

## EAGLE LAKE GUARDIANS

### MINUTES FOR MEETING ON FRIDAY August 31, 2018 10AM

#### **Board Members**

Valerie Aubrey, Treasurer & Acting President  
Kathy Claytor, Secretary  
Board Member Position open  
Rudy Whitmer, Board Member  
Pat Tetrault, Board Member

#### **Open Meeting:**

**Roll Call:** Val Aubrey, Kathy Claytor, Pat Tetrault

#### **Treasury Report:**

Taxes all filed in a timely manner. Beginning February 2018 Fiscal Year Balance \$7275.63 to date **\$8490.72**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Discuss Current Restoration update by TU (6-18-18), Goals and Accomplishments Pine Creek Conservation Plan 2018.**

Restoration Plans have stalled due to lack of funding for projects. Agencies such as DFW have denied funding restoration under Prop 1 at this time. Lassen RAC denied funding. Val Aubrey made the motion to Support TU by donating to Pine Creek Restoration if an attorney is not needed for determination purposes of which Eagle Lake Guardians have been saving towards. Lahontan Water Rights Division supposedly working on water rights determination, if not completed, seek attorney. Second by Kathy Claytor

**Discuss Options to continue supporting restoration plan through TU.**

Val Aubrey made the motion to assist funding TU as long as restoration plan continues for spawning habitat to restore a native spawn of Eagle Lake Rainbow Trout and not extensive cattle grazing, if legal determination is not needed. Second by Kathy Claytor

**Discuss option to seek legal determination RE Pine Creek water.**

Currently, requests to Lahontan RWQCB for determination of water rights for the terminal recipient of Pine Creek flow which is Eagle Lake are underway. Val Aubrey made the motion that depending on Lahontan Regional Water board determination on the Water Rights of the Terminal Recipient of Pine Creek water, consultation with water rights attorney may need to be sought if Lahontan refuses to do the job. We need to find out what right Eagle Lake and the Eagle Lake Rainbow Trout has to its watershed. Consultation prior to possible hire. Second by Kathy Claytor

**Discussion of current complaint filed (someone else complained too) with EPA regarding cattle grazing along the lake shore. Doug Cushman Lahontan RWQCB, Brian Judge Lahontan RWQCB. Photos submitted. USFS apparently denies any cattle are at the lake and had not returned nor answered calls from Lahontan as per Doug Cushman. Photo proof requested by Lahontan, photos sent from Christie Day Use Area, up the west side, around Pelican Pt and off Spalding. From 5-18-18 to 8-23-18**

**Discussion, no motion:** After proof was requested by Lahontan Water Board of Val Aubrey who submitted all photo's with file dates intact on digital photos. USFS KC Pasero sent an email to Lahontan Water Board saying that the cows that have been along the lake shore on the west side of the lake since May were not there and only recently were "stirred up by the Whaleback Fire and found their way to the lake". And that the "permittee was getting trucks ready to remove these cattle by 8-29". Not done as of 8-31. Lahontan was up in July, looking for cows at the recreation area and didn't see any walking along the south shore beach to Merrill Campground. Complaints were filed regarding the west side of the lake from Christie Campground to Spalding as early as May, other complaints filed in April. Lahontan apparently led to the wrong place in July to see the cattle in the lake. Didn't know that Sandy Beach was below the Cinder Pit north of Spalding which would have entailed well over 17 miles of hiking to get to Merrill. No cows were sighted along the south shore. Once Lahontan was informed that they were not looking in the right place, they have not responded to requests for information. Cows were sighted near Spalding along highway 139 on BLM. Brian Judge and Doug Cushman are the parties within Lahontan Regional Water quality Control Board. KC Pasero, USFS LNF.

Val had filed a complaint with CalEPA regarding the water rights question for Eagle Lake water. Supposedly being determined by Victor Vasquez at SWRCB Division of Water Rights. Other Lahontan employee investigating cattle grazing IN the lake, around the lake, in Spalding and in Pine Creek watershed, is Jeff Brooks. Doug Cushman, Lahontan in a phone call inadvertently disclosed the name of the other Eagle Lake water quality complaint filer as Will Turner. Mr Turner has a home in Spalding. Val and Will are now in contact with each other and working towards the same goal, protecting Eagle Lake water quality. USFS posted signage regarding blue green algae, children should not swim in the lake where the clouds of algae are present. Dogs should not swim in or drink the lake water. Fish are ok to eat but not to use lake water to rinse or clean fish.

Humans have been on wastewater systems for over 12 years and Val and Will are seeking the problem that is fertilizing the blue/green algae which has inundated the lake since 2016. No answers yet but still in pursuit of test results, ecoli cause and determination.

**Add John Simlick to Board:**

John has property at Eagle's Nest and an avid Eagle Lake angler. Val Aubrey made the motion to add John as a board member to fill the vacancy left by Steve Williams moving. Second by Kathy Claytor.

**Discuss continuation until legal determination is found.**

Eagle Lake Guardians will continue to fight for the benefit of the lake, native spawn of Eagle Lake rainbow trout and to bring back the recreational opportunities and local economy to all the resort communities.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Replace Rudy Whitmer's position on board as health issues have prevented his involvement for a year. Motion was made by Kathy Claytor to seek a local resident/business owner to fill Rudy's position. An emergency meeting can be initiated ASAP to authorize replacement board member. Second by Val Aubrey.

**Adjourn:**

Motion to Adjourn meeting made by Pat Tetrault, Second by Kathy Claytor.

Respectfully Submitted

  
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Kathy Claytor, Secretary Eagle Lake Guardians