

## MINUTES OF THE WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

February 19, 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, February 19, 2014. Members present were Chairperson Jamie Mills, Ken Pesnell, Bonnie Allen, Dave Gosselin, Steve Hager and Mark Chandler. Chris John was absent and excused. Dave Dumas was absent and unexcused. Also present was Dan Schewlakow from Honeyman State Park.

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. The minutes of the January 15, 2014 meeting were read and amended. Upon motion duly made by Mark Chandler, seconded by Dave Gosselin and carried unanimously, the minutes of the January 15, 2014 meeting were approved as amended.

### Discussion of Committee Goals and Concerns with Dan Schewlakow, Manager of Honeyman State Park:

Jamie introduced Dan Schewlakow and handed out a list of the goals that had been established by the Committee during its January meeting. The first item discussed was the placement of a barrier along Hwy 101 where Woahink Lake's edge is so close to the highway. Jamie and committee members gave Mr. Schewlakow a brief history of the attempts to install safety barriers. Mr. Schewlakow asked the committee to put together a packet of information for him, and he will pass it on to the State for further consideration.

Next discussed was the enforcement of boat washing at Woahink. Mr. Schewlakow indicated that State Parks has no jurisdiction to issue citations, and that is part of the problem. He indicated he would ensure a greater presence of State Parks personnel in the area, which will help to discourage some of the problem, but since they cannot issue citations, there isn't much more he can do. Jamie asked about the possibility of installing boat washing facilities with a catch basin like was recently installed at Clear Lake. He said he would look into it. He also indicated that the OSP Volunteers, headed up by Bruce Jarvis, may be able to help in reporting incidents. He said he would email Jamie Mr. Jarvis' email address.

Further discussion on boat washing was had. Bonnie Allen volunteered to draft a follow-up article to the Siuslaw News regarding boat washing.

Discussion then turned to the installation of grass pavers over by the dive park off Canary because it appears erosion is still a big problem in that area. Discussion followed. Mr. Schewlakow stated he would discuss the issue with his groundskeepers and get back to Jamie on what was decided. He indicated he would install one of Dunes City's drinking water signs at the dive park area.

Another area of concern was the use of the sand bar for a dog walking park at certain times of the year. He indicated he would look into this problem.

During the discussions with Mr. Schewlakow, Mark Chandler had to leave the meeting for another commitment.

**Water Testers Report:** Steve reported that in the Secchi readings on Woahink were between 18.8 feet and 21.8 feet with no oxygen problems, but conductivity was still lower than usual. Siltcoos had a 3.5 foot Secchi and a film on the surface. A sample of the scum was put under the scope. The scum appears to be anabaena and aphanizomenom. (Annie and Fannie).

Steve also described possible funding opportunities that may exist to acquire new equipment or help defray the expenses of the water testing program.

**TMDL Meetings:** Steve Hager reported that at the December meeting the bacterial working group presented a draft report of the data for the Salmon River showing how data would be presented and how determination of loads would be done. By January, several natural resource industries had hired a “think tank” out of Corvallis to comment. Those comments critiqued the approach being used. Other interests are upset that the natural resources industries hired the outside group as no one was supposed to be releasing information. No decisions have been made at this time as they are back to square one trying to figure out how to deal with NCSI (?) and what the process will be.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Comprehensive Plan Review:** Upon motion made by Bonnie Allen, seconded by Ken Pesnell and passed unanimously, discussion of the Comp Plan was tabled to the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**INPUT/SUGGESTIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC:**

Steve Hager requested that arrangements for individuals to do the duties Mark Chandler has been doing be placed on the next meeting agenda. He also asked that identifying a boat to use in each lake also be placed on the agenda.

Due to the unavailability of the Chairman in March, the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Water Quality Committee, upon motion made by Ken Pesnell, seconded by Dave Gosselin, and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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Jamie Mills, Secretary of the meeting

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15.0 HOURS (Does NOT include water tester volunteer time)*