

Save Black Lake Coalition  
Board Meeting Notes  
January 15, 2014 6:30 PM

Present: Vernon Bonfield, Nita Sell, Tim Erickson, John Henkle, Lake Stintzi, Gail Schaller

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

The group discussed the agenda for the upcoming Community Meeting. Nita will draft an e-mail for Vern to send out to make sure everyone knows about the meeting. The new Special District will be discussed; a request for new volunteers to serve on the Board will be made; and Janie will provide information about how the grant funds were spent, what has been done so far, and how much is left to do. Janie will also talk about the collection process for the yellow-flag iris buds.

There was discussion about the public hearing to be held after the tax bills go out. The target date for the hearing is February 27<sup>th</sup>. Taxpayers will be able to appeal their Special District fees and charges at that hearing. Prior to the hearing, the appeals procedure needs to be spelled out in writing.

John will call the County to ask whether we can get an advance on tax monies to pay the start-up costs for the Special District.

We talked about the removal of the pilings from the north end of Black Lake, and whether DNR would allow these to be removed. There is no inventory of the pilings, and it is unknown whether there is creosote in the wood. DNR does have funds available to remove the pilings, but only if there is creosote; otherwise, they do not remove them. The Board agreed that we should gather core samples for testing.

Also, how will we determine the fees and charges to DNR for their lake-bed property. The Special District directors will work this out at an upcoming meeting.

In addition to developing an appeal process, the Special District directors will begin to determine what work is to be done in/on the Lake, and when; how the SD board will make decisions; and whether there should be discounts on fees and charges for elderly and/or disabled residents.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

