



BLACK LAKE SPECIAL DISTRICT

Black Lake Special District Meeting
Monday, May 19, 2025 • 6:15 pm
7514 Cattail LN SW, Olympia, WA 98512

Attendance via Zoom audio is preferred. Contact [info@blacklakespecialdistrict](mailto:info@blacklakespecialdistrict.org) for instructions.

Participants from the public will be muted by the Zoom host. Participants will be unmuted during the agenda item titled “Public Communication”.

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
 - a. Present
 - i. Lake Stintzi
 - ii. Kirk Vanlandeghen
 - iii. Cory Freeborn

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. April 21, 2025 Minutes
 - b. Financials
 - c. Payment Transmittal and Invoices

(Funds) Voucher (Warrant)	Total
Invoices #1	\$2500.00

5. Old Business
 - a. Spring Newsletter – rough draft attached
 - b. Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan
 - c. Herbicide Treatment for 2025
 - i. Business and Residential Notice mailing must be received at least 10 days before first treatment. For 2025, mailing no later than 7/7 is needed assuming 3 days for mail delivery and first treatment on 7/21.
 - ii. We had some residents who were disappointed with 2024 treatment. Propose compiling a list and forwarding addresses to Northwest Aquatic.
 - iii. Vegetation survey and treatment recommendations from Northwest Aquatic expected mid to late June. Board will need to meet and discuss, modify, approve treatment areas and treatment maps.
6. New Business
 - a. Status of annual reporting to State Auditor
 - b. Proposed Resolution 25-01 “Herbicides for Aquatic Plant Control”

7. Items from the Floor



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8. Public Communication – *Limit of 3 minutes per person. Zoom host will provide warning when 30 seconds remain. Meeting minutes will only reflect the name of the person speaking.
9. Adjournment of Public Meeting

Next Meeting: June 16, 2025



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Black Lake Special District Meeting Monday, April 21, 2025 • 6:15 pm • Via Zoom

MINUTES:

1. Roll Call – **Chair Stintzi called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm and established a quorum.**
 - a. Present
 - i. Lake Stintzi
 - ii. Kirk Vanlandeghen
 - iii. Cory Freeborn
2. Approval of Agenda – **It was moved, seconded, and was unanimously passed to approve the agenda as presented.**
3. Approval of Consent Agenda – **It was moved, seconded, and was passed unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**
 - a. March 17, 2025 Minutes
 - b. Financials
 - c. Payment Transmittal and Invoices

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4. Old Business
 - a. Spring Newsletter – Explanation from OrgSupport regarding JotForm questionnaire method. Commissioner Stintzi is working on draft content for the newsletter and survey.
 - b. Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan, Lake Management Plan – The email challenges (Microsoft) have slowed progress. Commissioner Stintzi will send contact information for Carlos to Commissioner Van Landeghen.
 - c. OlyFed – Financial reports for both OlyFed and county accounts are included in packets.
 - i. **It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to direct OrgSupport to transfer \$40,000.00 from the county account to the OlyFed checking for upcoming expenses.**
 - ii. **It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously that all District Commissioners have inquiry access to all OlyFed accounts.**
5. New Business
 - a. FYI regarding Lake Lawrence. 2025 Nuisance Weed Program - \$70,000, pages LL-1 - LL-2. Chair Stintzi reported he obtained the submerged weed contract. The contract is different due to county rules on the use of herbicides. BLSD will spend approximately half as much as Lake Lawrence, with twice the lake size.
 - b. Quotations for 2025 Herbicide Treatment – Commissioners discussed the quotes and reviewed the details. NW Aquatic is the least cost, with savings in cost per acre for submerged weed treatment. Additional follow-up questions are still pending.
 - i. Summary, pages Q-1 – Q-3
 - ii. Northwest Aquatic Quotation and correspondence, pages Q- 4 – Q-14
 - iii. Aquatechnex Quotation and correspondence, pages Q-15 - Q-19
 - c. Selection of best quotation – **It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to authorize Chair Stintzi to verify the quotation and scope of services submitted by Northwest Aquatic Eco-Systems**



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for 2025 herbicide treatment, and to review, approve and execute the agreement with Northwest Aquatic Eco-Systems and to take any necessary actions to initiate the treatment plan.

- d. FYI regarding legislation to modify RCW 36.61. Would affect lake management districts by limiting assessments charged to WDFW. BLSD receives +\$25k from WDFW. At this time BLSD may be unaffected since we are a “special district” rather than a “lake management district”.

6. Items from the Floor

- a. Chair Stintzi researched whether the Save Black Lake organization could contribute content to the District’s spring newsletter. The Board discussed whether permitting such a submission would obligate the District to allow other outside groups to submit content as well.

It was clarified that the newsletter will be an official publication of the Black Lake Special District and not a public forum. The Board will retain editorial discretion and may accept or decline submissions based on relevance, accuracy, and alignment with the District’s mission. The Board may allow organizations to contribute content on a case-by-case basis, provided the content is factual, non-commercial, and directly related to lake stewardship, aquatic vegetation management, or the health of Black Lake.

By consensus, the Board agreed that Save Black Lake and similar lake-oriented organizations may be invited to submit short contributions for possible inclusion in the spring newsletter. Submissions must be received by a date to be set by the District, are subject to review and approval by the Board Chair, and may be edited for length or clarity. Inclusion in any issue does not establish a precedent, and future submissions will be considered individually.

A disclaimer will accompany any outside contribution stating that the views expressed are those of the contributing organization and do not necessarily reflect the official position of the District.

7. Public Communication

- a. Fran Clifton, Save Black Lake representative, shared the intent of the organization is to help people understand how to protect Black Lake, and to work with the Black Lake Special District when invited. Ms. Clifton asked if Rob, the person working on the interactive training, would be available to attend the upcoming fishing derby. Likewise, SBL would like information materials to distribute at the derby May 10 from 9-3.

8. Adjournment of Public Meeting – **With no further business, Chair Stintzi adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.**

Next Meeting: May 19, 2025



OrgSupport

120 State Avenue NE, #303
Olympia, WA 98501

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
5/1/2025	5553

Bill To
Black Lake Special District 120 State Avenue NE, #303 Olympia, WA 98501

Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
Contract Services	1	2,500.00	2,500.00
		Total	\$2,500.00

**BLACK LAKE SPECIAL DISTRICT**

120 STATE AVENUE NE, #303
OLYMPIA, WA 98501
INFO@BLACKLAKESPECIALDISTRICT.ORG

OLYMPIA FEDERAL SAVINGS

421 CAPITOL WAY S
OLYMPIA, WA 98501
1-7082/3251

61008**DATE** 5/1/2025

**PAY
TO THE
ORDER OF**

OrgSupport

\$ **2,500.00

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DOLLARS

OrgSupport
Craig Ottavelli
120 State Ave NE #303
Olympia, WA 98501

MEMO Invoice 5553

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Date Type Reference
5/1/2025 Bill 5553

Original Amt.
2,500.00

Balance Due
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5/1/2025
Discount

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Check Amount

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OlyFed Checking Invoice 5553

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Black Lake Special District
Statement of Income and Expense
April 2025

Cash Basis

	<u>Apr 25</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Rates & Charges	111,293.95
Total Income	111,293.95
Gross Profit	111,293.95
Expense	
Contract Services	
Recurring Contract Services	2,500.00
Total Contract Services	2,500.00
Total Expense	2,500.00
Net Ordinary Income	108,793.95
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	1,174.67
Total Other Income	1,174.67
Net Other Income	1,174.67
Net Income	<u><u>109,968.62</u></u>

Black Lake Special District
Statement of Financial Position
 As of April 30, 2025

Cash Basis

	<u>Apr 30, 25</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Black Lake Guarantee #6355	80,000.00
OlyFed Checking	3,480.15
Thurston County Treasurer	308,763.17
Total Checking/Savings	<u>392,243.32</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>392,243.32</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>392,243.32</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>392,243.32</u>

Black Lake Special District Newsletter – July 2025

Hello! We are sending this newsletter to the 700+ parcel owners within the district. We hope you find it informative. The district governing board meets via Zoom each month, on the third Monday at 6:15pm. The meeting is open to the public and instructions for access can be requested via email (info@Blacklakespeicaldistrict.org) or telephone (360-867-8814). We would like your feedback on how we are doing and any changes you wish us to make. Instructions for an online survey are provided at the end of this newsletter.

Status of Water Quality

*** Requesting newest readings from Thurston

Efforts to Maintain/Improve Quality

The district invested heavily in the Alum Treatment of 2021. The treatment has stopped algae blooms and improved water clarity. To maintain these conditions, efforts must be continued to reduce nutrient input to the lake.

Pollution Identification and Correction

In 2021, the district completed a pollution survey of the lake and input streams. Three streams were found to be discharging septic effluent into the lake. This information was immediately provided to Thurston County. The county secured grant funding from the Department of Ecology and initiated a project to identify and correct any sources of pollution. The project scope was not limited to the lakefront but encompassed all parcels near streams which flow into the lake.

At the midpoint of the project, over 500 site visits had been completed by the county and over 200 septic systems had overdue maintenance performed. Work is continuing through this year.

The district plans to repeat pollution surveys every three to five years.

Reduce/Stop Using Lawn Fertilizers

Lawn fertilizers should not be applied on lakefront lots or properties close to streams entering the lake. The nitrogen content will encourage lake plant growth and phosphorous will contribute to future algae blooms.

Leave Undeveloped Shoreline in Natural State

When improving landscape close to the lake or streams, consider leaving a ten to twenty foot wide border from the lake or stream in natural plants. These plants will help reduce nutrient runoff which will eventually enter the lake.

Septic System Maintenance

Please follow the recommended maintenance for your system. For newer, complex systems, the county will designate inspection and pumping requirements. For older systems, pumping tanks every three to five years is recommended. Please address problems with your system as soon as possible.

Vegetation Management Plan

The district is working toward issuing a contract for a new Vegetation Management Plan. Our last plan was completed in 2012 before the district formation. A great deal has changed and a scientific review will be beneficial to advise on of the best direction(s) for improving the lake.

Maintenance of Black Lake Ditch

The Black Lake Ditch is the principal outflow for Black Lake. Outflow to the south through the Black River has stopped due to vegetation growth and beaver activity. Because the lands and waters south of the lake are now part of a national wildlife refuge, alterations to improve flow are not possible.

Water flow through the ditch is frequently reduced by beaver dams. The presence of dams can increase lake levels as much as four feet. Thurston County has resumed clearing the dams within the boundaries of Thurston County and the City of Tumwater.

Herbicide Applications

The district applies herbicides to approximately 20 acres of lake surface each year. The herbicide types, concentrations and timing are regulated by the Department of Ecology. Applicators must be licensed by the Department of Agriculture. The treatments are conducted along the shorelines, in front of developed properties where plant growth is impeding recreational uses. More expansive treatments are not desired. Plants contribute oxygen to the water which improves water quality and wildlife habitat. By regulation, most herbicides are applied after July 15 of each year.

The district notifies Thurston County Environmental Health in advance of all herbicide activities including planned treatment areas, residential notices and shoreline signage.

Meeting with County Commissioner Wayne Fournier

Last year the district board met with Wayne Fournier, County Commissioner for the newly formed District 4. We provide Mr. Fournier with an overview of the district and its' activities. We encourage the Commissioner to contact us if questions or problems arise. At the meeting we requested help with maintaining the Black Lake Ditch. At this time, maintenance of the ditch has been resolved by county staff.

Connecting with other lakes and WALPA Participation

The district regularly shares information with other lake organizations. We also attend workshops presented by the Washington Lake Protection Association.

District Resident Survey

How are we doing overall?

What areas or activities should the district become more involved?

Do you have any other comments?

Please provide us with contact information so we can follow up with you if needed.

Resolution #25-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BLACK LAKE SPECIAL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
REGARDING HERBICIDES FOR AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL**

WHEREAS, Resolution 14916 of the Board of County Commissioners, Thurston County, recognized the benefits of a special district for the purposes of aquatic plant control and water quality enhancements of Black Lake. Black Lake Special District (BLSD) formation was confirmed by the voters, pursuant to RCW 85.38 on November 19, 2013;

WHEREAS, Clean, healthy lakes are dependent upon aquatic plants. They absorb phosphorus and produce dissolved oxygen that fish and other aquatic life depend on for survival. Plant root systems stabilize sediment both within and around lakes, reducing shoreline erosion and helping to keep lakes clear;

WHEREAS, Herbicides are one method for aquatic plant control. Herbicides application must follow the regulations of the Washington Department of Ecology and the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

Section 1. Aquatic herbicides will only be applied where plant densities in high use areas are creating barriers to recreational uses. These areas are typically in the littoral zone in front of lakefront parcels with homes, docks or parks.

Section 2. A parcel owner may request “no herbicides” for the waters bordering their parcel. The request may be made by mail, email or telephone to the BLSD. The request will remain active from year to year. When the parcel owner changes, the request will be voided.

Section 3. The BLSD will inform herbicide applicators of “no herbicides” requests. To help ensure adherence to the requests, parcel owners should post “no herbicides” signage on their shoreline before the scheduled dates for herbicide applications. The signage will be provided by the BLSD.

ADOPTED by the Black Lake Special District Governing Board on _____, 2025.

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:
