

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

December 9, 2009  
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 regular meeting of the Barnes Lake Steering Committee (BLMD-SC) at approximately 6:00 p.m. on December 9, 2009 at Tumwater City Hall.

**II. Roll call**

The following members were present for the Steering Committee: Chair Kathy Peterson, Bill Baxter, Dana Day, Bob Hayes, Judith Loft, John Swander and Staff Representative Smith. Vice-Chair Ron Lumaguip and Gary Bodeutsch were excused. LMD Member Chuck Nordstrom also attended.

**III. Additions to Meeting Agenda**

None

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

The Steering Committee unanimously approved the October 14, 2009 meeting minutes as written.

**V. Open Items**

**a) Lake Treatment Update**

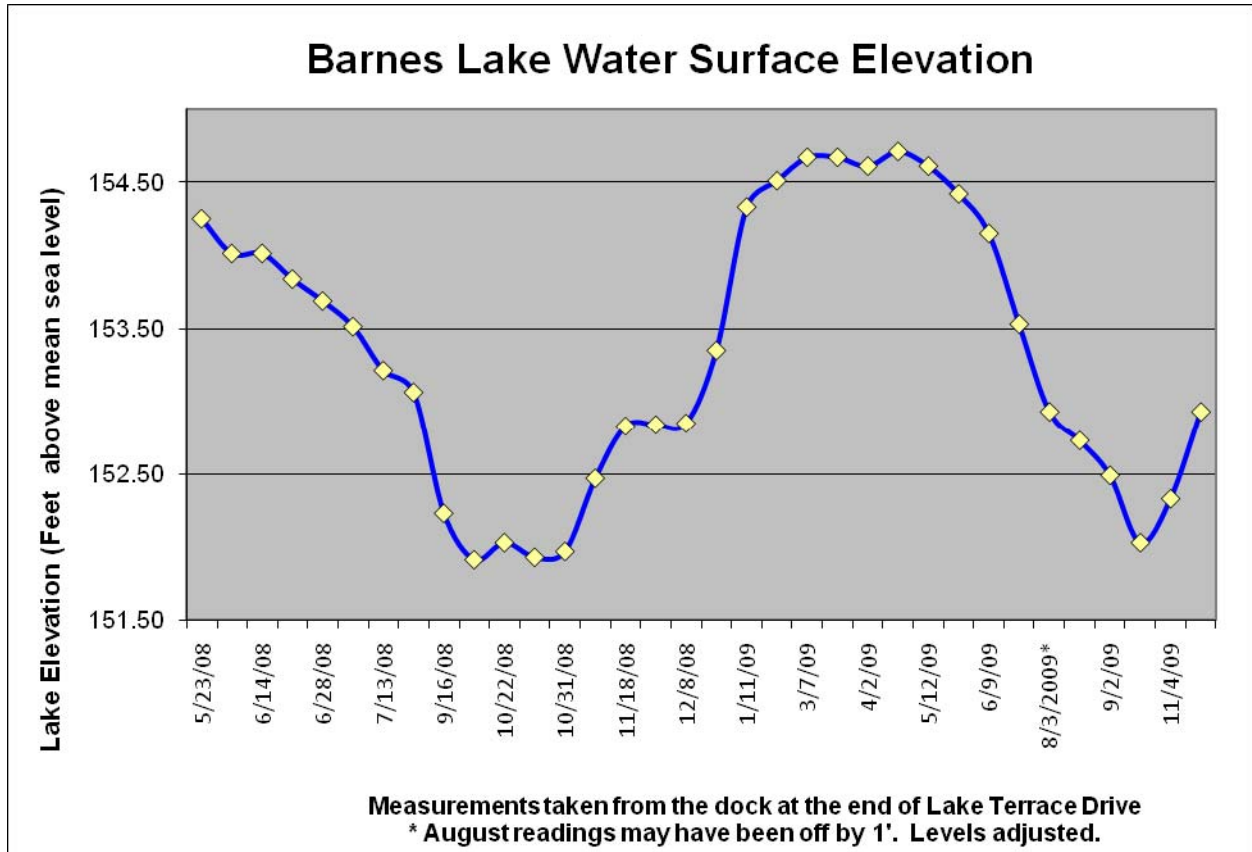
Smith provided copies of the 2009 Treatment Report prepared by Northwest Aquatic Eco-Systems, requesting any comments to be sent to Smith by December 22.

There was no treatment activity to report since the last meeting.

General discussion ensued relating to options for mechanical removal of the floating mats that have developed on the lake. Smith stated he would follow up with Northwest Aquatic Eco-Systems to determine costs for them to oversee the project in 2010, including permit preparation and oversight. Smith would also discuss options to expedite the process for the 2010 treatment season, but stated much of the work is dependent upon the permitting process and equipment availability.

**b) Lake Level Update**

Bill Baxter continues to provide periodic reports of lake levels, the latest recorded on 12/06/09 with an elevation of approximately 152.93 feet above mean sea level.



**c) Budget and Assessment Review & 2010 Draft**

As of 12/06/2009, \$15,180 (updated from previous month) has been received from LMD assessments collection. One new invoice has been received from Northwest Aquatic Eco-Systems, in the amount of \$3,145.55. A credit has also been issued from Northwest Aquatic in the amount of \$660.25 due to an overage from the previous invoice received in August. Pending confirmation of the \$1,600 due to the City for assessment collection, the available balance of LMD funds as of December 6<sup>th</sup> is approximately \$22,328. Should no additional invoices be received (none expected) or assessments collected, this should be the figure carried over into 2010 as a starting balance.

Smith reported the Finance Department provided an update regarding assessment collection.

- Three properties have had liens placed in 2009 (Brown, Willis, et al; Christensen; Blevins)
- Three properties are still outstanding for liens placed in previous years (Edwards; Gusa et al; Grove). These properties will have the 2009 assessments added in addition to earlier amounts owed.

Smith reviewed the 2010 draft budget. A line was added to address the removal of floating mats using mechanical methods in the amount of \$25,000. Chemical treatment was reduced to \$7,000 recognizing that the priority for 2010 will be to maintain the areas currently treated and dedicate additional funding to the removal activities. As final budget figures come in for the 2010 carryover, the Steering Committee directed Smith to adjust contingency values to balance the budget. Motion was made to accept the budget, with the understanding that the contingency budgets may change. Motion passed unanimously.

**d) Work Plan Review & 2010 Draft**

Smith reviewed the current 2009 work plan with the steering committee. All elements to date are either completed or in progress.

Smith provided copies of the draft 2010 Work Plan for review and comment. The Steering Committee recommended scheduling a feasibility meeting for mechanical removal options in February to keep progress on that option moving forward. Smith recommended scheduling the election of committee officers in January, as an annual process required in the committee's charter. Smith will make the revisions and provide copies of the draft work plan in January.

**VI. New Items**

**a) WSDOT Access Update**

Smith reported that he has received affirmation from WSDOT staff that access will be permitted to conduct mechanical removal activities using the back parking lot of the Material Lab on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. WSDOT would like to be kept in the loop as planning continues and for the Steering Committee (LMD) to coordinate needs throughout the process.

**b) Permit Considerations**

Smith reviewed tentative permit considerations for mechanical removal of the floating mats and provided a copy of the Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA). Smith reported that, at a minimum, a SEPA and JARPA would be needed, but that participating in the City's *Feasibility Review* for the project would be a good step in determining which regulations would apply, as well as getting the permitting departments in tune with what the project proposes to accomplish. Once the permits are indentified, overall costs can be evaluated. Smith stated that for the SEPA review alone, the application costs \$800.

The steering committee that Smith discuss the project with Northwest Aquatic Eco-Systems for project management and, once a contract (or amendment) is finalized, to begin the process with the permitting review department.

**c) Barnes LMD Charter Revision**

Chair Peterson discussed the possibility of refining the LMD Charter to remove the minimum quorum standard which requires representation by the South neighborhood, stating concerns that progress may be limited in the event vacancies for the South

neighborhood remain unfilled and current members cannot attend a meeting. South neighborhood representative Hayes stated that he does not foresee a reason for amendment at this time, as time between the two representatives from the South can be shared to ensure representation at the meetings. Hayes also stated they are looking for additional volunteers to fill the vacancy, as well as identify alternates that can attend the meetings. Hayes reported that the reduction in meeting frequency in 2010 will help alleviate some of the time conflicts he and Vice Chair Lumaguip were facing in 2010. No further action needed at this time.

**d) 2010 Meeting Schedule**

Smith reported that the revised meeting schedule was confirmed and included on the agenda for the meeting. The revised schedule is: January 13, February 10, April 14, June 9, August 11, September 8 (Public LMD Meeting), October 13 and December 8.

**VII. Adjourn**

Chair Peterson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m. The next steering committee will meet next on January 13, 2010, at Tumwater City Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Dan Smith, Staff Representative

Minutes approved by: Barnes Lake Management District Steering Committee