

Save Black Lake Coalition
Board Meeting Notes
June 9, 2013 6:30 PM

Present: Vernon Bonfield, Nita Sell, Deb Wallace, John Henkle, Lake Stintzi, Gail Schaller

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM.

Nita nominated Lake Stintzi to the Board. The nomination was seconded by Deb, and passed unanimously. Welcome to the Board, Lake!

Nita nominated Tim Erickson to the Board. The nomination was seconded by John, and also passed unanimously. Welcome to the Board, Tim!

Bruce Bamford from the Evergreen Shores community may be interested in joining the Board, as may the young man from Columbus Park. Vern will contact Carrie and get his name. There may be a need for more Board members to accomplish future work, including door-to-door contact, Stream Team coordination, and so on.

Deb presented the Treasurer's Report. There is a balance in the PayPal account that she was not able to access, so Vern will get the information to her about the account. Deb requested that the debit card be kept by the Treasurer, and a process put in place for using debit cards. Also, Deb will advise the other Board officers about how to login to the bank account.

Deb moved that any use of the debit card needs a vote of the executive committee. The majority must authorize use of the card. This can be done by e-mail, as it allows the ability to track and record the communication. The motion was seconded by Gail, and passed unanimously.

Vern updated the group on the recent meeting with the County Commissioners and their attorney. First, there was a question about the difference between a Lake Management District (LMD) and a Special Use District (SUD). Rich furnished information to the Commissioners' attorney, Elizabeth Petrich, regarding the differences. Also, it turns out that there is no entity called an SUD - although there are Special Districts, also called Special Purpose Districts.

Overall the meeting with the Commissioners went well. The \$5,000 payment was discussed. Don Krupp will let us know where to send the deposit. Are we paying for the cost of the election, or to protect the County from harm in case the request to form a District falls apart? The Board discussed whether this payment was to be in the form of a bond or a check? Do we get part of the \$5,000 back if the full amount is not needed? Is it a flat charge, or is the total amount needed still be to determined?

The timeline to form the District requires two public hearings. The first meeting puts the concept out there and answers basic questions such as: Should there be a District formed? There will be a discussion of costs at the first meeting as well.

The election is held following the first meeting. The second meeting is held after the election, to discuss the fee structure. This allows an opportunity for stakeholders to request exceptions or changes to the fee structure.

The Board will seek answers to these questions as soon as possible, and will get a check to the Commission this week. We will request the first hearing to be held in the next 30 days. Tim will talk to Kathy Wolfe and to Elizabeth Petrich. (Since Tim was not at the meeting, Nita will contact him to request that he make these two calls.)

The tentative schedule looks like:

6/14	Send check for \$5,000 to County
7/15	Tentative date of first hearing
10/1	Election?
11/15	Second hearing
12/15	County Commissioner meeting to finalize

The Board will run this schedule by Don Krupp to see whether it is realistic. We will also send a thank-you note to Attorney Petrich, offering help and answers to any questions she may have.

A couple of small updates: First, the election of officers to manage the Special District will be for initial terms of 2, 4, or 6 years rather than 1, 2, or 3 years as we thought. Elections will be integrated into regular County election cycles, appearing on the ballots of affected voters/homeowners. Next, the Special District Board must have a good, solid plan laid out and an Advisory Council in place. Finally, we will keep the not-for-profit Coalition in place for fundraising, education, grant-writing, and other support to the Special District Board.

Board members were requested to estimate hours spent working on Board tasks during April, May, and June to show value of in-kind contributions made. Each month's details and total should be separately e-mailed to Deb by each member.

Deb will talk to Rich Doenges at the County about the possibility of getting a grant from Department of Ecology. The County can re-submit last years' grant request on our behalf. Deb will also get the implementation plan from Rich regarding the herbicides to be applied this summer. John will help write a grant request to the Trout Unlimited organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.