

**NLFCZD Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 17, 2015**  
**Spokane County Public Works Building 4A 3:00pm-5:15pm**

**Present –**

Staff: Marianne Barrentine, Jane Clark, Ethan Rogers  
Committee Members: Lorne Burley, Mike Frasco, Dennis Rewinkle, Tom Stebbins  
Guests: Wendy Burley, Al Balcom, Jerry Le Grand

**Brief Introductions**

**District News:**

- **Lake Level:** The lake level as of Monday afternoon was 2123.96 feet with the gates closed. It is just about to the winter goal elevation of 2123.90 feet. The gates were completely closed on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and anticipate the gates will stay closed until rains later this fall.
- **Facility Inspection:** The flood control facility inspection will occur later this month to remove any debris along the outlet channel.
- **Alum System:** The alum system is running smoothly and the 11<sup>th</sup> delivery was on September 9<sup>th</sup> with the 12<sup>th</sup> delivery tomorrow and the final delivery of the year on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Staff will then flush the tank with water and blow out the lines. Staff wanted to keep it running through September while the lake is mixing with the longer stretched out summer season. Started turnover sooner this year. While the lake is stratified during the summer, the alum system is turned off. It was noted by Dennis that the alum plan in the Policy & Procedures be updated to the current injection plan of approximately half of the budgeted injections in the spring and half in the fall.
- **Banner Signage:** We have received two local quotes for the banner signs. Quotes ranged from \$317 to \$320 per banner. Staff has asked Tom who he used in the past and if he would be interested in providing a quote. Banner size quoted was 16' wide by 4' tall. Tom is working on a quote. Budget wise it would be good to purchase one this year using the Watershed Activities budget line item, but not put the banners up until next spring. Marianne noted that community groups can put a banner on the back side as long as it supports the NLFCZD mission and the community group purchases said sign. It was brought up that an agreement be written up to only allow authorized signage on the banner posts. This information/agreement should be posted on the website. If unauthorized signs appear on the posts, they can be removed since it is on District property.
- **Honeymoon Bay:** Stormwater issues at Honeymoon Bay and staff is working on this as time allows. Setting up community meeting for October. Looking at a stormwater charge for this particular area specific to the improvements that may happen. Need the District to apply for the grant. Staff time is being tracked for this work. This work meets Districts goals in terms as improving the water quality to the lake. There have been past issues as high phosphorus coming into the lake from this area. The plan is to put the creek into a pipe and road drainage will be treated before it is put in the pipe. Eventually look to do a Road Improvement District (RID) for this area. Find a way to get septic assistance. Staff to call the Conservation District for more details. Low to no interest loan availability.

**Milfoil Update:**

- The nuisance weed treatment and benthic barrier mat removal occurred on September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Staff has secured a list of about 10 people who are willing to be representatives for their area to call and report the presence of milfoil.
- Staff will advertise in the next newsletter the availability of the mat material for those who wish to utilize that next year. Presence of milfoil will be verified by staff and will most likely have some type of agreement with the users of the mats.
- Staff will be applying for aquatic invasive species grants as they become available.
- Staff would like to request that members of the Advisory Board let us know if there are any volunteers within their area who may want to be a representative to report the presence of milfoil and be willing to coordinate with their neighbors and the District in control efforts.

- It was recommended that staff ask AquaTechnex what was under the mats when the mats were removed.
  - Suggestion that a log should be kept to determine what grows back after removal.
- Tom expressed concern with the lack of communication. Noted that contact information for the 10 representatives should be on the website. Need to close the loop.

#### **NLFCZD Funding**

- Dennis is looking at all revenue possibilities.
- Marianne handed out a presentation that was presented to the BOCC in the past. The current system is not easily updateable. Concerns with only those that benefit are charged. Other funding options discussed and are listed in the handout. Ad Valorem property tax and a stormwater charge were looked at back in 2007. Both would be passed back to constituents.
- Staff has been working on digitizing the FC and WQ benefit maps.

#### **NLFCZD Budget Discussion**

- The budget with a 10% assessment increase was presented and handed out at the meeting.
- There is no margin in the budget for any unexpected issues.
- 35-40% of the budget is administration/staff time and Tom expressed concern that there is some lack of understanding of what staff does.
- Tom suggested that the BOCC be asked for funding from the general fund to supplement reserves.
- Funding problem- multiple users of the lake with only the property owners around the lake paying.
- Staff will find out if the used unit is still available; however, the budget presented assumes a new unit.
- The budget does account for repair of approximately 1,600 feet of dike that has settled below the 100-year base flood elevation which is primarily along Starr Road.

In summary all Advisory Board members who attended agreed to the items below regarding the 2016 budget:

- Advisory Board supports staff proposal of a 2016 assessment increase of 10% to the BOCC to purchase new oxygen generator and tank as well as installation.
- Staff and Advisory Board agree to review options to reduce costs including use of extra help and volunteers in 2016 with the goal of reducing future assessments.
- Staff and Advisory Board agree to review options for additional funding including grants and funding alternatives again with the goal of reducing future assessments.
- Approach BOCC for general fund contributions of \$8 -20K to help rebuild reserves
- Work with Barry to better educate Advisory Board on baseline operations for decisions on future operational requirements.

Tom offered to update and add to the general fund supplement presentation that was made three years ago which will be sent out following the meeting.

#### **Advisory Board Openings**

Both Tom Stebbins' forestry position and Laurie Keatons' Community Representative position will expire on January 1, 2016. Application deadline is December 31, 2015. Concerns were expressed about Advisory Board members that are on the Board that don't attend meetings or participate. Jane will look into this and follow-up with those Advisory Board members.

#### **Closing Remarks/Adjourn**

Shoreline erosion will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Submitted by: Jane Clark