

Save Black Lake Coalition  
Board Meeting Notes  
September 29, 2013 6:30 PM

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

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

The first topic discussed was the upcoming Special District election. This will be a simple majority vote, meaning we need 50% +1 for the District to be approved. It was agreed that we should plan to do some marketing prior to the election. Vernon will send out an e-mail to everyone on the contact list.

There was some discussion about what the ballot and election materials say, since none of the board members were approached to write a statement for the voter pamphlet.

Another question was about the timing of any appeals and site visits requested by property owners. We agreed that Rich Doenges at the County should be contacted and asked:

- When exactly is the dollar amount owed by each property owner to be determined?
- Are breaks offered to low-income owners, similar to the breaks they now have on their property taxes?

We agreed to post information regarding the Special District election in a question-and-answer format on the Save Black Lake website. Lake and John will start work on developing a list of questions, such as:

- Why is there still toxic algae present if chemical agents have already been applied?
- Why is this issue going to a vote?
- How much will this District cost me?, and
- How much will the taxes increase in the future?

Next, the Board discussed the next community meeting. It should be held after the November election, with the goal of answering any questions. We agreed the date of the community meeting should be December 5, 2013, and it should be a holiday meeting like the one held in December of 2012.

A 30-day notice was mailed to lakefront owners in August advising that the yellow-flag irises would be sprayed; the spraying was done in September. After the chemical application, the remaining live plants help to contain the dead debris so it doesn't float all over the lake surface.

The County holds our grant monies from Department of Ecology, including the in-kind match provided. We agreed we should contact the County to get a report of the spend-down to date on the grant funds. Tim will call Rich at the County for this information. He will also ask whether Rich has filed for the re-submission of our grant application for this year.

No treasurer's report was submitted tonight, as Deb was expecting to get the end of quarter report out later this week.

Vernon will respond to the State regarding a request received for information provided annually to the Secretary of State regarding our 501(c)(3) status. The Secretary will remind the Board each February that this needs to be done.

Lake will continue work on clarifying whether DNR would be paying into the Special District as owners of the lake-bed area.

The Board will meet once more prior to the December 5<sup>th</sup> community meeting to set up details of that meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.