

NLFCZD Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 4th, 2015
Spokane County Public Works Building 4A 3:00pm-5:30pm

Present –

Staff: Marianne Barrentine, Jane Clark, Ethan Rogers

Committee Members: Wayne Block, Lorne Burley, Mike Frasco, Dennis Rewinkle, Tom Stebbins, Laurie Keaton, Wayne Smith

Guests:

Brief Introductions

District News:

- **Lake Level:** The lake level as of 10am this morning is 2125.46 with the gates closed. This is under the goal elevation and we will likely keep the gates closed based on a dry summer forecast.
- **Alum System:** There have been six deliveries as of the Advisory Board meeting. The lake should be close to stratifying according to Barry.
- **AirSep Update:** Looking to go out to bid by end of the week or early next week. Structure of the contract is to be able award the AirSep items separately from the rest of the work if needed based on cost/qualifications.
 - Staff has not had the chance to order an O₂ meter or taken measurements for a new oxygen receiver tank.

Milfoil Update:

- Aquatechnex applied herbicide to 22 acres of the North end of the lake, and placed two 20'x20' benthic mats on the bottom of the lake where milfoil was identified. The diver was not feeling well and struggled to be in the water. He was not able to place the three remaining mats or complete the diver suction and will look to reschedule before the end of the month to finish the work.
- Question on why the District did not buy the mats and instead chose to rent from Aquatechnex, we were able to get a better price to use ones provided by the contractor
 - Would have been a good idea to buy the mats, and then keep them for the District to use every year to show homeowners their function and benefit. One idea is to have property owner's check out the mats from the District.
- Staff will send the Advisory Board members the informational brochure that a homeowner is required to have before installing the mats on their own.
- Question as to what will grow back after the mats are removed.
 - Suggestion that a log should be kept to determine what grows back after removal.

Communication Plan-Signage Discussion:

- **Fire Station Boat Wash Station**
 - The Fire Chief was not in favor of having a wash station near the new fire station. Who would pay for the change order? Who would monitor its use? Liability concerns.
 - Not in favor of any District signage at their new location.
 - Could be useful to have an onsite meeting with the Fire Chief.
- A discussion of a lack of a consensus on the overall goal/mission of the Advisory Board representatives
- Laurie volunteered to come up with a brochure on shoreline erosion for the permeant sign locations
- Tom volunteered to come up with an informational brochure on milfoil for the permanent sign locations
- Sign locations will be mapped on an aerial photo and sent to the Advisory Board and sign verbiage will be discussed over email.
- **M/S/A-A** motion was made, seconded, and approved to have banner signs located at the "T" intersection of East Newman Lake/Starr/Hauser Lake Rd., on District property on Starr Rd., at the intersection at West Newman Lake/Starr Rd., and to explore ways of getting permanent signs at Sutton Bay Resort, Newman Lake Resort, and the Public WDFW boat launch.
 - \$3,000 budget for all of these signs, to be done within the Watershed Activities line item of the budget.

Summer Meeting Agenda

- Looked over proposed agenda for Summer Meeting
- A desire for Barry to keep to a simple, shorter presentation for the Summer Meeting
 - Water quality in everyday language
- If lake level is not a factor in shoreline erosion, it shouldn't be in the agenda
 - If it is, it shouldn't be in the Flood Control section
 - A desire to find some research on the subject
- It was discussed to take shoreline erosion off the Agenda for the Summer Meeting, and put it on the top of the list for the September meeting

NLFCZD Budget Discussion

- 2014 Budget Wrap Up:
 - Went over the provided 2014 budget summary and spreadsheet
 - Discussed the current status of the flood control dike repair project.
 - Approximately 2,000-2,500 cubic yards of material will be needed for a section of the dike along Starr Rd., however Staff has not been able to get in contact with the contractor with the large pile of peat nearby to get a cost estimate.
 - Using the nearby peat could give the District the most cost effective solution, and it would be great to take advantage of the opportunity.
- 2015 Budget To-Date:
 - Went over the provided 2015 budget summary and spreadsheet, which includes the projected amount of expenses at the end of the year
 - Cut the discussion early to move on to 2016 Budget due to time constraints
- 2016 Budget Proposal:
 - Went over the provided 2016 proposed Budget and spreadsheet
 - Staff will request the additional \$8,000 funding from the BoCC as they have done in the past years due to the discrepancy in the Witherspoon Estates assessments.
 - Staff was asked to determine if any of the routine tasks can be outsource to a third party/extra help category to reduce Staff costs.
 - Will put third party/extra help on the September agenda
 - Will put the signage costs within the Watershed Activities line item
 - Would like to have Barry look into if we can cut the amount of Alum that is injected into the Lake in the future to reduce that cost

Closing Remarks/Adjourn

Annual Summer Meeting: July 15th at the Newman Lake Grange from 6:30pm-8:30pm.