

MINUTES OF THE WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 21, 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, May 21, 2014. Members present were Chairperson Jamie Mills, Ken Pesnell, Bonnie Allen, Dave Dumas, Mark Chandler and Steve Hager. Dave Gosselin and Chris John were absent and excused.

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m. The minutes of the April 16, 2014 meeting were read. Upon motion duly made by Ken Pesnell, seconded by Mark Chandler and carried unanimously, the minutes of the April 16, 2014 meeting were approved.

Water Testers Report: Secchi disk readings for Woahink in March were 16 to 19 feet. Temperatures were homogenous, turbidities were good and some stratification was detected in the dissolved oxygen levels. Siltcoos had a Secchi reading of 7 feet and had good turbidity. In May, Secchi readings on Woahink were from 20 to 25 feet, which are the best they have been in quite a while. Typical early summer readings for dissolved oxygen and temperature were reported.

TMDL Meetings: Steve Hager reported that there will be a Local Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting scheduled shortly. He also reported that the sediment technical working group is making some progress.

OLD BUSINESS:

Boat Washing: Bonnie Allen had submitted a couple of articles about boat washing problem resolution efforts being done at Roseburg and Devil's Lake. The Woahink boat washing issue, which the committee suggested should more accurately be referred to as boat flushing, was discussed at length and numerous tasks assigned to committee members. Jamie and/or Bonnie are to contact Dan Schewlakow to find out what State Parks can and cannot do, if better signage can be installed, if a pamphlet could be handed out by volunteers at the boat ramp, and get clear information as to why a camera is not recommended. Jamie will also draft a letter to Dan asking about installation of a "counter" to determine usage of the boat ramp at Woahink. Ken Pesnell will look into the Marine Board for available funding for activities to reduce boat flushing activities on Woahink and find out who's charging the \$1.00 for the facility at the Siuslaw River marina and find out if it could be free during peak times of the year.

Water Tester Training: Bonnie Allen had taken some video during the last testing trip, however, she is still working on finding a way to hold the camera steady so people watching the video don't get seasick. Bonnie indicated she would contact Oregon Lake Watch to see if they have ready-made videos of water testing procedures. She said she would also email Rich Miller at Portland State University's Center for Lakes and Streams to see if he had any training videos readily available.

Boat Safety Training: Jamie indicated that Dave Gosselin had offered to talk to a neighbor of his that had conducted safety training during his working career. Dave Dumas, who knows the same neighbor, also said he would speak to him to see if he would be willing to volunteer his time to do training and to help make a video. Jamie tried to find a video on line, but was not successful.

Comprehensive Plan Review: Jamie was instructed to compile all of the information from prior discussions and bring it to a future meeting for review.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

INPUT/SUGGESTIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC:

Steve Hager reported that Rich Miller had demonstrated a Winkler Oxygen testing process that seemed to be more accurate than the method currently being used by the City. Steve said he asked Keira (at the Siuslaw Watershed Council) to buy one for the City, but she couldn't find the exact model Rich had demonstrated, so she got something else. Steve said he would talk to Rich Miller to see if what she bought would work for us or if we needed to get something else. Discussion followed on whether the QAPP would need to be amended to reflect the new testing method for dissolved oxygen. It was decided that the QAPP needs to be updated in other areas as well, and that it should be put back on the committee's agenda for future consideration.

Discussion on getting the water testing information onto the website was had. Jamie will try to find out when Chris John might be available to meet with Steve Hager and Mark Chandler to discuss the issue.

Mark indicated that the Surfriders Beach Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 24th and the South Jetty. This year they are planning to clean from South Jetty to the Silteos Outlet.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Water Quality Committee, upon motion made by Dave Dumas, seconded by Ken Pesnell, and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 4:58 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):
14.0 HOURS (Does NOT include water tester volunteer time)