

***City of Tumwater***  
***Barnes Lake Management District***  
***Steering Committee Meeting Minutes***

March 18, 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 March 18, 2009 at Tumwater City Hall.

**II. Roll call**

The following members were present: Chair Kathy Peterson, Judith Loft, Bill Baxter, Gary Bodeutsch, Dana Day, John Swander and Staff Representative Smith. Vice-Chair Ron Lumaguip and Bob Hayes were excused. Doug Dorling, Northwest Aquatic Eco-Systems also attended.

**III. Additions to the Meeting Agenda:**

- ◇ Staff Rep Smith reviewed a question from the previous meeting on the costs for PCB sampling and clean-up. Individual samples for PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl) monitoring average ~\$120 per sample. However, clean-up costs if PCBs are detected could range in the millions of dollars. Some studies suggest that if there are no issues with environmental or human health, leaving the contaminated sediments in-place is an option, as the sediments are not mobile and contamination is not spreading. This discussion was for informational purposes only.

**IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The February 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 January and February. Doug Dorling reported that he has reviewed lake conditions and reiterated that the Daisy Lane area will be very difficult to provide treatments. He will work with individual property owners to access the shallow waters in this area to see what can be done.

Doug reported that he has been contacted by approximately 7 property owners interested in having the individual shorelines treated. Doug will work with the individuals for access and to ensure needs are met.

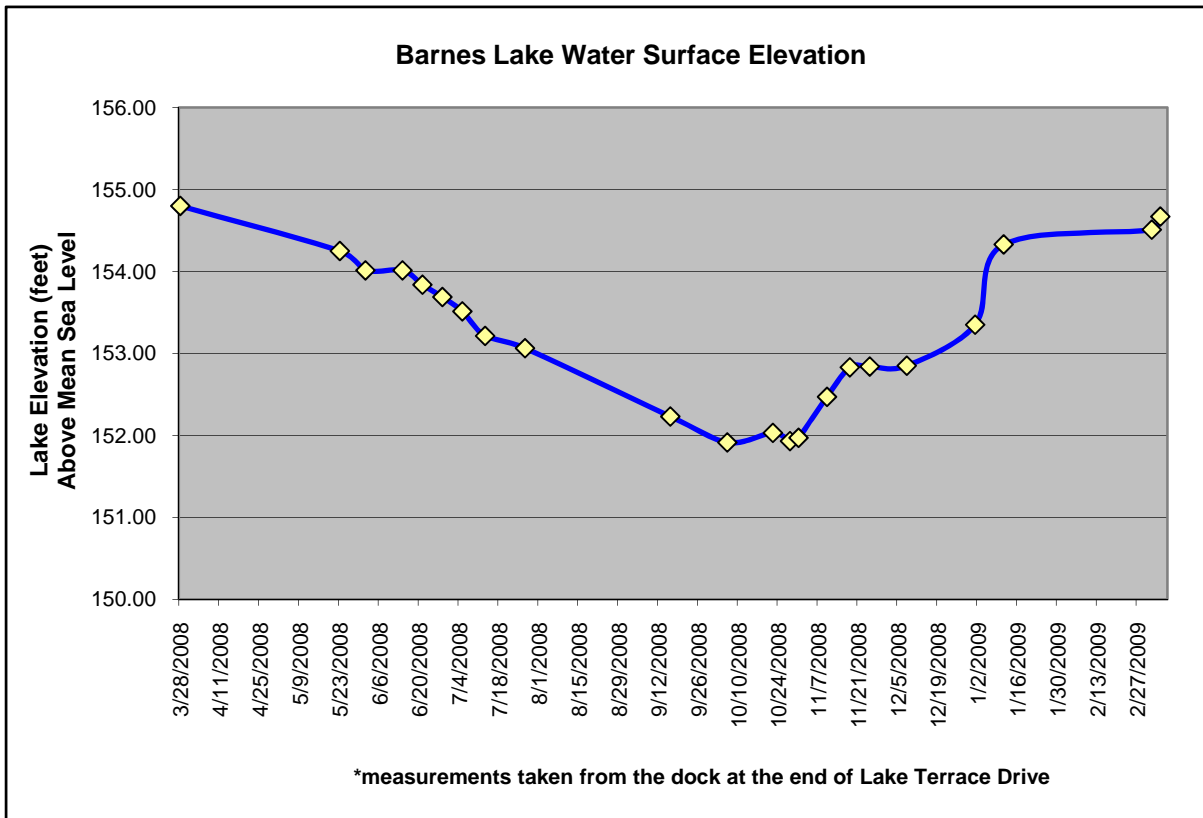
A discussion followed on vegetative debris management efforts. NWA will be starting removal efforts on 3/19/09, and will need to assess under field conditions what may be the best method to remove the debris. One suggestion was to use the “gold miner’s dredge”.

Doug reported that Dissolved Oxygen readings taken earlier in the week were very low: ~7 mg/L at the surface and ~0 mg/L near the bottom.

**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 3/7/09 with a corrected elevation of 154.67 feet above mean sea level.

This elevation (154’ MSL) is consistent with the elevation of the outlet berm identified on City records.



**c) Budget and Assessment Update**

Assessments were mailed in February. To date, \$10,815.00 has been collected. Expenses for the month include \$44.94 for postage of the annual update letter and \$10.90 for survey work conducted by the City to verify lake elevations.

The available balance of LMD funds as of March 18, 2009 is \$40,975.27.

**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**

Committee Member Dana Day reported that Boundary Line Adjustments (BLA's) conducted in the late 1980's and early 1990's reduced three properties along Lark Street to the water line. No other properties around the lake were affected, as suggested by the parcel lines extending into the lake.

**f) Noxious Weed Assessment and Eradication Program Review**

A brief discussion on the approach for providing materials to the greater LMD membership on noxious weed assessment and eradication took place. It was determined that materials would be provided to each property owner describing common plants found along shorelines and near-shore environments, as well as fact sheets describing appropriate removal and disposal methods. It was agreed that it would be each individual property owner's responsibility to address noxious weeds above the ordinary high water mark.

**VI. New Issues**

**a) 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 invited Stephen Morrison to discuss the update at the next meeting and Mr. Morrison is planning to attend.

**b) Campers?**

Smith reviewed options for lake residents concerned with uninvited guests around the lake on private property. Chair Peterson informed the Committee that campers had set camp along the southern shoreline for what appeared to be overnight. Smith stated that if there is anyone on private property that is not authorized to be there, the best thing to do is to report it to the Tumwater police.

**c) Steering Committee Contact List Update**

Chair Peterson requested that all steering committee members review the contact information for accuracy and update as needed.

**VII. Adjourn**

Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:45 p.m. The next steering committee meeting will be held on April 15, 2009, at Tumwater City Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Dan Smith, Staff Representative

Minutes approved by: Barnes Lake Management District Steering Committee