



BLACK LAKE SPECIAL DISTRICT

**Black Lake Special District Meeting
Wednesday, March 4, 2026 • 6:15 pm**

ACTION ITEMS:

- Kirk will prepare a PDF of the main scoring sheet for the public.

MINUTES:

1. Call to Order – **Chair Lake Stintzi called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.**
2. Roll Call
 - a. Present
 - i. Lake Stintzi - Present
 - ii. Kirk Vanlandeghen - Present
 - iii. Cory Freeborn - Present
3. Approval of Agenda - **It was moved, seconded, and was unanimously accepted to approve the agenda.**
4. New Business
 - a. RFP Evaluation and Scoring – Each board member independently scored the three submitted proposals, and the board compared their results. References for the vendors have not yet been contacted.
 - i. Lake Stintzi reported scoring Herrera higher based on their experience and approach, noting there may be some bias due to Herrera’s past work on Black Lake. Lake also noted that Aquatechnix did not include a total project cost in its proposal.
 - ii. Kirk Vanlandeghen explained that he gave Aquatechnix higher marks for its use of technology. Kirk also noted that Aquatic Insight indicated they would prepare an RFP for treatment services.
 - iii. Cory Freeborn commented that it was encouraging to see several qualified vendors operating in the region and emphasized the importance of recognizing the effort each company put into preparing its proposal.
 - b. The board reviewed the initial scoring totals excluding cost considerations. Aquatechnix received 51.3 points, Aquatic Insight received 64.3 points, and Herrera received 61 points.
 - c. Cory moved to narrow the selection to Herrera and Aquatic Insight. Kirk asked whether cost should be incorporated into the scoring, noting it could influence the rankings. Kirk amended the motion to narrow discussion to Aquatic Insight and Herrera without considering cost. Cory then suggested tabling the motion to allow additional discussion regarding cost considerations. After reviewing the scoring with cost included, Aquatic Insight remained in the lead.
 - d. **Lake Stintzi moved to use the raw scores, excluding referral points, as the criteria for selecting the winning proposal. Cory Freeborn seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved..**
5. Items from the Floor – No items from the floor.
6. 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. No public communication.
7. Adjournment of Public Meeting – **Chair Lake Stintzi adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm.**

Next Meeting: March 9th, 2026
