

Minutes of Save Black Lake Coalition Board meeting Tuesday, April 22, 2014

In attendance:

- Tim Erickson, President
- Nita Sell, acting Secretary
- Deb Wallace
- Bob Leingang
- Tom Crawford

Excused absence:

- Candice Rydalch

Meeting called to order at 6:44pm. Minutes of Board meeting from January 15, 2014 were approved.

In light of the sudden resignation of our Secretary/Treasurer Gail Schaller, Nita Sell agreed to fill in as acting Secretary, and Deb Wallace agreed to do a current financial report and make sure that all of the security logons are current and working.

Because Vernon Bonfield, John Henkle, and Lake Stintzi are now filling positions as Directors of the Black Lake Special District, and public disclosure rules prevent them from talking with us about Special District issues, they are resigning from our Board. President Tim will ask them to send in formal letters or emails of resignation.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Regarding the Thurston County work in 2013/2014 in the eradication of the yellow flag iris and water lilies, Thurston County met today and approved the prescriptions (herbicides) to use in the eradication process. The county has assured us that they are making every attempt to complete this work prior to June 30th.
- Regarding the pilings at the north end of the lake, Tim has been in touch with the Department of Natural Resources and Thurston County. They (DNR) have funds in their budget to remove the pilings, but need to know exactly how many there are. We have asked County to help us in counting them. Unfortunately, a communication problem with folks at County led them to believe that we wanted GPS trackers on each piling. Tim assured them that we only want a number, and that the divers who are in the lake removing milfoil could do that. Tim spoke with Cliff Moore, County Manager, who said that the divers will count the pilings, scheduled for the first week in May. Mr. Moore was apologetic for the inconsistent and slow responses from his people and assured Tim that he will stay in touch.

Tim asked Cliff for an up-to-date accounting of all the work accomplished during Phase II of our grant from the DOE. We informed the new Board members of the 3 different grants:

- Phase I was \$40,000 (25% from us in cash)
- Phase II was \$50,000 (25% from us in-kind work)
- Phase III was \$10,000 (25% from us in cash)

Regarding Phase III of the DOE grant, (\$10,000 with 25% coming from SBLC), we would prefer that the funds go directly to the Black Lake Special District, as they are now prepared to clean up the lake. This will save us the trouble of getting RFPs to do the work. The important caveat to this is that they agree to reimburse SBLC for the \$2500 in matching dollars. A motion was moved, seconded, and carried to ask the BLSD to manage the funds of the Phase III grant and to reimburse the SBLC within one calendar year of receiving the funds. President Tim will contact Craig Otavelli and Vern Bonfield.

Regarding our new relationship with the new Special District, it was agreed that one of us should attend their monthly work sessions and/or their monthly public meetings to learn about their efforts and to report back to the SBLC Board. We agreed to take turns. Here is their upcoming schedule:

Meetings

The first meeting of the Black Lake Special District is scheduled for 6:30 pm, Thursday, March 20, 2014 at Black Lake Bible Camp, 6521 Fairview Rd SW, Olympia, WA 98512.

Regularly scheduled business meetings of the Black Lake Special District will take place the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at Black Lake Bible Camp, 6521 Fairview Rd SW, Olympia, WA 98512. Regular business meetings shall take place monthly unless noticed otherwise on the Black Lake Special District website. Please see the current schedule below:

All meetings at Black Lake Bible Camp (unless otherwise indicated below)

March 20, 6:30 pm

April 17, 6:30 pm

May 15, 6:30 pm

June 19, 6:30 pm - 1520-A Irving St SW, Tumwater

July 17, 6:30 pm - 1520-A Irving St SW, Tumwater

August 21, 6:30 pm - 1520-A Irving St SW, Tumwater

September 18, 6:30 pm

October 16, 6:30 pm

November 20, 6:30 pm

December 18, 6:30 pm

Work Sessions

Regularly scheduled work sessions, during which no action will be taken, will take place the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm at 1520-A Irving St SW, Tumwater, WA 98512. Regular work sessions shall take place monthly unless noticed otherwise on the Black Lake Special District website. Please see the current schedule below:

All work sessions at 1520-A Irving St SW, Tumwater

May 1, 5:30 pm

June 5, 5:30 pm

July 3, 5:30 pm

August 7, 5:30 pm

September 4, 5:30 pm
October 2, 5:30 pm
November 6, 5:30 pm
December 4, 5:30 pm

NEW BUSINESS: Most of our time was devoted to what our role will be going forward. We feel that our purpose will be that of educating the residents who live around Black Lake about clean water practices, networking, socializing, and communicating with them about Save Black Lake. We should maintain our own electronic and physical mailing list of the members of the Save Black Lake Coalition. Tim will ask Vernon how we can implement this transfer of information.

In the interim, we will ask Vernon Bonfield to send out an email blast to our residents about the Columbus Park Funfair on May 3rd (<http://www.columbuspark.net/funfair%205-3-14.jpg>).

Janie Civile from Thurston County has asked us to move and store our own burlap mats. Deb will check with Public Works on the burlap and Bob will also look around. We have enough left over to do a future fundraiser.

We discussed the need for a communication strategy for the Coalition in light of the new Special District. Discussion topics are

- What is our new role?
- How much will we work in concert with the Black Lake Special District?
- What will we do for financial stability in the future? Need funds to purchase Board insurance and continue with various public relations and educational projects.

Bar-b-que for SBLC Board members will be July 13, 2014 at either Tim or Nita's house. More information will be decided.

Next Board meeting will be May 29, 2014, 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.