

City of Tumwater
Barnes Lake Management District

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2009
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Tumwater City Hall
555 Israel Road SW
Tumwater, WA 98501

I. Call to order

Chair Peterson called to order the regular meeting of the Barnes Lake Steering Committee (BLMD-SC) at 6:00 p.m. on January 15, 2009 at Tumwater City Hall.

II. Roll call

The following members were present: Chair Kathy Peterson, Bill Baxter, Gary Bodeutsch, Dana Day, Bob Hayes, Rosemary Walsh and Staff Representative Smith. Vice-Chair Ron Lumaguip, Judith Loft and John Swander were excused. Tim Wilson, City of Tumwater, was also in attendance.

III. Additions to the Meeting Agenda:

- ◇ November 11th is a public holiday. As this holiday falls on a regular meeting day, the Steering Committee will re-visit the meeting schedule as November approaches.
- ◇ The Steering Committee discussed an email sent to the group by Doug Dorling referring to WA House Bill 1074. The bill proposes to increase treatment notification requirements and may have the potential to increase treatment costs.
- ◇ Property Tax Revisions: Chair Peterson reported that after a recent appeal on property tax increases, she was informed of new methodologies used by Thurston County to assess values where the taxable parcel is “cut off” at the high water mark of the lake. Following a brief discussion, member Dana Day reported that she would follow up with the Assessor’s Office for additional information and review deeds and legal descriptions. Dana Day will report back at the next meeting. General questions may be directed to Marc Vachon, a senior planner with the Thurston County Assessor’s Office at (360) 867-2236.
- ◇ Member Gary Bodeutsch reported that there was an anomaly in the lake during the recent freeze. According to Gary, the lake froze solid across most of the lake – strong enough to support the weight of a person – with the exception of a ~30’ x 30’ section in the middle of the Daisy Lane “arm”. All other areas in this section of the lake were frozen to a depth of approximately 2”.

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The December 2008 minutes were reviewed. After discussion, the minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

V. Open Issues

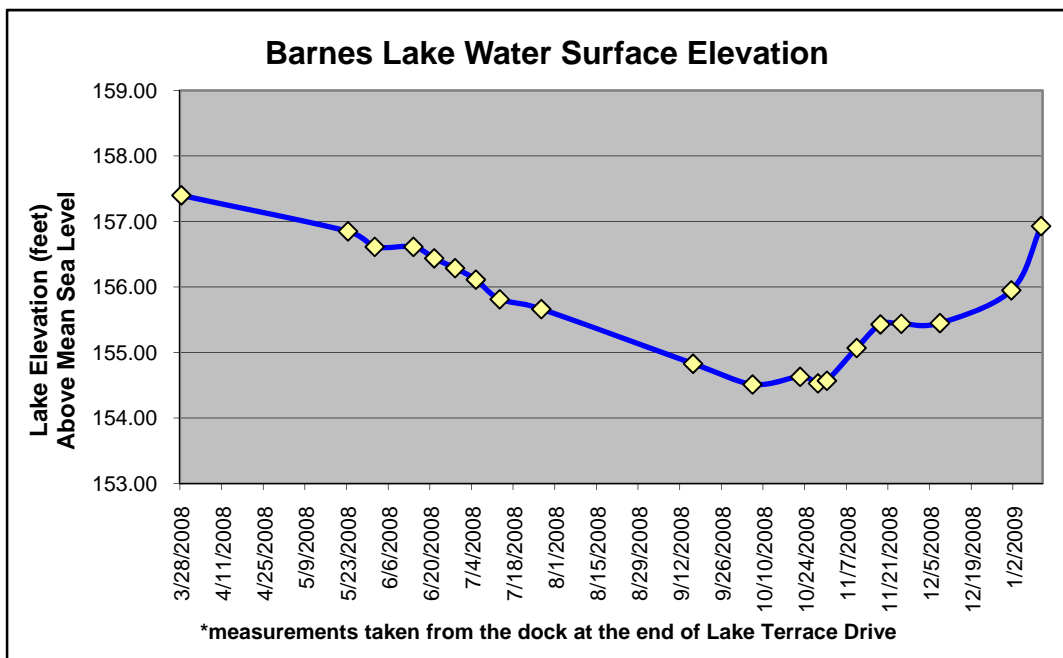
a) Lake Treatment Update

No activity was reported for the previous month. Weather conditions stalled planned mat removal activities in December and early-January. NWA reported that they will review conditions and report back with an estimated time they hope to be out on the lake. Member Dana Day asks that NWA coordinate with her for access to the lake.

b) Lake Level Update

Smith reported that the lake levels have been responding to the recent rain and snow events, gaining approximately one foot between January 2 and January 11. Bill Baxter continues to provide periodic reports of lake levels, the latest recorded on 1/11/09 with an elevation of 156.93 feet above mean sea level.

Smith will add the berm level to the chart for comparison with lake levels.



c) Budget and Assessment Update

Staff Rep Smith reported that the budget has been revised to reflect the most accurate figures to date, based on the final numbers from 2008. Minor modifications were needed to the previously approved budget for balancing. These modifications were reviewed and approved by the Steering Committee.

No assessments have been collected for 2009, as billings will take place in February. Smith reported that the assessment collection costs for 2008 (~\$1,500) will be expended in 2009, in addition to the 2009 assessment collection costs, and paid to the City's General Fund for administration of the program.

The available balance of LMD funds as of January 14, 2009 is \$31,560.27.

The 2009 Operating Budget will be reviewed by the Tumwater City Council on January 20, 2009. Once approved, the budget will be posted on the Barnes LMD website.

Member Baxter requested a review of the Noxious Weed Assessment and Eradication line which reserves funds for the undeveloped program. Chair Peterson stated that the fund is a place holder for a program that may look at the issue this year. Smith stated that these funds could be used to develop/implement the noxious weed program, or towards something else. Discussion followed on the logistics of such a program and the appropriateness of spending LMD funds for private property work. The discussion was tabled to February, when the Steering Committee would decide whether to pursue the program or allocate the funds elsewhere.

The Steering Committee requested staff to review potential options for a noxious weed removal program and report back in February.

d) Work Plan Review

Smith reviewed the status of the work plan for the Barnes Lake Steering Committee for 2009. To date, all work has been completed or is in progress.

Previously, NWA requested language be added to the LMD annual notice asking members to maintain the shoreline if shoreline treatments are requested. Staff Rep Smith will follow-up with NWA to get specific items NWA would like included in the letter.

Additional items were discussed and added to the work plan for 2009. The Tumwater City Council will review the Work Plan on January 20, 2009. Once approved, it will be posted on the City's LMD website.

VI. New Issues

a) Water Quality Monitoring Review

Smith reviewed the 2006 Water Quality Monitoring Scope of Work with the Steering Committee for development of the 2009 monitoring program. Discussion focused on the need for monitoring, previous discussions of monitoring schedules and parameter options. Member Walsh asked whether the initial monitoring schedule was determined to be every three years or after three years of treatment. A motion was made to provide water quality monitoring after three years of actual treatment, and every three years thereafter. The motion was unanimously approved.

Staff Rep Smith stated he would note that the monitoring would be postponed one year, to 2010, to coincide with three full years of treatment and remove it from the 2009 work plan.

VII. Adjourn

Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:15 p.m. The next steering committee meeting will be held on February 11, 2009, at Tumwater City Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Dan Smith, Staff Representative

Minutes approved by: Barnes Lake Management District Steering Committee