

ANNOUNCEMENT

NEWMAN LAKE FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD VACANCIES

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*The Newman Lake Flood Control Zone District (NLFCZD) is currently accepting applications to fill **two (2) upcoming terms that expire on January 1, 2024**, on the Advisory Board.*

ABOUT THE DISTRICT:

The NLFCZD was created on October 29, 1968. Its mission includes but is not limited to:

- Maintaining Newman Lake flood control facilities and managing the level of the lake
- Maintaining and improving the water quality of the lake
- Minimizing the impact of watershed activities on water quality
- Controlling invasive plant species in the lake

The District is supervised by the Spokane County Board of County Commissioners and administered by the Spokane County Engineer.

The NLFCZD Advisory Board (AB) was created to provide opinions and input to the County Engineer and his staff on policy decisions, budget issues, project priorities, and other concerns.

ABOUT THE ADVISORY BOARD (AB):

The AB consists of eight members: five voting members and three alternate non-voting members. The positions are typically for a full term of four years, but at times a position is filled to finish an existing term and may be less than the full four years. These terms are managed this way to stagger the terms to maintain diversity on the Board. These are non-paid positions.

It is the policy of the NLFCZD to keep as many diverse perspectives on the Advisory Board as possible. Accordingly, the positions on the Advisory Board are filled to represent different interests within the community, including: forestry and/or agriculture, seasonal and year-round lakefront residents, and a representative on a formal Newman Lake community group, such as a homeowner's association.

To become more closely involved in all things Newman Lake, in the past few years the Advisory Board, as a Board, has met monthly. Advisory Board Members occasionally attend other

evening community meetings/events, such as the Ice Cream Social, Regional Lakes Conference, a Summer AB community meeting, and District Staff’s Fall Open House, for example, to gather additional input from the lake community. Advisory Board Members may also voluntarily spend time researching issues, providing ongoing input, and reviewing District projects, for example, outside of scheduled meeting times.

Note that priority is given to applicants who pay District assessments, especially for Voting positions. The appointment of more than one Advisory Board Member from the same family will be discouraged. No person shall be appointed to an Advisory Board position if fulfilling the appointment will extend the person’s total appointment time on the Advisory Board to more than eight (8) consecutive years.

CURRENT ADVISORY BOARD:

Position	Name	Represents	Term* Expires
Position No. 1 (Voting)	Polly Phipps (Assessment Payer)	Seasonal, Lakefront	2025
Position No. 2 (Voting)	Jim Quigley (Assessment Payer)	Seasonal, Lakefront	2026
Position No. 3 (Voting)	Karen Stebbins (Assessment Payer)	Community Representative	2024
Position No. 4 (Voting)	LeaAnn Gould (Assessment Payer)	Seasonal, Lakefront	2026
Position No. 5 (Voting)	Dan Clark (Assessment Payer)	Seasonal, Lakefront	2025
Alt. Position No. 1 (Non-Voting)	Steve Schleer (Assessment Payer)	Year-Round, Lakefront	2026
Alt. Position No. 2 (Non-Voting)	Steph Kennedy (Assessment Payer)	Year-Round, Lakefront	2024
Alt. Position No. 3 (Non-Voting)	Dave Martin (Assessment Payer)	Seasonal, Lakefront, Forest & AG	2027
<i>*Term Expires on January 1st of the stated year.</i>			

ABOUT THE VACANCIES:

The open positions are for Position No. 3 and Alt Position No. 2. Note that Position #3 may be filled by an existing AB member in a non-voting position if they apply. This would open up the requisite non-voting position. When you apply, all positions and movement within the Advisory Board is considered.

Both Positions will run for four (4) years, expiring on January 1, 2025.

Candidates should have:

- A strong desire to represent the interests of the community and make Newman Lake a great place to live.
- The desire and ability to work on a team where members have diverse interests and opinions; the ability to remain open-minded, find consensus with others, and propose viable solutions.

- A willingness to actively seek input and opinions from other community members.
- Knowledge of the history and environment surrounding Newman Lake is a plus.

HOW TO APPLY:

If interested in applying for either of these positions, please complete an AB Membership Application and email to the address below. **Applications need to be received no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, December 1, 2023.**

If you have any questions, please contact Derek Vilar at the e-mail address provided below, or at the phone number noted below.

Applications will be reviewed by County Staff, and by current Advisory Board members. Interviews will be held, if deemed necessary by County Staff and the current AB, with final recommendations forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for final approval.

We encourage anyone with an interest to please apply to:

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