

NLFCZD Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Newman Lake Resort 3:00pm-5:30pm

Present –

Staff: Jane Clark, Karen Kruger, Ethan Rogers

Committee Members: Wayne Block, Wendy Burley, Mike Frasco, Laurie Keaton, Ruedi Schuler, Tom Stebbins

Guests: Kim Jones, Jerry Le Grande

Proxy Policy at Meetings:

Discussion took place regarding Proxy Policy at Advisory Committee meetings. No proxy policy currently exists in the District Policy and Procedures Manual. Consensus was that if a committee member is going to be absent, and they wish to have someone represent their vote at a meeting, it should also be a committee member.

District News:

- **Lake Level:** Lake level gage unable to be read because a lot of debris was covering gage. Reported that the lake level as of September 4th was only .03 of an inch from the goal elevation.
- **Alum and Oxygenation Systems:** Alum delivery expected tomorrow 9/10/2014. There is currently one compressor running for the oxygenation system. Lake is starting to mix with the cooler nights. When it mixes completely the compressors/oxygenation system will be shut off and just the Alum will run through mid-October. Expecting about six deliveries for this fall.
- **Fall Facility Inspection:** There will be a fall facility inspection in late September. The flood control gates and the channel will be walked and inspected, and debris/sediment areas will be marked for cleanup by the Geiger crew. If anyone wishes to attend the facility inspection, staff will send out an email to notify of the details.
- **2015 Budget Discussion**
 - Jane indicated the cost for diver suction weeding will need to be incorporated into the 2015 budget. There are also changes with the grant reimbursement for the Milfoil control but that has not been reflected in the materials provided prior to this meeting.
 - Suggestion was made that the \$9,500 usually budgeted for milfoil control be placed into reserves, and when needed for milfoil treatment, then be pulled from reserves.
 - Motion was made to move the \$9,500.00 from the budget to reserves; vote was taken and the motion passed.
 - Newsletter costs went up because a mail house was used in place of staff time.
 - Allocated salaries/staff time was questioned. Engineers' time would increase from ten weeks back to eleven weeks as in 2013, and the Technician time would increase by one week as it was in 2013.
 - Members questioned what they are getting for their money, and asked for details about what types of duties are typically done. Job descriptions were about – comment was made that information has been shared in the past.
 - There was discussion about why an increase is warranted.
 - No justification has been provided for the increase.
 - Statement was made that staff should provide a monthly update of what they have completed for Newman Lake.
 - Jane indicated that a 1% increase for next year is another option.
 - There was an Advisory Committee vote to accept or reject the budget. Vote was two in favor, two against; there are currently only four Advisory Board members as Steven Ward recently resigned.
- **Water Quality Update**
 - Barry sent an email with a water quality summary update for 2014.
 - Summer DO is essential for controlling phosphorus release from lake sediment.

- The Speece Cone can maintain oxygen in the hypolimnion well above the target of 2 mg/L, when it's run at 100%
 - Dissolved Oxygen falls rapidly when the system is not operating or is shut down.
 - Provided information on observations of the speece cone this year. Noted increased bubbling indicating that oxygen is not being fully dissolved in the cone.
 - Please read email from Barry that was distributed to attendees of the meeting.
- **Milfoil Report**
 - Follow up treatment of 25 acres to the south end of the lake was performed this morning by Aqua Technex, using 2, 4-D liquid. This treatment will be reimbursed from DNR grant funds.
 - Three separate areas were treated for nuisance weeds with private funds, utilizing the District permit. Nuisance weed treatment is available in the District permit from Ecology and is limited to 30% of the shoreline.
 - Discussion of how the private participants should be paying for District staff time in addition to the treatment they pay for.
 - Milfoil survey will be conducted by staff in mid-October.
 - Diver suction weeding did not take place this year as milfoil was not located in appropriate areas. Next herbicide treatment is scheduled for June 1, 2015.
 - Karen clarified that Coontail and Bladderwort look very similar to milfoil under the water. Doing rake tosses and looking closely at the plants is the best way to identify which one is present.
 - Four surveys were completed this year. Suggestion was made that a notice be sent out to let people know when the surveys will take place and allow committee members to participate if they wish.
 - Suggestion was made that we consider a "weed tour" for next year, similar to those conducted by Dr. Funk years ago, and included participants from other lakes.
 - Funds left from the Ecology grant for herbicide treatments are approximately \$7,500.00.
 - There is \$10,000 left from the DNR grant specifically for diver suction weeding and benthic mat placement. We have until June 15, 2015 to spend DNR grant money.
 - The District budget will still have \$9,500.00 for next years' treatment, available if needed via reserves.
 - There is currently no grant money for 2016. Grant applications will be submitted again as they come up, but Ecology has stated they will no longer be able to continue to provide funding to Newman Lake as they have in the past.
 - Discussion took place relative to the lack of funding on the state level for preventing milfoil from entering the lake. County staff has asked the president of WALPA if a program similar to Idaho's could be put in place, but there hasn't been an answer. The question will be brought up to WALPA again at their meeting later this month.
 - **Shoreline Erosion**
 - Karen brought the copy of the 2004 Shoreline Survey study that was completed and read portions of the summary.
 - Discussion of the methodology that was used to obtain the 2004 study.
 - Statement was made that Karen does not have the expertise needed to conduct a shoreline survey.
 - Statement made that we need to determine the goals and objectives of a future study.
 - Statement was made that Advisory Board members, shoreline owners, wake boarders, and all lake users should be involved in the study.
 - 2004 Shoreline Survey and pictures will be posted on the NLFCZD website.

Submitted by: Karen Kruger