

**NLFCZD Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 10, 2009**  
**Spokane County Public Works Building 3:00pm-5:00pm**

**Present –**

Board Members: Jane Takai, Lorne Burley, Judy Gibbs-Foy, Laurie Keaton, Laretta Block  
Alternate Members: Quincy Edmonds, Sharon Cusic, Kim Jones  
Staff: Marianne Barrentine, Jacob McCann, Jane Anderson  
Other: Barry Moore (WSU), Sally Bredeweg (NRCS), Larry Johnson (NRCS),  
Warren Heylman, Juanita Richardson

**News –**

The lake level as of 9/10/09 is 2125.50 feet with both gates closed. This is about 0.06 feet below the goal elevation at this time of year. The alum system was started on August 31<sup>st</sup> and is running very smoothly. The oxygenator and equipment has been shut down for the year and the compressor equipment serviced and ready for next year. The Department of Ecology (DOE) is deciding what permit (general permit versus a specialized permit) will be most appropriate for the alum system. In the interim, our existing permit has been indefinitely extended until the new permit is issued.

**Proposed 2010 Budget –**

The proposed 2010 budget as presented is keeping the level of service the same as this year assuming no milfoil grant. The Advisory Board passed the proposed 2010 budget as presented with five votes in the affirmative. It was requested that staff closely watch their time and charge it to Newman Lake appropriately.

**Dike Repair Discussion –**

NRCS has a signed operational agreement with Spokane County for 50 years to maintain the flood control facilities out at Newman Lake. Currently, the agreement is into year 30 of the agreement. Yearly inspections are performed on the facilities and the report is sent to NRCS. The inspections indicate that the dike will need to be repaired or the watershed plan revisited with discussions/ideas of possible changes to the dike as several factors such as land use have changed since the watershed plan was drafted. Any change would require a detailed hydraulic analysis to identify any impacts. The Advisory Board requested staff provide an approximate cost estimate to repair the dike and asked NRCS staff to provide, in writing, a few ideas of what they would like to see done with the dike to better support that wetland with an approximation of costs involved and a timeframe that this would need to be completed.

**Milfoil –**

Milfoil was treated on June 30<sup>th</sup> and the areas treated look good. There are still numerous plants where there was no treatment. Judy and Laurie noted that they have numerous plants around their docks. It appears we have had good success this year with the liquid DMA4. It does, however, have intake restrictions. The granular does not appear to be cost effective as we have not appeared to have mortality. The Department of Ecology provides the grant money for the milfoil grant with a five year grant cycle. Staff will be applying for another milfoil grant although the grant application structure is built to give preference to projects that have not previously received State funds. Jacob will talk with Tom Wimpy and determine the additional costs involved to have Tom do the surveys as well as provide treatment. Staff will do an intense follow-up survey this fall and let the Advisory Board know when this survey will take place. It may be beneficial to provide an article in the newsletter to let people know how to report milfoil.

**Lake Level & Shoreline Erosion –**

Some lake residents feel the lake level is set too high and would like to see the lake level lower. The current lake level goals in addition to the large boat wakes are affecting the shorelines. Is there a lake level medium to lower the lake that would alleviate the shoreline erosion? To spread awareness of the shoreline erosion and boat wake issues, it may be beneficial to include an article about boat wakes and the lake level in the next newsletter. When the lake level is changed, it affects the farming on the north end of the lake. Kim

drafted a letter to be sent to the County Commissioners from the NLFCZD Advisory Board raising concerns about the shoreline erosion due to boat wakes and asking that the boat wakes be regulated. Staff and the Advisory Board will review the letter and provide additional comments prior to sending to the Commissioners.

**TMDL Update –**

Jacob will set up a meeting to address implementation steps with members of the TMDL Advisory Group. An update was provided on the McKenzie property or possible other wetland restoration opportunities. It was explained that Spokane County Utilities conducted a study listing the North and South ends of Newman Lake as high priorities and probabilities for success in wetland restoration. Utilities and Ducks Unlimited both have monies, and Jacob is meeting with them to determine whether the funds can be used for design/permitting or just construction, and what role the District can have in obtaining funding to help with said projects.

**Reminders –**

- The next Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- A NLFCZD Facilities Tour is scheduled for Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9am. Those interested will meet at the parking area near the Y of Starr Road and East Newman Lake Road.
- A TMDL meeting will take place the first or second week of November. Jacob will send out a notification for this meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jane Anderson  
NLFCZD Staff