

MINUTES OF THE WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

August 20, 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, August 20, 2014. Members present were Chairperson Jamie Mills, Ken Pesnell, Dave Gosselin, Dave Dumas, and Mark Chandler. Bonnie Allen and Chris John were absent and excused.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. Jamie explained the problem with the June 18, 2014 minutes and presented the September report to City Council in lieu of formal minutes.

Water Testers Report: Mark Chandler reported that the secchi disk readings continue to improve in Woahink during June, to between 17 and 19 feet with temperatures and dissolved oxygen readings normal. Secchi disk readings at Siltcoos was 6.3 feet.

In July, Woahink Secchi disk readings were between 15 and 19 feet, with further stratification in temperature (15° C. at the bottom and 21° C. at the top) and in dissolved oxygen (1.7 at the bottom and over 8 at the top). Siltcoos had a Secchi reading of 7 feet and 22° C. temperature reading.

Chlorophyll in Woahink in July was 1.5 to 2 micrograms per liter. Siltcoos July chlorophyll reading was 6 mg/l.

TMDL Meetings: Steve Hager was not present to make a report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Boat Washing: Discussion continued on the issue of boat washing with Jamie indicating she was unable to find any studies and reports that claim that boat washing is harmful to water quality. All she could find was a link between boat washing and the transfer of invasive species. Jamie will write an article for the November newsletter on the dangers of boat washing/flushing. Dave Dumas and Mark Chandler agree to talk to the Woahink Lake Association to see if they would be willing to provide volunteers at the Woahink boat launch to count numbers of boats that were clearly being “flushed”.

Water Tester Training: Jamie volunteered to speak with Ave Bernard about how much it would cost to do water testing training videos.

Website Update Status Report: Mark reported that he and Steve had met with Chris John and they were currently working on developing the list of captions for the data.

Comprehensive Plan Review: Jamie explained the issue currently before the City Council whether to change the organizational structure of Dunes City’s Comprehensive Plan to something similar to Oregon City’s Comp Plan or to just leave it as it is. It was the consensus of the Committee to hold off on further consideration of the comp plan natural resource provisions until the Council reaches a decision as to which way they want to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

INPUT/SUGGESTIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC:

Ken Pesnell announced that he would not be reapplying for a Water Quality Committee appointment when his term expires as he is going to become a volunteer firefighter.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. Jamie announced that immediately following that meeting, there will be a going away/retirement party held for Mark Chandler. 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 4:12 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):
7.0 HOURS (Does NOT include water tester volunteer time)*