



BLACK LAKE SPECIAL DISTRICT

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

ACTION ITEMS:

- Cory will gather information on water residence time testing from a company that can assess how long it takes for water to enter and exit the lake.

MINUTES:

1. Call to Order – **Chair Lake Stinzi called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm.**
2. Roll Call
 - a. Present
 - i. Lake Stintzi
 - ii. Kirk Vanlandeghen
 - iii. Cory Freeborn
3. Approval of Agenda – **It was moved, seconded, and was unanimously passed to approve the agenda as presented.**
4. Approval of Consent Agenda - **It was moved, seconded, and was unanimously passed to approve the agenda as presented.**
 - a. June 16, 2025 Minutes
 - b. July 14, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes
 - c. Financials
 - d. Payment Transmittal and Invoices

(Funds) Voucher (Warrant)	Total
Invoice #1	\$2500.25
Invoice #2	\$3140.18
Invoice #3	\$39.53
5. Old Business
 - a. Website updates are needed. Draft changes will be prepared for the next meeting.
Cory reported algae sightings and Black Lake Bible Camp is concerned. Cory will be requesting the Bible Camp to contact Thurston County for testing.
 - b. Carlos - vegetation management plan - There was discussion around outsourcing a vegetation management plan. Lake suggested Herrera Environmental as a potential vendor, although there may be a conflict of interest.
6. New Business
 - a. Discussion: Contracting with Carlos for Vegetation Management RFP.
 - b. Review of Herbicide Application –
 - i. Cory reported that weed treatment near his home is beginning to show results.
 - ii. Other residents expressed frustration over ongoing weed issues. Cory and a resident (Steve) had an in-depth conversation with Kyle from the treatment provider.



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- iii. The company explained their methodology, including the use of only 50% of the recommended chemical dosage — a standard industry practice.
- iv. Cory encouraged them to apply a stronger dosage, and they agreed. They also recommended a Floridone treatment plan for long-term control, to be applied annually for three years. Last year's trial didn't produce results, which is expected in the first year of Floridone use.
- v. Floridone is considered more environmentally friendly than the current treatment (believed to be Diquat) and targets weed roots for longer-lasting impact.
- vi. *Cory will gather information on water residence time testing from a company that can assess how long it takes for water to enter and exit the lake.*
- vii. The treatment company warned that unless expectations are balanced with professional recommendations, they may discontinue working with BLSD.
- viii. Kirk emphasized the importance of collecting and sharing clear data to maintain transparency and credibility with both the board and residents.
- ix. **It was moved by Cory to begin the process of researching water residence testing and Floridone implementation for 2026, seconded by Lake, and was approved.** The board agreed this will be added as an action item for the August 18 meeting agenda.

7. Items from the Floor

a. Next meeting

- i. Proposals for a second herbicide treatment should be in hand.
- ii. Lake will develop a treatment map if a second application is needed.

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.

- a. The following people spoke:
 - i. Vernon Bonefeld

9. Adjournment of Public Meeting - **With no further business, Chair Stintzi adjourned the meeting at 7:12 pm.**

Next Meeting: August 18, 2025