

City of Tumwater
Barnes Lake Management District
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

February 11, 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 February 11, 2009 at Tumwater City Hall.

II. Roll call

The following members were present: Chair Kathy Peterson, Vice-Chair Ron Lumaguip, Bill Baxter, Gary Bodeutsch, Bob Hayes, John Swander, Rosemary Walsh and Staff Representative Smith. Judith Loft and Dana Day were excused.

III. Additions to the Meeting Agenda:

- ◇ Member Rosemary Walsh announced her decision to resign from the Steering Committee. The SC discussed that Ms. Walsh has been with the group since its inception and had always been a strong advocate for the lake and those she represented. The Steering Committee thanked Ms. Walsh for her years of hard work and dedication to the improvement of Barnes Lake – and made it clear that she would be missed.
- ◇ The Steering Committee discussed the ongoing process of WA House Bill 1074, which proposes to increase treatment notification requirements and may have the potential to increase treatment costs. Earlier this month, Member Bob Hayes presented a letter to the legislature and testified in opposition of the bill on behalf of the lake management district and the steering committee. No new information was presented at the meeting; Bill Baxter volunteered to research the bill and find out the current status.

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The January 2009 minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously as written.

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. Doug Dorling reported via email that he underwent non-emergency surgery that is preventing him from getting

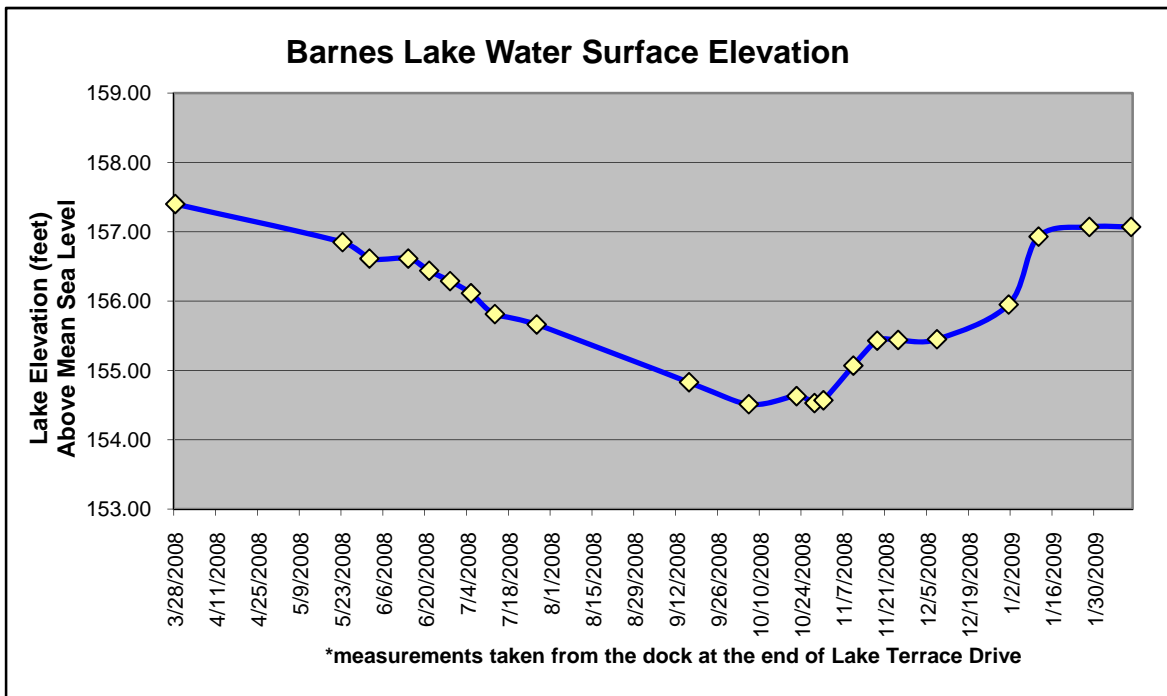
out to the lake. He hopes that he can begin mat removal activities within the next two weeks.

Vice Chair Lumaguip and Member Hayes reported they have seen new mats appear in the vicinity of the Condos. Member Bodeutsch reported additional sightings in the Daisy Lane area. Smith stated that he would follow up with NWA to report the new findings. Bodeutsch also reported that growth of lily pads is becoming evident just below the surface.

b) Lake Level Update

Smith reported that the lake levels seemed to have leveled out. Bill Baxter continues to provide periodic reports of lake levels, the latest recorded on 2/11/09 with an elevation of 157.07 feet above mean sea level.

Smith was hoping to add the berm elevation for comparative analysis; however, discrepancies in the elevation data for the berm and lake level require an additional survey. Once a new survey elevation has been recorded, Smith will add the berm to the graphic.



c) Budget and Assessment Update

Staff Rep Smith reported that the budget has been revised to reflect the fact that the assessment collection fee was officially charged to the LMD account on 12/31/08. The budget was modified for 2009 to reflect this.

No assessments have been collected for 2009, as billings will take place later in February or early March.

The available balance of LMD funds as of February 11, 2009 is \$30,160.27.

The 2009 Operating Budget was approved by the Tumwater City Council on January 20, 2009 and has since been posted on the LMD website.

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.

e) Thurston County Assessor's Methodology Update

Tabled to the March meeting.

f) Noxious Weed Assessment and Eradication Program Review

A formal conversation on this topic has been tabled to the March meeting. Smith reported that he reviewed options for such a program and has not found anything different than to conduct an inventory and provide eradication as requested. Questions remain on the feasibility and costs of such a program, as well as whether or not such a program is the purview of the LMD Steering Committee. Smith requested direction from the committee on how they would like to proceed. After discussion, the committee requested Smith provide fact sheets on several species known to exist around the lake. Smith recommended including a statement to the members in the outreach letter for members to identify potential noxious species at their properties and report back to the steering committee so any major issues, if they exist, can be assessed.

Member Hayes asked what may be needed to assess whether there has been any PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl) contamination from the Puget Sound Energy transfer station. Smith stated that he would look into it and report back in March.

VI. New Issues

a) Draft Member Outreach Letter

The committee reviewed the draft letter that was provided by Chair Peterson. Member Swander requested additional information be included to discuss treatment methodologies. Member Walsh recommended the addition of images to attract greater readership. Additional discussion followed. Chair Peterson stated that she would incorporate the comments and send a final draft to Smith for editing and distribution. Smith stated that he would edit and hold the draft till the end of the month – time for any additional comments to be received from the Steering Committee. If none are received by March 1, Smith will mail the letter out to all residents.

b) TRPC Shoreline Management Plan Update

Smith reviewed the status of the Shoreline Management Plan. To date, work is still underway and estimated to wrap up in June. Smith met with a representative last week to discuss projects within the impacted areas and he included the Barnes Lake treatment work so that it could be addressed as necessary in the plan.

c) Meeting Schedule Review

Due to schedule conflicts, the Steering Committee revised the meeting schedule to the 3rd Wednesday of the month for March (18th), April (15th) and November (18th).

VII. Adjourn

Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:15 p.m. The next steering committee meeting will be held on March 18, 2009, at Tumwater City Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Dan Smith, Staff Representative

Minutes approved by: Barnes Lake Management District Steering Committee