Hamlin stated that we should consider doing like a type of tier for paying taxes. He stated that people might have issues that live farther away paying the same as people that live 15 minutes away.
- j. Darline Paalman Asked if the cutting volunteers were getting paid. And Sean stated that we give gift cards to show the appreciation for the cutters. Stated that no one is cutting by their shore and asked why it cant be done. Aaron Steber stated we have a relatively large water shed with a little lake. With all the farm fields around, it's hard to control. Per DNR, we're only allowed to cut in certain spots and only allowed to cut certain times of the year.
- k. Bruce Turner stated that it's mainly duck weed that floats on top and can't control it from all the run off.
- l. Dan Kuske stated that we can't get in on the North Shore due to the lake level and the certain harvester we have otherwise the harvester can get stuck. Dan Nedjedlo stated that the DNR wont let BOLD cut until June 1st to protect the fish to spawn.
- m. Jeane Bellile made a motion to accept the budget. Terry Flunker seconded. Motion carried.

8. Consider Approval of Corresponding Tax Levy

- a. Jeane Bellile made a motion to consider approval of corresponding tax levy. Jerry Flunker second, motion carried.

9. Election of New Commissioners

- a. Sean Kuske was nominated to be the next Commissioner by Jerry Flunkr, Pat Lund Moe seconded. Sean Kuske commissioner for 3 year term.

10. Adjourn

- a. Jeane Bellile made motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM. Mike Bellile second. Motion carried.

Next BOLD Meeting is October 20th at 5:00 PM.

Black Otter Lake District

Revenue	8/27/2026 YTD	Estimated Year End	Actual Budgeted 2025/2026	Proposed 2026/2027
Taxes	\$ 55,513	\$ 71,601	\$ 71,601	\$ 71,601
Carryover/Cash Balance	\$ 66,123	\$ 124,295	\$ 124,295	\$ 119,420
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Assessments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 934	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 122,571	\$ 195,896	\$ 195,896	\$ 191,021

Operating Expenditures	8/27/2026 YTD	Estimated Year End	Actual Budgeted 2025/2026	Proposed 2026/2027
We Energies	\$ 528	\$ 700	\$700	\$700
Postmaster	\$ 106	\$ 2,606	\$3,000	\$3,000
Liability Insurance	\$ 3,198	\$ 3,198	\$3,200	\$3,200
Workers Comp	\$ 498	\$ 498	\$800	\$800
Advertisements/Communication	\$ -		\$1,500	\$1,500
DNR/Harvester Permit	\$ -		\$0	\$0
Lake Maint. & Aeration Supplies	\$ -		\$1,000	\$1,000
Harvester Operating & Maint.	\$ 1,241	\$ 3,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Consulting/Reports	\$ -	\$ -	\$0	\$0
DASH Program	\$ -		0	0
Emergent Planting	\$ -		0	0
Fish Stocking	\$ -	\$ -	0	0
Education	\$ -		\$750	\$750
Fox West Membership	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$200	\$200
Mow Ditch	\$ -	\$ -	\$500	\$500
Porta Potties	\$ 1,380	\$ 1,500	\$2,000	\$2,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 4	\$ 500	\$2,000	\$2,000
Labor Remittance	\$ -		0	0
Commissioners Compensation	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Fuel	\$ 972	\$ 700	\$700	\$700
Truck Registration	\$ -	\$ -	0	0
Annual Meeting Expense	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Volunteer Recognition	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 14,178	\$ 20,452	\$ 28,850	\$ 28,850

Capital Expenditures	8/27/2026 YTD	Estimated Year End	Actual 2025/2026	Proposed 2026/2027
Harvester Trailer	\$ -			\$ -
Harvester Rental	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Harvester	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Culverts On Trail/Sediment Testing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105,000	\$ 105,000
Sediment Basin Cleaning	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Long Term Lake Management Plan	\$ 26,036	\$ 33,500	\$ 36,921	\$ 14,420
Aquatic Plant Management Plan	\$ -			
Total Expenditures	\$ 26,036	\$ 33,500	\$ 141,921	\$ 119,420

Total Non-Lapsable Funds	\$ 14,320	\$ 14,320	\$ 14,320	\$ 42,751
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Total Net	\$ 68,036	\$ 127,624	\$ 10,805	\$ -
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Non-Lapsable Fund	Balance at end of preceding year (2026)	2027 Tax Contribution	Estimated Interest	Estimated balance at end of the Current Year (2027)
Trailer	\$ 2,221	\$ 720	\$ 58.82	\$ 3,000
Harvester	\$ 23,360	\$ 32,431	\$ 1,115.82	\$ 56,907
1 Ton Truck	\$ 4,627	\$ 1,500	\$ 122.54	\$ 6,250
Conveyor for Harvester	\$ 1,851	\$ 600	\$ 49.02	\$ 2,500
Culverts On Trail	\$ 4,304	\$ 2,500	\$ 136.07	\$ 2,636
Sediment Basins	\$ 4,627	\$ 1,500	\$ 122.54	\$ 6,250
Fish Stocking	\$ 3,085	\$ 1,000	\$ 81.70	\$ 4,166
Long-term Management Plan	\$ 4,627	\$ 1,500	\$ 122.54	\$ 6,250
Aerator	\$ 3,085	\$ 1,000	\$ 81.70	\$ 4,166
Total Reserve	\$ 51,787	\$ 42,751	\$ 1,890.76	\$ 92,125