

BBVCC
Lakes and Drainage Committee Minutes
April 6, 2026 at 5:00PM

| Committee Members Present | | |
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| Bill Reilly | Betsy Just (Advisory) | Dave Carpenter |
| David Scheirman | Jack Dyrland | Jon Hall, Chair |
| Gwynne Briggs | Eddie Wood | Mathue Totten, Board Liaison |
| Committee Members Absent | | |
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| Staff Present | | |
| | Justine Brooks, AGM | David Franklin, GM |
| | Amy Ashby | Bobby Hoffer |
| Members Present | | |
| | Scott Tobiason | Ron Synder & Cathy Taggett |
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- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** at 5:01 pm by Jon Hall, acting chair.

- II. **Ratify Minutes:** March 2, 2026
Motion to approve with minor approved edits.
Motion by: David Scheirman **Seconded by:** Bill Reilly **Approved**

- III. **Adoption of Agenda**
Motion to approve agenda
Motion by: Bill Reilly **Seconded by:** David Scheirman **Approved**

- IV. **Visitor Comments and Suggestions**
 Scott Tobiason introduced himself and provided background of why he was at the meeting and past knowledge work with lakes and water testing.

- V. **Committee of the Whole**
A. Review Status of Committee Members/Officers
 New member status Eddie Wood- Board unanimously approved his membership.

- VI. **Subcommittee Reports**
Biological Management Subcommittee
 The subcommittee reported that testing results showed phosphorus levels below detectable limits of 50 parts per billion, with water temperatures also below 50 degrees. The discussion highlighted concerns about the lab's handling of low detection limits and the importance of proper sample handling and refrigeration methods. The group also discussed upcoming duckweed treatment scheduled for mid-March using the product **Sonar**.

 There was discussion regarding changes to an ecology permit for aquatic plant and algae management, specifically regarding lanthanum treatment monitoring requirements. The permit requires pre-treatment and post-treatment sampling, but the guidance provided by the state is insufficient for properly conducting the necessary testing. The concern being that requirements effectively transfer research responsibility onto the organization rather than having the Department of Ecology conduct the research themselves. The group discussed the potential need

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for consulting engineering help and considered pushing back on Ecology to request better-defined testing protocols before proceeding with the lanthanum treatment project.

The group determined that APEX lab is the only accredited facility for lanthanum testing in the region, and discussed the possibility of hiring a consultant like Wilson Engineering to assist with the technical aspects of sampling and filtration. This testing raised concerns regarding costs and could become quite high and take time. The committee may need to be prepared to come up with a backup plan if the timeline for treatment needs to be pushed back from testing requirements. The group decided to explore working with Apex for testing and potentially setting them up as a vendor, though they also considered issuing a Request For Proposal to compare options from multiple consultants. The subcommittee agreed to meet again in one week to further discuss next steps and action items.

The subcommittee addressed the purchase of a Hanna model dissolved oxygen meter (HI 98194) and discussed other various options and their capabilities. The committee emphasized that this purchase would allow for additional testing requirements including conductivity, pH, and temperature monitoring.

Motion to: recommend to the Board to authorize the purchase of a Hanna model HI98194 Dissolved Oxygen Meter.

Motion by: Bill Reilly

Seconded by: Dave Carpenter

Approved

Hydrologic Control Subcommittee

The Hydrologic Control Subcommittee discussed updates on engineering projects and stormwater management. Cascade Engineering is continuing work on replacing Corrugated Metal Pipes, while a new engineering company, Freeland & Associates, will handle lower gate area projects. The subcommittee also addressed scheduling a community meeting about stormwater management.

Flood Monitoring, Preparation, and Response Subcommittee

The subcommittee presented the plan to remove the pump in the next few weeks and had no flooding issues to report.

Education Subcommittee

The group discussed fishing regulations for private ponds within Birch Bay Village, with particular focus on whether state jurisdiction applies.

Ron Tagget presented on barbless fishing hooks, explaining the benefits of using barbless hooks for fish survival and demonstrating how to modify hooks to be barbless. He and Kathy offered to teach a class on fishing techniques and equipment, including how to make hooks barbless. The group discussed signage for fishing areas, with Justine confirming that Patrick is leading the charge on signage modifications.

Development Oversight Subcommittee

There was no need for a report. Will update next month.

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County / Lakes Subcommittee

Bill stated that the MOU project was addressed earlier in discussion. There is a scheduled meeting for April 7, 2026 with Freeland & Associates.

New Business

No new business.

Motion to Adjourn at 6:58 pm

Motion by: Bill Reilly **Seconded by:** Dave Scheirman **Approved**