

Lake Lawrence Lake Management District Steering Committee

Lake Lawrence Community Club
P.O. Box 297
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1. 6:30 PM Call to Order – Co-Chair Barry Halverson called the LLLMD Meeting on January 25, 2024, to order at 6:31PM. SC provided self-introductions.
SC Members Present: Barry Halverson (Co-Chair), Kim Nelson (Co-Chair), Jim Biehl (Co-Chair), Issac Smith, Steven Slater, Larissa Ada, Janice Leitzke and John Carpenter
Members Present: Frank Hudik, Andy Anderson, Kathy Boyajian, Ann Carpenter, Curt Cleveland and Dan Moffett
Government Staff: None
2. 6:35 PM Approval of Agenda – Barry Halverson requested an amendment to the agenda to add lake water levels/temps and floating island discussion slides to agenda following Steering Committee Training Requirements.
MOTION: SC Member John Carpenter moved to approve the agenda as amended. SC Member Jim Biehl seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. 6:40 PM Approval of December 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes
MOTION: SC Member Issac Smith moved to approve the December 12, 2023 meeting minutes. SC Member Jim Biehl seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
4. 6:45 PM Public Communications – No one wished to make any statements/testimony.
5. 6: 45 PM Recurring/Continued Business:

Budget – Kim Nelson presented a new budget format and explained the new format then introduced Janice Leitzke as a new member of the LMD budget committee. Janice related that the 2023 actuals were not completed yet. The LMD was awaiting the county final budget report for 2023. Discussed the new invoice charges for notification cards that were sent out last week to all members, the purchase of a website, domain name, P.O. Box and some office supplies. LMD had been notified WA State Department of Ecology approved a \$50,000 Grant that our LMD had requested back in November 2023. Funds would not be available until 1 July. This grant was to partially fund the Integrated Phosphorus Management Plan required to be completed before any phosphorus mitigation treatment could be applied.

Some purchases authorized at the December 12, 2023 meeting had not yet been made. Asked for questions. There were none. Budget report through 20 January 2024 has been added to the LMD website.

Barry discussed the potential one-time purchase of Arc GIS Software ~\$1,800. He was researching options to include free Q-GIS Software that he was experimenting with without much success. Would update committee on results at next meeting. Also discussed Secchi Disc w/25-50' rope (\$61+tax); Digital Temp Sensor w/50' cable (\$75+tax); Rain Gauge (\$53+tax). Will continue to research need for any of these items and report back to committee at next meeting in January 2024.

Aquatic Plant and Algae Management Permit – Information provided at County LMD Transition meeting Tuesday morning – Permit has not been approved – pending PW completion and submission of 2023 Annual Chemical Report. Should be done within a couple weeks. County does not see an issue with getting approved.

Thurston County Lake Management District Standard Operating Procedures (TC LMD SOP) – Final DRAFT of SOP will be posted to the LMD website by Monday, 29 January. All LMD members requested to review and provide comments back to lakelawrence750@gmail.com prior to next LMD meeting 15 February 2024. At that meeting LMD SC members will discuss and vote to approve the SOP. The SOP will then be submitted to the county at the next LMD Transition meeting

on February 27, 2024. County staff will then review/comment and forward to BoCC for approval. Expect approval or final comments/discussion at 26 March County LMD Transition meeting.

LMD Charter – Approved by LMD SC at December 12, 2023 LMD meeting. Posted on LMD website December 14, 2023.

LMD Equipment Hand Receipts – All have been signed. Thank you to all concerned.

SC Training Requirements – All but two SC members have completed training and provide certificates. Waiting on final two. Training certificates required to be sent to county by end of month (January).

RFP for Integrated Phosphorus Management Plan – Draft sent to county procurement for review/comment Tuesday. Will have back by 26 January. Plan is to submit to LMD POC (Environmental Health) by Monday, 29 January for final review and submission. This RFP is expected to cost the LMD between \$85,000 and \$105,000 over the next two years (2024-2025). The \$50,000 Grant from Department of Ecology will all go towards that plan. Want contractor (yet to be identified) to start development of the plan by 1 May 2024.

Upcoming Meetings/Surveys: See website. **Next meeting February 15, 2024. From 6:30-8:30 p.m.** No changes since December 12, 2023 meeting. Virtual meeting link information and agenda posted on website.

Lake Level/Temps – Frank Hudik – Lake levels are climbing. Still 6” below last year levels at this time. No water flowing out through the outflow creek. Surface water temp about 40 degrees.

YFI Floating Islands – Frank Hudik – Discussed our problem. Virtual meeting with Representative Peter Abbarno tomorrow morning to discuss issue and try to get forward movement on getting the state to recognize the problem and help us with it.

Weed Treatment Review – Overview provided. RFP for weed treatment contract out for bids. All bids due back NLT 15 February then a contractor will be selected.

YFI Treatment in 2024 – Expect \$2,500 of State Grant funds to be available. Pending approval. PW Noxious Weed will inform us when the funding is approved. Then we will send out permission letters to those properties impacted – currently only about 27.

Senate Bill 5638 that was submitted last year is now S-3518.1. - The bill was ready to be submitted 2nd week of December, but Department of Fish and Wildlife came up at the last minute with a request to add language to the bill to change the way public facility assessment fees are paid. The LMDs across the state did not agree with what DFW put forward so we engaged them in discussions. Those discussions continue with next meeting toward the end of February 2024. The bill is tabled for this year.

6. **7:20 PM Other Business:**

Move of LMDs from PW to Public Health. Discussed timeline. Next steps. Next Transition meeting 27 February.

Steering Committee Email Addresses – County looking into possibility of assigning county email addresses to some LMD SC members. Cost would be approximately \$5 per month per email address. Recommend all SC members get a gmail address with their first or last name followed by “llmd”. (e.g., smith.llmd@gmail.com) and let Barry know so he can make change in contact list.

7. **7:35 PM Good of the Order**

8. **7:35 PM Adjourn** – With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

January 25, 2024 Meeting Minute Attachments: None

Prepared by Barry Halverson



Barry Halverson, Co-Chair