



BARNES LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, November 13, 2024
6:00 PM**

Online via Zoom and in person at 2011 Mottman Rd. SW
Olympia, WA Building 32

1. Call to Order:
2. Roll Call: Linnea Madison (Chair), Tom Sparks (Vice Chair), Kathy Peterson, Carissa Parvin, Lalani Shelton, Rusty Weaver, Dave Kangiser (Water Resources Specialist), Patrick Soderberg (Water Resources Manager)
Excused: Jody Keys, Dana Day
3. Introductions and Agenda Review –
Member Peterson would like to add a review of the neighborhood representation for the LMD to the agenda.
Chair Madison would like to add a review of the terms of the contract with Aquatechnex to the agenda.
Member Peterson would like to discuss Judith Loft's status with the LMD.
4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. October 9, 2024 Steering Committee Meeting
Member Peterson made edits to the draft minutes from October 9, 2024.
Member Weaver motioned to accept the October 9 meeting minutes as amended.
Member Shelton seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
5. Public Comment
Member Shelton was asked about fish management by one of the LMD constituents.

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Manager Soderberg referenced the Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan (IVAMP). The goals of the management district does not address fish management, but does address water quality, which would affect the fish in the lake.

Member Shelton asked if fish could be introduced. Vice Chair Sparks listed several rules and regulations that apply to Barnes Lake through WDFW. Fishing rules and regulations are available online.

6. Member Comment

Member Weaver's neighbor recently passed away.

Member Peterson sent a card on behalf of the steering committee to Judith Loft recognizing her commitment to the LMD since its inception.

7. Lake Management

a. Aquatechnex Annual Review (Conrade) - postponed

b. Private Treatment Update (Conrade/Peterson)

Member Peterson was pleased with the private treatment and there were new people that participated this year. The weather was challenging when the contractor was available. Coordinating with some of the property owners was challenging.

Future efforts for private pay treatments should complement the work identified in the contract and Permit to address the nuisance and invasive vegetation. Contract spraying for nuisance and invasive vegetation throughout the lake could exhaust allowable treatment within the littoral zone, making private treatments infeasible. The next meeting would benefit from including Contractor Conrade to identify where problem areas for nuisance weeds are persistent and where the treatments were effective last year.

c. Water Quality and Lake Levels

There is no data to share due to the lake being inaccessible because of low lake levels.

d. Boat Launch Permitting Update (Kangiser)

The boat launch permitting process is progressing but will need to go through review by the appropriate agencies to move forward. City staff are unsure how long this could take.

8. General Business

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a. Newsletter Planning (Kangiser/Soderberg)

A newsletter is annually prepared to go out with the assessments in April. Specialist Kangiser is working on a newsletter template so BLMD steering committee members can contribute an article. Member Shelton volunteered to submit a poem for the newsletter and has submitted photos in the past. Member Weaver volunteered to submit an article. Member Parvin enjoyed seeing the photos of wildlife. Specialist Kangiser suggested an article about Aquatechnex and about nutrients (phosphorous) in Barnes Lake. An article about the budget and expenditures would be helpful. An article about the steering committee's meeting information and schedule should also be included. An article that addresses the value of aquatic vegetation would help LMD members understand the importance of moderating treatments and determining long term goals. The newsletter articles will be assigned in the January meeting so the newsletter can be included with the assessment that goes out in the spring.

b. Steering Committee Vacancy Updates (Kangiser/Soderberg)

Judith Loft has vacated her position representing Lake Park Drive. Applications went out to Sherri McAfferty and Matt Brownell. Troy Patience from the condominiums has expressed interest to Vice Chair Sparks. There have been no known applications submitted to the City.

c. Set the 2025 Meeting Schedule (Madison)

- January 29, 2025
- April 9, 2025
- May 14, 2025
- September 10, 2025 (Walk About) 5:00 Start
- October 8, 2025
- November 12, 2025

Manager Soderberg will contact Contractor Conrade to see if he can join the BLMD Steering Committee Meetings for the January 29, April 9, and September 10 meetings.

d. 2024 Work Plan (Soderberg)

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Specialist Kangiser reviewed the 2024 work plan. The only remaining items on the work plan are related to Contractor Conrade's work performed.

e. 2024 Budget (Soderberg)

The fee schedule and expenditure forecast has been helpful to LMD steering committee members.

Northwest Aquatic Ecosystems did not submit an invoice for services in 2023.

Aquatechnex has not submitted an invoice for 2024 yet. The current fund balance is \$64,810.00.

9. Election of officials: Member Peterson nominated Linnea Madison for Chair. Member Weaver seconded the nomination. Member Peterson nominated Tom Sparks to be the Vice Chair, Member Weaver seconded the nomination. Member Peterson nominated Specialist Kangiser to be the Recorder, Member Weaver seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous for the nominations.

10. LMD Neighborhood Representation: The representatives should know who they are representing. The Neighborhood Representation Map should be updated to reflect the LMD Charter. Two Lake Park Dr. properties should be included in the West Neighborhood.

11. Future Agenda Items: Member Peterson requested that the Steering Committee member contact list be updated and distributed. Member Peterson also requested an updated chart showing the assessments levels for all of the rate categories.

12. Adjourn at 7:58 PM

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