

MINUTES OF THE WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING
January 15, 2014, 3:00 p.m.
Dunes City Hall

A meeting of the Water Quality Committee of Dunes City was held at the Dunes City Hall, on Wednesday, January 15, 2014. Members present were Chairperson Jamie Mills, David Dumas, Dave Gosselin, Ken Pesnell, Steve Hager and Mark Chandler. Chris John and Bonnie Allen were absent and excused. There were no others present.

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. Upon motion duly made by Ken Pesnell and seconded by Dave Dumas, the minutes of the August 21, 2013 meeting were read and approved as amended to correct numerous typographical errors.

Water Testers Report: Mark Reported that in October, Woahink had reduced Secchi Discs readings between 13 feet and 15 feet. There was also reduced oxygen toward the bottom, having gotten a reading of 4.3 for DO. Siltcoos, in October, had a 4.6 Secchi and a film on the surface. A sample was taken for characterization and toxin testing. The results showed it to be non-toxic.

Conditions on Woahink for November were about the same as October, except the oxygen was more completely mixed. Siltcoos had a 4.5' Secchi with high turbidity.

December Secchi readings at Woahink were 19' to 22'. Mark and Steve also reported a reduced conductivity of 47. Steve explained that we are currently in a learning curve for conductivity testing to identify what relationship, if any, it may have with water quality on Woahink. On December 18th, anabaena was predominant in Siltcoos, but was non-toxic.

TMDL Meetings: Steve Hager reported that initial efforts to identify markers/parameters for the bacteria working group still had a number of bugs to be worked out and, ultimately, the group hit the reset button to take a more statistical approach. He also reported that the sediment working group sent out a request for parameters for coming to terms with the episodic loads. The group will be starting over and looking for where to go next. Steve is pushing for a "feet on the ground approach" where they actually go see if there is a problem before doing anything.

OLD BUSINESS:

Comprehensive Plan Review: Further work on the Comprehensive Plan amendments was tabled to the next meeting in February, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee goals for 2014:

New Water Testing Project Manager: Mark Chandler reported that the City will be needing a new project manager for the water testing program as he is moving into Florence around mid-summer. Discussion ensued but no decisions were made.

Barrier on Highway 101: The Committee continued to discuss the possibility of a barrier on Highway 101 where the road comes so close to Woahink Lake. Dave Gosselin reported that the property had been sold and perhaps the new owners might be more willing to cooperate. A suggestion was made that perhaps the property owners would be willing to allow the installation of large boulders or something along those lines.

Enforcement of Boat Washing:

The Committee asked Jamie to arrange for the new Park Manager at Honeyman to meet with the committee to discuss this concern.

Installation of Grass Pavers:

This item, too, will be discussed with the new Park Manager at Honeyman.

It was also reported that the 10 year plan for Honeyman was available on line.

Continuation of Water Testing Program and get testing information on the web: This goal was strongly supported and discussion followed as to how to simplify and update the data sheet. Discussion was also had regarding data entry. It is hoped that a program can be developed whereby office staff can enter data onto the website and it will automatically update an easily understandable chart for each lake.

Establish and finalize data entry into the water testing database and establish database maintenance program: This goal is still supported by the committee and further discussion will take place at the next meeting, as it was suggested that absent committee member, Chris John, is very talented in the computer data-base area and could provide valuable input.

Budget request: Regarding the Committee budget, Mark and Steve reported that the Watershed Council will likely be changing its testing facility to King County, Washington in Seattle as it is a bit cheaper. Mark will get further information and report back. The committee recommends a request for \$3,000.00 this year.

Discussion on re-naming the committee the Water Resources Committee: Jamie explained why she thinks the committee should be renamed the Water Resources Committee, pointing out there are numerous programs, including septic, shared domestic water supply, the weir issues, and the City's water right permits that currently are not being fully addressed by any committee. Discussion followed. The Committee members would rather see everything left the same and indicated that we should "let sleeping dogs lie."

INPUT/SUGGESTIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC: None.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Water Quality Committee, upon motion made by Steve Hager, seconded by Mark Chandler, and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Jamie Mills, Secretary of the meeting

The proceedings of the Dunes City Water Quality Committee meeting were recorded on tape, and are on file at Dunes City Hall. Once approved by the Water Quality Committee, these written minutes will be available at Dunes City Hall and online at www.dunescity.com

*VOLUNTEER HOURS (this meeting only, includes minutes, document, and meeting prep):
17.0 HOURS (Does NOT include water tester volunteer time)*