



# BLACK LAKE SPECIAL DISTRICT

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## Black Lake Special District Meeting Monday, August 3 • 6:15 pm

1. Call to Order – **Chair Stintzi called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm.**
2. Roll Call
  - a. Present
    - Lake Stintzi
    - Vern Bonfield
3. Public Communication:
  - a. Gregory Bargmann – Mr. Bargmann commented on the use of herbicides. He is hearing different reports varying from Glyphosate to alum. He would like to know the application schedule, frequency, herbicides used, etc. Commissioners committed to sending the report submitted to the environmental health department which contains the information Mr. Bargmann is seeking. Additionally, Commissioners shared that White Water Lilly is only controlled in recreation areas using Glyphosate which is hand applied directly to the plant (not a proximity application). Mechanical harvesting used in the past was used on Water Nymph; the cost was approximately \$3,000 per day, and did not prove to be very cost effective.
  - b. Miranda (SW Olympia) – Understands the Dept. of Ecology reviews the use of herbicides every 5 years. Miranda asked if other nontoxic alternatives have been researched. Miranda shared the following information on nontoxic alternatives: <https://toxicfreefuture.org/key-issues/chemicals-of-concern/pesticides/pesticides-in-lakes/aquatics-solutions/>. Commissioners replied there is a general herbicide permit due to expire 2021. Upon expiration an extensive notification process takes place as part of a 9- day review process during which Dept. of Ecology will reevaluate the permit. The Commission works to be judicious, covering perhaps 10-15 acres of the 600 acre lake. Each season a sonar inventory is taken and applications are strictly limited to those areas most in need. Commissioners are enthusiastic about finding native salmon in the lake, but those that have been identified to date are not returning fish, but rather ‘lost’ fish. There are a significant number of obstacles to migrating fish, including beaver dams, blockages of the Black River, culverts, etc. There are old fish ladders on Percival Creek which volunteer citizens have cleaned up on occasion.
4. Approval of Consent Agenda – **It was moved, second, passed unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

*Attachments:*

*July 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes*  
*Herrera Invoice #46946 Project 15-06161-002*  
*OrgSupport Invoice 3751*  
*Thurston County Treasurer Invoice 237000 – OrgSupport will work with Chair Stintzi to sign and return the Treasurer’s invoice.*
5. Old Business
  - a. Aquatechnex Herbicide Update – The application went well. The department of environmental health contacted Chair Stintzi for information about the herbicide application. Chair Stintzi sent the submerged plant plan, the posting from properties, etc. In the future pertinent information will be provided to the Department of Environmental Health in advance to continue to maintain the highest level of transparency and public communication.



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- b. Black Lake Ditch – Thurston County responded to BLSD requests for a conference call to discuss ditch maintenance. Chair Stintzi prepared a graph comparing water levels August – July of last year with this year. The email and graphed data will reiterate the request for a discussion about ditch maintenance and provide evidence for changes. *OrgSupport will work with Chair Stintzi to send the prepared email and graph with an outline of topics for the conference call and to schedule and publicly announce the meeting to ensure the public is aware and able to attend.*
  - c. Conference calls – *OrgSupport will continue to provide Commissioners with leader codes to ensure there is more than one person that can originate calls.*
6. Items from the Floor
- a. Special Assessment Hearing – Lakeside Mobile Home Park
  - b. Boat traffic, speed, and type – Commissioners discussed the communication from Patricia Mae about boat traffic and spoke with Ms. May during the meeting. Commissioner Bonfield shared the Sheriff has authority over the lake and what boaters are doing, and further encouraged reporting of complaints to the sheriff's office. The county dispatch is the appropriate place to file complaints by calling the non-emergency number: 360-704-2740. Some boats are creating excessive noise and are exceeding speed limits. The sheriff's department is aware of the issues and is working to address the concerns.
7. Continued Public Communication
- a. Miranda asked about application amounts (the number of acres), wanting to clarify that only 10-15 acres are sprayed annually. Commissioners estimated 10-20 acres are sprayed annually. *Chair Stintzi will send Miranda the application areas planned for application via email.*
8. Adjournment of Public Meeting – **With no further business, Chair Stintzi adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.**

**Next Meeting:** August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020