Black Lake Special District Meeting
Monday, October 19, 2026 • 6:15 PM

ATTENDEES: Lake Stintzi, Mark Rosenkranz, Kirk Van Landeghen, Lizbeth Seebacher, Cher Prazak, Craig Ottavelli (Staff)

ACTION ITEMS

- Lake Stintzi will email Mark Rosenkranz questions about external phosphorus loading and the findings of earlier studies.
- Mark Rosenkranz will seek information from Thurston County on funded septic-system replacements and include the findings in the IAVMP.
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MINUTES:

1. Call to Order
    a. **Chair Lake Stintzi called the meeting to order at 6:19 p.m.**

2. Roll Call
    a. Lake Stintzi and Kirk Vanlandeghen were present. Cory Freeborn was absent. Chair Stintzi confirmed a quorum.

3. Approval of Agenda
    a. **It was moved, seconded, and was unanimously passed to approve the agenda.**

4. Approval of Consent Agenda
    a. **It was moved, seconded by Kirk Vanlandeghen, and was unanimously passed to approve the consent agenda, including the September 21, 2026 minutes, financials, and payment transmittal and invoices.**
        i. September 21, 2026 Minutes
        ii. Financials
        iii. Payment Transmittal and Invoices.

Item #	Invoice	Total
01	OrgSupport #6018	$2570.04
02	Aquatic Insight LLC #10606	$9692.25

5. Commissioner Reimbursements and Payments
    a. There were no commissioner reimbursement or payment requests.

6. Old Business
    a. IAVMP Update
        i. Mark Rosenkranz presented the draft Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan (IAVMP). It follows Ecology guidance and covers lake and watershed conditions, vegetation surveys, community input, management goals, treatment history, control alternatives, and an adaptive management approach. The recommended treatment plan and supplemental water-quality section remained in development.
        ii. The July 2022–June 2026 Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) study reinforced earlier findings of phosphorus inputs associated with septic influence. Commissioners asked that the plan identify septic systems already replaced so future monitoring can distinguish improvements from continuing sources. Discussion also addressed targeting isolated invasive-plant populations and matching treatment methods to species and location.
        iii. Mark Rosenkranz will send the available draft IAVMP sections to the commissioners for review during the week of October 19, together with the vegetation survey technical memo, bathymetric maps, plant surveys, and bottom-type information.
        iv. Mark Rosenkranz will seek information from Thurston County on funded septic-system replacements and include the findings in the IAVMP.
        v. Lizbeth Seebacher described an Ecology control-grant opportunity for nonnative aquatic plants, including curly-leaf pondweed, yellow flag iris, and fragrant water lily. She reported that applications opened October 15 and typically close in mid-December, and that Ecology would accept an application while reviewing the plan. She proposed sending the draft to Ecology after commissioner review; Chair Stintzi noted that a decision about applying would be needed within the next month. No grant application was authorized at this meeting.
    b. Policy Manual Update
        i. **The commissioners agreed to dedicate the January meeting to the policy manual update, particularly payment and cash-management procedures.**
        ii. The rewrite is intended to reflect changes in adopted practices and procedures and audit feedback. The IAVMP, budget, and county assessment submission were nearer-term priorities.
        iii. OrgSupport will send the draft policy manual to the commissioners for review before the January meeting.
    c. Invasive Species Sampling and Remote Monitoring
        i. At Kirk Vanlandeghen's request, the commissioners returned to the additional sampling and remote-monitoring estimates discussed in September. Mark Rosenkranz presented Black Lake Sample Proposal V3, designed to distinguish external phosphorus sources from internal sediment loading and guide future management investments.
        ii. The proposed sampling locations included groundwater areas L14, L9, and L25, two eastern tributaries, the southern inlet, and both lake basins. September 9 sampling indicated different mixing conditions in the northern and southern basins; routine county sampling covers the southeastern station. The proposed work would quantify tributary, stormwater, septic, and fish-stocking inputs and assess sediment phosphorus release, seasonal deep-water accumulation, sediment-core incubations, and shallow-water resuspension.
        iii. The questions included how much phosphorus enters the lake annually, which pathways contribute most, when sediment phosphorus reaches productive surface waters, whether carp or brown bullhead contribute to sediment disturbance, and why poor clarity and cyanobacteria persisted after the 2016 and 2021 alum treatments. Findings would help compare watershed source reduction, septic improvements, stormwater controls, fish management, and in-lake treatment.

iv. The proposal totaled $59,800: $12,300 for analytical work, $10,000 for equipment use, and $37,500 for staff time. Optional website updates were $4,200 annually, and public meetings were $1,500 each assuming no additional travel. Sampling events were budgeted as one-day trips; public meetings would coincide with sampling days. These were proposed costs, not approved expenditures.

v. Kirk distinguished continuous turbidity monitoring of possible boat-related disturbance from broader nutrient sampling. Mark estimated approximately $5,000 for a remote turbidity data logger and explained that turbidity measurements would not directly identify phosphorus sources. Commissioners also discussed water clarity, dissolved oxygen, lake-level fluctuations, and the relationship between vegetation and water quality. Kirk requested details on resident sampling, supplies, and training; Mark identified volunteer collection and use of a local boat as possible ways to reduce costs.

vi. Lizbeth discussed a Lake Cyanobacteria Management Plan (LCMP) as a more comprehensive water-quality assessment and described possible future grant support for septic improvements. The consultants discussed incremental monitoring while pursuing funding and the possibility of applying for LCMP and invasive-plant control funding through separate programs. The commissioners did not select or authorize a sampling package, monitoring purchase, or grant application.

vii. Resident meetings and regular website updates were discussed as ways to improve understanding of lake conditions and support for long-term source reduction.

viii. *Lake Stintzi will email Mark Rosenkranz questions about external phosphorus loading and the findings of earlier studies.*

7. New Business
    a. No additional new business was raised.

8. Major Projects for the Next Year and Prioritization
    a. The commissioners retained the listed priorities: a three- to five-year herbicide contract, a process for early herbicide-treatment approval, implementation of IAVMP recommendations, and limits on wake boats. Chair Stintzi emphasized the existing workload through December and the need to avoid adding too many projects before completing current work. No ranking was adopted.
    b. Kirk requested an opportunity to review the proposed county correspondence on wake boats before it is sent, consistent with the September assignment. Discussion linked possible wake-related sediment disturbance to turbidity monitoring and future study funding. The potential relationship was discussed as a question for investigation, not an established finding.

9. Items from the Floor
    a. There were no items from the floor.

10. Public Communication
    a. There was no public communication.

11. Adjournment of Public Meeting
    a. Chair Stintzi thanked the consultants and recognized Tesa and OrgSupport for following up on an undeliverable payment to Northwest Aquatic.
    b. The next meeting remained scheduled for November 16, 2026. Kirk advised that he might be traveling; rescheduling would be considered if a quorum could not attend.

c. *OrgSupport will confirm Cory Freeborn's availability for the November 16 meeting because Kirk Vanlandeghen may be unable to attend.*
d. **With no further business, Chair Lake Stintzi adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.**

NEXT MEETING: November 16, 2026