

Lake Lawrence Lake Management District Steering Committee

Lake Lawrence Community Club
P.O. Box 297
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1. 6:35 PM Call to Order – Co-Chair Barry Halverson called the LLLMD Meeting on March 21, 2024, to order at 6:35PM. SC provided self-introductions.
SC Members Present: Barry Halverson (Co-Chair), Jim Biehl (Co-Chair), Steven Slater, Janice Leitzke, Ken Stewart and Terry Stewart. A quorum was present, so the meeting continued.
SC Members Absent: Isaac Smith, Stephen Slater (Excused), Larissa Ada, Kim Nelson (Excused) and John Carpenter (Excused).
Members Present: Frank Hudik, and Ann Carpenter
Government Staff: None
2. 6:40 PM Approval of Agenda – **MOTION: SC Member Steven Slater moved to approve the agenda. SC Member Terry Stewart seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
3. 6:42 PM Approval of February 15, 2024, Meeting Minutes
MOTION: SC Member Terry Stewart moved to approve the February 15, 2024, 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 – Barry informed the committee that the county was having difficulty providing the 2024 budget MUNIS report so budget information was not available. Contractor services in January for mailing our Notification Card has not yet been paid and Barry has not yet been paid for cost to purchase Website & Domain Name. County is working on fixing budget invoice and MUNIS report issues.
6. **6:55 Old Business**
Aquatic Plant and Algae Management Permit – Still not approved by Ecology -pending PW submission of 2023 herbicide report. This is required before any aquatic weed treatment can be done on the lake.
Senate Bill 5638 that was submitted last year is now S-3518.1. – Still waiting for DFW to provide dates for work session. Have communicated with Dave Heimer and Cynthia Wilkerson. Exchanged some information – nothing significant. Public Records Request submitted in December 2023 has not yet been fulfilled. Received initial notification information would be available mid-March. On March 20, 2024, that date was moved to June 6. Trying to be patient.
RFP for Integrated Phosphorus Management Plan – March 8, 2024, BoCC Approved RFP & Clerk of the Board sent out Public Notice to paper of record (Olympian). Bids will be submitted and received by May 1st.
RFP for Aquatic Weed Treatment – On track. Contractor selected and notified. BoCC expected to approve contract April 2 then LMDs will be able to contact contractor and start working with them on weed treatment & surveys for 2024.
Treatment Notification Cards - Two contractors bid on two different sized notification cards to print, stamp and mail when needed this Spring.
MOTION: SC Member Steve Slater moved to approve sending the larger (8.5"x5.5") notification card as it was larger and would be less likely to be lost by members. Cost was slightly higher at ~\$195.52. SC Member Janice Leitzki seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
MOTION: SC Member Steve Slater moved to approve Nisqually Post & Print as contractor for treatment notification card. SC Member Janice Leitzki seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2023 end of year Weed Treatment survey results were reviewed, and Ecology survey guidelines were discussed and reviewed. Survey procedures for 2024 were modified (more intense and exact) from the 2023 survey process. The differences were explained. 2024 aquatic weed treatment will be based on April/May 2024 Lake surveys and contractor Bio Base surveys and recommendations. Based on 2023 end of year survey results the survey committee expects invasive weed species Curly Pondweed will be prevalent and need treatment. A map of the lake treatment areas was presented and those areas where Curly Pondweed was found in 2023 was highlighted. A new prescription for Galleon SC was approved by the County Pesticide Vegetation Management and Advisory Committee (PVMAC) in November 2023 which specifically targets Curly Pondweed. Should Curly Pondweed be identified during surveys it would be the recommendation to treat this invasive species. If it is not present this year and nuisance species at harmful levels are identified, then treatment would be diverted to treat those areas so identified.

MOTION: SC Member Janice Leitzki moved to approve contractor, once selected, conduct Bio Base Survey (~\$1,800) in April or May to determine lake depth/littoral area and weed density/location and make recommendation for aquatic treatment. SC Member Jim Biehl seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: SC Member Jim Biehl moved to authorize expenditures of ~\$40,000 for weed treatment identified during April/May Lake Surveys, Contractor Bio Base Survey and recommendations from contractor and survey committee. SC Member Ken Stewart seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

YFI Treatment in 2024 – Permission Letters sent out February 7, 2024. Have received 23 of 24 as of March 21. County PW has responsibility to obtain permission letters from DFW, County Parks and Hoot Owl Ranch. In Aug/Sep 2023 the County Aquatic Resource Specialist conducted a total lake survey to identify Yellow Flag Iris treatment requirements. He concluded that 90% of private shoreline parcels did not require further chemical treatment of YFI. YFI may still pop up along those shorelines, but it will be small and easily pulled/dug. A YouTube Video was done and posted on the Lake Lawrence YouTube Channel to show shoreline residents how to identify, pull and/or dig YFI to keep it from coming back. Twenty-Seven parcels (24 private parcels) were identified for further chemical treatment of YFI. The LMD has budgeted \$1,500 toward this effort. The County Public Works Noxious Weed Department was to secure additional funding for the remaining costs. Communications with the Noxious Weed/Water Resource Manager last week indicated they had not yet secured that funding and were awaiting grant funds which they expected shortly. Action pending.

Thurston County Lake Management District Standard Operating Procedures (TC LMD SOP) –DRAFT has been posted to Lake Lawrence website as of January 29, 2024, for everyone to review. During a briefing to the County BoCC on March 20, 2024, they concurred with the SOP and were scheduled to approve it at their meeting on April 2. See this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VOIPDFTHbqo> LMD/BoCC discussion begins 1 hour and 48 minutes into this video.

Lake Level/Temps – The water gauge at the Public Boat Launch has been removed. No clue as to who removed it. County Environmental Health was notified (they were the ones who installed it two years ago). Pictures of the Weir were shown to members at the meeting showing what the Weir looked like last year and now. Quite a difference. The renovated Weir is doing its job and holding more water back. Water levels have reached their highest level for the year.

Director/Officer (D&O) Insurance for LMD Steering Committee members was discussed. It is not felt it is necessary at a cost of roughly \$5,000 a year as contractors are required to carry \$2 Million in insurance for any incidents/pollution to the lake. Any liability incurred would be under the jurisdiction of either the contractor or the County Prosecutors office who would be tasked to handle them since the LMDs are a quasi-governmental entity of the county.

YFI Floating Islands – Frank Hudik – Still trying to work with DNR/State and keeping our local representative (Ed Orcutt) informed. Trying to set up a work group meeting to discuss.

OPMA & County Email - All LMD Steering Committee members have completed on-line training and certificates provided to county staff. Still working with County Staff on getting cost estimates for county email/office products. For Email estimate was \$75 per person per year. LMD is looking at obtaining one county email address to funnel all email communications through which would include archival and eDiscovery along with Multi Factor Authentication license.

Cost for other services have not yet been provided. In the meantime, it is highly recommended that LMD Steering Committee members sign up for an Outlook/Gmail account to conduct LMD business only. Several already have.

Action Items were reviewed. No items identified for archive. Several items updated because of discussion above and directly below (Boating Sign).

Boating Rules Sign at Public Boat Launch. Kim provided information and cost estimates from three sources for an 18x24" anti-graffiti sign to be posted at the Public Boat Launch. The wording/design of sign was discussed. Everyone thought the recommendations provided by Kim were good but thought additional language might be added to bring boaters attention to wake (i.e., Be considerate, watch your wake, or something to that effect). Members also felt adding a QR Code to the Lake Lawrence Website at <https://www.lakelawrencelakemanagementdistrict.com/> and/or a link to the LMD YouTube Channel Video on Lake Lawrence Boating Rules at <https://youtu.be/nJkKhKsbp-I> or Thurston County Boating Rules at http://library.municode.com/HTML/16720/level2/TIT16WAVE_CH16.04REREUSCOWA.html might be helpful. The members felt the sign was a good idea. Department of Fish & Wildlife (Region 6 Boat Launch Manger and the County Parks Manger need to be informed and agree to the location of the sign at the boat launch. A shoreline sign vs. floating sign seemed more appropriate, less costly, and easier to maintain. How sign will be posted (4x4 post or metal stake/post) needs to be determined along with how it will be affixed to the post. Members felt Anti-theft bolts were a good idea. Steve Slater stated he could bring his welder down and weld the bolt heads so they could not be removed. Members have post hole diggers to install the post so would not recommend paying a sign company to do that.

7. **New Business** – None

8. **7:55 PM Other Business:**

2024 Meetings – Next meeting in person May 16, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at the LLCC Lower Lodge.
2024 Surveys planned – see website for details/information.

9. **8:00 PM Good of the Order**

1. Two SC members with Wildaire have stepped down (Rick Nemes & Danny Thomas). Wildaire has appointed Terry & Ken Stewart to replace them.
2. VFW Fishing Tournament this weekend, March 23 at Lake Lawrence Public Boat Launch.
3. Goat Island Restoration Work Party June 8, 2024, from 9-12. More information to follow.

10. **8:20 PM Adjourn** – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

March 21, 2024, Meeting Minute Attachments: None

Prepared by Barry Halverson

Barry Halverson, Co-Chair