

Big Sand Lake Association Annual Meeting

July 24, 2021



President Dennis Loots convened the meeting shortly after 10am.

Treasurer's report:

\$4879 in the bank

Major expenses include officer and directors insurance at a little under \$500. About every 3 years maps have been printed for distribution at the landing, this year no printing was required.

Craig Conroy is today's speaker from the county Land Use and Information and the Natural Resources Committees

Heidi Liefert is now the contact for any questions arising from the presentation.

Craig provided historical context on governmental regulations and the changes over time.

He provided answers to various questions that were submitted.

The Burnett County Campground moratorium has been extended to October 21st.

The boat landing work was completed but was not what was originally expected. No more work is planned.

The Township of Sand Lake is being overwhelmed by campgrounds as a result of not having a comprehensive plan in place. A vote to adopt the BC Comprehensive Plan will be held on August 9th at the town hall.

Elections of Officers:

Jim Cobb withdrew his name for the position of Secretary. Chip Applegath put his name in for Secretary.

All in attendance approved the election of Karen Pavlicek as Treasurer, Chip Applegath as Secretary and Don Button as director.

No more information on the Bocan lawsuit is available. It may be some time before the courts get around to it.

Gary Pavlicek asked that the association not get involved in areas that they don't have control of such as the boat ramp, No Parking signs on Olsen Rd. etc.

A question was raised about riparian rights and how they affect placement of docks etc. Dennis said he would do some research to see what is available on the subject.

Dennis invited everyone to attend the picnic at the Anderson's

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Cobb
BSLA Secretary

Big Sand Lake Association
Balance Sheet
As of July 23, 2021

	<u>Jul 23, 21</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Big Sand Lake Assn	<u>4,879.16</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>4,879.16</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>4,879.16</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>4,879.16</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	4,649.71
32000 · Retained Earnings	243.45
Net Income	<u>-14.00</u>
Total Equity	<u>4,879.16</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>4,879.16</u></u>

TOWN OF SAND LAKE COMMUNITY MEETING -- 7/2/2021
DISCUSSION OF CAMPGROUNDS, LAND USE AND THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY

What we know; current situation

- Town of Sand Lake has not adopted comprehensive Burnett County zoning, but properties located next to or near water features identified on GIS maps are regulated under DNR shoreline zoning – however, because the town has not adopted comprehensive zoning, the shoreline zoning areas have not yet been updated with the newest technology (LIDAR)
- Because the Town of Sand Lake has not adopted comprehensive zoning, there are no requirements to apply to the town or county for permits other than septic, driveway and UDC permits for projects outside of shoreline zoning. Projects within shoreline zoning, are covered by Burnett County Land Use ordinances and applications for conditional use permits go through the public/comment process.
- Currently, Burnett County has placed a moratorium on new RV campground development that falls within their jurisdiction while they study whether their current ordinances are sufficient or need revision. The moratorium DOES NOT apply to campgrounds being constructed in the Town of Sand Lake outside of shoreline zoning.
- The proposed 60+ site RV campground being constructed by Rachel Swanson off of Dongola/Peterson Roads has been halted after a request was made to the DNR water specialist to apply new mapping surveys and make a determination of the property. Through this process it was determined that the location did fall within shoreline zoning. Therefore, until Burnett County lifts their moratorium, that campground cannot go forward and once the moratorium is lifted, Rachel will have to apply for a conditional use permit and go through the public/hearing process.
- Rachel Swanson is also constructing a 6 site RV campground on Normans Landing Road with plans to expand her campground to the 30 adjacent acres. She received a septic permit for the project but because the land currently falls outside of shoreline zoning, there is no requirement to notify the town board or town residents about this project. Rachel owns additional parcels behind this site along her private road leading to the Yellow River, there is concern about additional RV sites being planned.
- A request has been made by numerous people for the DNR water specialist to make a determination whether the Normans Landing Road property should be reclassified. That determination has not been made yet. And the project continues to move towards completion.

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- A third campground may also be in the works on Okerlund Road. The details on this project are more speculative but it is widely known that Steve Austin (Webb Lake Town chair, County Supervisor, and promoter of high density RV campgrounds) is looking for properties to purchase in the Town of Sand Lake because the Town has not adopted Burnett County comprehensive zoning. Like the Normans Landing Road site, the DNR has been asked to make a determination whether this area should also be reclassified.

What is at stake for the Town of Sand Lake and it's residents from high density RV campgrounds

- ✓ Increased use and damage on Town roads by vehicles hauling trailers, ATVs and UTVs
- ✓ Loss of potential of property tax revenues – land would be assessed without improvements (I.e., homes)
- ✓ Increased noise, loss of tranquility for Town residents
- ✓ Dogs at large – campers not aware of leash laws, or licensing requirements
- ✓ Water, wetlands pollution
- ✓ Adjacent property rights and values
- ✓ Increased pressure on public safety – ambulance, fire, law enforcement

PLEASE NOTE THAT NEITHER RACHEL SWANSON OR STEVE AUSTIN ARE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF SAND LAKE, yet their high density RV campgrounds have the potential for greatly affecting our lives. (It has been rumored that Rachel is living in the pole shed off of Dongola/Peterson Roads after having sold her Poquette Lake home)

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Contact the Town Board and our County Supervisor to make your voice heard. Attend the monthly Town Board meetings to make sure this issue stays on the agenda and needed ordinances are considered, adopted and enforced. Voice your opinion when conditional use permits are before the Burnett County Land Use Committee. Encourage the Town Board to do the same.

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Attendance

ce & Judy Anderson
Jane Jensen / Don Culbertson
May Bayan

Tim & Tina Shenko
Allene Kuba