



TO: (CLFLWD) Board of Managers

DATE: May 16, 2024

RE: Administrator's Report for the May 23, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

Administration (1000 series)

- 1001 – Board Administration
 - The regular board meeting for May 23rd has been moved to Wednesday, May 22nd. Time and location remain the same.
- 1003 – General Administration
 - The District office will be closed Monday, May 27th, in observance of Memorial Day.
 - Reminder that Juneteenth is a federal and state holiday that is observed by the District. The District office will be closed on Wednesday, June 19th in observance of this holiday.
 - The Board discussed the draft 2025 budget at the May 9th regular board meeting. The Citizen Advisory Committee will review the draft budget at its May 14th meeting. The Board will schedule a workshop in early June to continue the budget discussion.

Programs (3000 series)

- 3002 – Permitting
 - From April 13, 2024 to May 13, 2024:
 - 167 site inspections completed with a 96.47% compliance rate
 - 6 permit applications were received, 3 permits were approved, and three permits were issued
 - No permit close outs
- 3003 – Monitoring & Data Assessment
 - Continued Lake, CAMP, Stream, and DIY/CAT monitoring.
- 3004 – Non-Point Source Pollution Abatement (Cost-Share)
 - One new Mini Grant was awarded for a turf replacement project on Comfort Lake, and a Mini Grant was closed out for a woodland planting near Forest Lake.



- 20 site visits were conducted to provide technical assistance for shoreline and drainage issues, as well as native planting projects. For 2024 there have been 28 total site visits compared to 35 in 2023.
- 3005 – Education & Outreach
 - Bone Lake Delisting Celebration planning continues. The Planning Committee continues to meet every two weeks and has made great progress in planning this delisting celebration. An updated flyer is included.
 - Community education workshops and events have been well attended this spring. Planning and implementation for summer and fall events continues and the activities have been well accepted by local schools and education partners. Currently, we have over 25 community education events scheduled for this summer and fall.
 - Forest Lake’s Art in the Park begins June 4th and runs every Tuesday evening from 5 to 9 p.m. except July 2nd. CLFLWD will have an information and activity booth at each event. Staff will be covering the booth, but Board members are greatly encouraged to help cover the events too. Contact Adam with any questions or to sign up for a night.
- 3006 – Interagency Communication
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- 3007 – Research
 - Continued collaboration with Iowa State University and St Thomas University undergraduate projects at the North Shore Trail Nature Area, Bone-Birch-School-Little Comfort (BBSLC) Channel, and Little Comfort Lake. Student presentations on 5-6 and 5-13; respectively. This research has been presented to District staff. Additional information could be distributed, if interested.
- 3008 – Measurement of Progress
 - The 2023 Annual Report was submitted to the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources on April 29. Staff included links to the 2023 Year-In-Review Infographic and Progress Report as well.
- 3009 – Grant Research & Preparation
 - MGLP: Staff corresponded with the Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership regarding our \$60,000 grant application for shoreline restorations and outreach. We expect to receive the final decision on project funding soon.



- ECP: The Expedited Conservation Projects grant for the North Shore Circle Park Shoreline Restoration has been executed.
- Lessard-Sams: The deadline for the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund is May 27th. The District will not submit a grant application for Phase II of the Bone Lake South Wetland project until the purchase agreement is signed.
- 3010 – Operations & Maintenance
 - Progress regarding the creation of an O&M database similar to that used by the permitting staff.
 - Beaver debris removal at the outflow of the Edell Pond Project
 - Bone Lake inlet and Bixby weirs installed as water temps reached 50 degrees.
- 3011 – Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention & Management
 - Staff are continuing to improve the scope and detail of its' AIS Rapid Response Plan internally. By the end of the month, staff will host a meeting with some local partners to workshop the plan and find opportunities for collaboration.
 - Garrett Miller will begin taking MAISRC's Professionals AIS Detector Course this month. The course is designed to help AIS Professionals hone their aquatic plant identification skills; refresh their knowledge on impacts, aquatic ecology, and Minnesota AIS Laws; provide a detailed explanation of reporting tools; and more.
 - Staff are still onboarding watercraft inspectors as they become available this spring. By Memorial Day weekend, staff anticipate having seven inspectors ready for work that will be able to provide excellent holiday weekend coverage.
- 3012 – Land Acquisition & Management
 - Continued outreach with the Southern Bone Lake Landowner and potential developer. The developer has indicated interest in selling the wetland to the District if they are able to acquire the greater property. The potential of the District to purchase the entire property ourselves is still on the table as well.
 - Staff planted ~125 trees and shrubs at the North Shore Trail Nature Area and Hayward Ave Wetland properties and at the Hwy 61 Sunrise River, and CR50 IESF projects.
 - Seasonal staff are removing Buckthorn at the Hayward Ave wetland Property.
- 3013 – Watershed Planning & Resilience



- The Board held a workshop on May 2nd to discuss the floodplain vulnerability assessment. Staff and EOR will revise the flood risk maps, review with city engineers, and report back to the board at the second workshop in early June.

Projects (5000 series)

- Moody Lake
 - Capstone: The final project of the Capstone, the Moody Park raingarden and shoreline stabilization was completed the week of May 6th. Final site restoration, soil and spoils stabilization, and tree/shrub/plug planting and seeding to take place by the end of the month at all project locations. A punch list walk through will be scheduled after then – the Township and/or landowners will be invited to attend.
- Bone Lake
 - Delisting event for June 11th is scheduled and an update will be provided at the board meeting.
- Little Comfort Lake
 - Heath Ave N IESF: Landowners have indicated that they would like to move forward with the sale of their property. Staff will meet with them in the coming weeks to get the contingent purchase agreement signed. An EOR scope of work for the feasibility phase of this project will be presented to the Board on 5-23-2024.
- Shields Lake
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- Lake Keewahtin
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- Forest Lake
 - WJD6 Tributary Wetland: Final site restoration, driveway grading, and tree/shrub/plug planting to take place by the end of the month. A punch list walk through will be scheduled after then – the City will be invited to attend.
- Comfort Lake

Bone Lake Delisting Celebration

June 11th, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Scandia Community Center

14727 209th Street North

Scandia, MN 55073

Join your friends and neighbors to celebrate Bone Lake's great water quality achievement!

After 20 years on the state's impaired waters list for excessive nutrients, Bone Lake has been officially delisted in 2024. This landmark accomplishment would not have been possible without the efforts and activities from the Comfort Lake - Forest Lake Watershed District, Bone Lake Association, City of Scandia, and the many local groups and organizations.

We will be having a short program to commemorate the activities and partnerships that have helped the lake reach this milestone. There will be a pizza supper, refreshments, and cake following the program.

Please RSVP via email to adam.hjelm@clflwd.org or by phone to (651) 395-5850 by June 1st.



*Share with your neighbors;
make the Lake Connections.*