

City of Tumwater
Barnes Lake Management District

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2010
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Tumwater City Hall – Main Conference Room
555 Israel Road SW, Tumwater, WA 98501

I. Call to order

Chair Peterson called to order the special meeting of the Barnes Lake Steering Committee (BLMD-SC) at approximately 6:00 p.m. on March 31, 2010 at Tumwater City Hall.

II. Roll call

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

III. Additions to Meeting Agenda

Chair Peterson requested a brief discussion be added relating to the Steering Committee application of Bob Gillette and the process involved. Smith reported that once staff receives an application, it will be forward to the Committee for review. Following Committee recommendation to City, the application is forwarded to the Mayor for consideration, then ultimately to the City Council for confirmation of the Mayor's appointment.

IV. Approval of Minutes

The February 10, 2010 meeting minutes were unanimously approved as written.

V. Open Items

a) Floating Mat Removal Options

Doug Dorling reviewed his report on recommendations and potential costs associated with the floating mat removal process. There was no treatment activity to report since the last meeting.

Doug informed the steering committee that he reviewed multiple areas for access; none were found suitable. Of the options, the property owned by the Weiks Family Partners, adjacent to MegaFoods, appears to be workable with normal and more compact soils.

Doug reported on the following summary of costs for the project:

Project Component	Estimated Time Needed	Estimated Costs
Direct Permit Application Expenses	6mos – 1 year	\$2,100
Associated Permit Application Expenses	Dependent upon element, but generally 3-4 weeks	\$2,400
AQUA MOG	7-10 days	\$35,600
CLAM SHELL	14-20 days	\$62,200
Access Development	7-14 days	\$4,000 - \$5,000

Member Swander questioned the costs between the two pieces of equipment. Doug reported that the use of the ClamShell requires continual loading and unloading of material from the barge and numerous return trips to the shoreline. It will generally take double the amount of time to complete the same level of work as the Aqua Mog.

Disposal costs were not reported in the above figures, as that was too difficult to assess. Disposal costs would be 2-3 times higher for the Clam Shell than they would be with the Aqua Mog, due to the fact that sediments would be removed along with vegetation using the ClamShell.

Aside from overall cost, an additional positive consideration for the Aqua Mog is that the equipment is more predictable, able to cut through more area and is generally more efficient. It looks like “a lawn mower on its side” with the blades sitting about 3’ into the water. Unlike with the ClamShell, which removes sediment and vegetation, the Aqua Mog will only remove the vegetation. The sediment from the floating mats will return to the lake bottom.

Doug reported that no work has begun on the permit, as an access location has not been identified. The Steering Committee discussed effects of a potential delay to the project and questioned whether additional actions could be taken to increase funding and/or expedite the project. Given budget concerns that were raised relative to the expense of the project, the Committee questions whether they should consider:

- Requesting a special assessment increase for 1-year
- Delay project a couple more years until revenues increase overall budget
- Requesting a loan from the City

All were discussed and no action was decided upon.

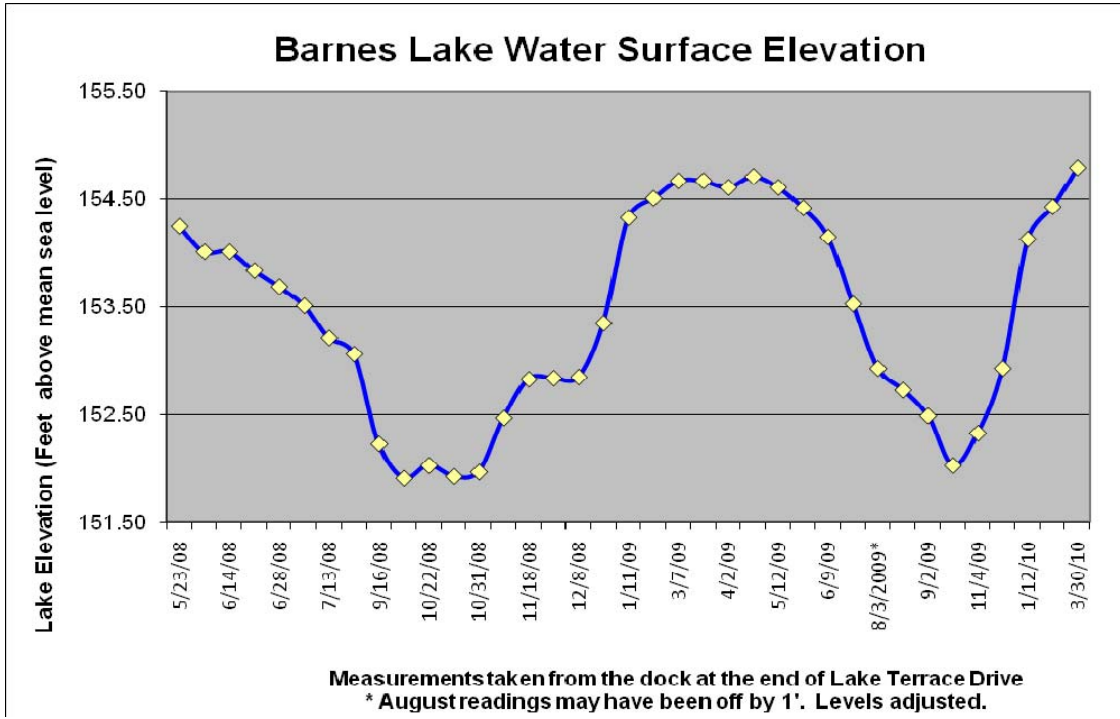
The Steering Committee requested Smith initiate contact with the Weiks Family Partners and gauge the level of interest to allow both access and construction.

Member Hayes reported seeing vegetative growth forming on the mats. Hayes asked whether these mats could be treated to avoid having them “grow” into islands. Doug said he would treat the mats early on to keep whatever is growing to a minimum on the floating mats.

Chair Peterson stated she will draft the outreach letter describing recent events for the April meeting.

b) Lake Level Update

Bill Baxter continues to provide periodic reports of lake levels, the latest recorded on 3/30/10 with an elevation of approximately 154.79 feet above mean sea level.



c) 2010 Budget and Assessment Update

As of 3/30/2010, assessments have been mailed. Smith stated that there have been no changes to the budget since January and approximately \$5,981 received from assessment collections.

d) 2010 Work Plan Review

The Steering Committee briefly reviewed the 2010 work plan. All elements to date are either completed or in progress.

The Steering Committee revised to reflect additional time necessary to get information for the project, particularly the neighbor outreach.

VI. New Items - None

VII. Adjourn

Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:15 p.m. The next steering committee will meet next on April 14, 2010, at Tumwater City Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Dan Smith, Staff Representative

Minutes approved by: Barnes Lake Management District Steering Committee