



**MINUTES
DEVILS LAKE WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING**

**DLWID OFFICE
March 1, 2007
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Brian Green
Otis Winchester
Smokey Aschenbrenner
Jack Strayer

ABSENT: Robert Landhuis

AUDIENCE: Doug Pirie
Raylene Erickson, PADL Recording Secretary
Pat Payne and son, Jeff Oxford
Chester Noreikis

STAFF: Paul Robertson

MEDIA: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Winchester.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Aschenbrenner asked whether the notation in the previous minutes (Page 3, Line 8) would require a change to the regular budget. Robertson replied that it require combining the management fund and the watershed fund into a line item that would encompass all projects relative to vegetation management. He noted the date should read "July 1." Winchester moved and Green seconded approving the previous minutes with the date changed.

Discussion then ensued regarding the naming of the new fund, requirements to do so and the fact that the funds need to be appropriated to be spent. Publishing requirements were discussed. Green stated that he thought the action could be handed with a resolution to make those appropriations into the new Lake Improvement Fund or the Capital Fund by July 1. It was agreed that Robertson would "look into it" and determine the best procedure. If feasible, he would bring a resolution to the next meeting to effect the change.

Vote: Unanimous. Minutes were approved with the requested change.

Financial Report

Robertson stated that there was no significant issue to explain. He stated that the previous lake manager had sent some samples for analyses; when he Robertson began researching vegetation management changes, that set of data was the best available. He reported that the plankton has moved to the cyanobacteria side. The data is available and is represented by the Water and Environmental Services invoice--\$ 80 to \$100 apiece. Strayer asked about the \$2,200 for the annual audit, the Viking Instrument Lab invoice for the dissolved oxygen unit repair and the Public Relations amount on Page 3, all of which Robertson clarified.

Public Comment

None on agenda items.

Unfinished Business

Vegetation Management Strategies

A brief discussion began regarding the workshop. Robertson reported that there was a consensus to look at Solar Bees seriously and continue with the carp. Green mentioned that he would like to summarize the meeting. He continued that for the next part of the process, he would like to see a list of questions developed that could be used to contact other lake managers who have invested in Solar Bees in an attempt to learn as much as possible from their experience with them. He asked that a grid be created to put the lake and the various factors on it to measure the feasibility of each of the issues. It will then be determined whether Devils Lake is a good venue for the use of Solar Bees. Robertson agreed that if there are not a lot of weeds in the lake, Solar Bees would be most effective for cyanobacteria control. It was determined that more comprehensive investigation was required to determine whether there were maintenance issues or accident issues with the Solar Bees. Winchester stated that maybe they should go to DF&WL and see if they could get a permit and a grant to help with the purchase of Solar Bees.

Chetlo Place

Robertson talked by e-mail to Erinn Birmingham, who said the landowner has not contacted her. Pat Payne had personally delivered a couple of photos to Erinn and she stated that she felt Erinn was a hard working and sincere person. Robertson said that he has "placed the ball in their court." Pat said she has not seen anything from Newport regarding permits; she said she has offered, through her attorney, to buy the designated land to retain it as wetlands. Robertson said the owner likely feels that he could do as he pleased; however, now that he is aware of obstacles to installing an RV park, he might be willing to sell to Pat.

Robertson discussed a phone call regarding three projects in the area that had generated a total of \$31,000 in mitigation funds. He will find out if these monies are from this landowner's project.

Green Acres

Robertson talked to Randy Neal as well as a variety of other people about technical guidance issues. Robertson also discussed the possibility of a grant with Gus Gates (the person in charge of small grants for this area), and will meet with him next Saturday. Mr. Gates has stated that they have 50-60,000 that must be identified by June 30. Robertson feels that the grant will be possible. OWEB's small grant program provides grants of less than \$10,000. There larger grant program might be an option for Solar Bees funding.

Erosion IGA

Robertson spoke with the City Engineer, who said that the City did not approve the project. Robertson said that he feels they did not understand the concept thoroughly and he refreshed Stephanie's memory. He feels that if they can get the City Manager interested, the issue will be approved. Robertson will propose a three-month pilot project to begin in March or April.

Thompson Creek

Robertson spoke with Bobbi Linderg at DEQ and said that the best way to go about this is to generate part of what is the sampling and analysis plan. For the DLWID data to be certified by the state, DLWID has to be qualified. Robertson says he has written a plan of action that is changed from the original report format. He reworked it so that it will occur in the summertime, since there is more of a threat at that time. He stated that one sample will not be enough. Aschenbrenner asked if they required five samples within 30 days and Robertson said that was for E. coli. Robertson continued that if he takes samples on Mondays, he would need to add one day to make certain that the data is useful. Green asked about a strategy of going to the landowners and threatening to go to the State if they do not comply. Robertson said he would rather apply for a grant based on his testing. He feels the project is more valid if completed with the State's sanction. Robertson will talk to Steve Hansen at DEQ about a volunteer monitoring program.

Boat house and boat docks

Raylene Erickson sent out surveys and they have received a lot of them back; they appear to be favorable. People are interested, but are confused about the set-back issue. For the most part, the project is coming along well. As soon as the District's website is up and running, the other 400 pieces can be sent out.

OSU Master Student

Robertson talked to two of Gladys Macaosip's advisors and they would like a copy of a the Diagnostic & Feasibility Study. They need an idea by next term of what her project will be. Dr. Chan is very creative with ideas (he's involved in the invasive species board game) with an emphasis on Devils Lake. He has expressed an interest in introducing Robertson to other members of his department. Robertson said that he, Dr. Chan, Dr. Sampson and Gladys and the newest member of the Sea Grant program will meet in April to discuss her project.

www.DLWID.org

The creation of the website has been very frustrating. Robertson said he will meet with Casey of Ocean 18 to determine if he is attempting to access the correct website. Chester Noreikis mentioned that Lenny Nelson might be a good resource.

Power Line over Canal

Robertson stated that he met with some deputies on the 16th of February. The Marine deputies decided they would talk to Pacific Power about some guidelines. Twenty-five plus ten feet is the guideline the marine board has developed for power lines over lakes the size of Devils Lake. They discussed installation of a new pole at the existing right of way that would raise the line five feet. Doug Pirie said that it was unacceptable. To create one foot of clearance, they would have to raise the other end five times more. He stated that the homeowners have been pestering Pacific Power for five years to place their power lines underground. Robertson said that he would try to talk to Kevin Putnam again and pass along Doug Pirie's complaint.

Lake Steward Nomination Request

Since the award ceremony is scheduled for early in April at the Community Days banquet, Robertson said he felt this meeting was the best time to elect a recipient. He asked if the Board would like to choose a recipient by ballot from the two written and one verbal nominations. Raylene Erickson declined her nomination. Robertson passed out ballots and Linda Burt counted them. By unanimous decision, Chester Noreikis was elected as the 2007 Lake Steward. A plaque will be created and presented to Mr. Noreikis at the Lincoln City Community Days banquet.

East Devils Lake Road (EDLR)

No additional information was available.

New Business

11th & EDLR

Robertson reported that he had received a complaint regarding the property across from the Hart property near Chetlo (designated as significant wetlands) which had received many truckloads of material. Robertson visited the property on the second day. When he saw Robertson, the contractor radioed Jim Drayton, who declared to Robertson that the property was not wetlands, but canary reed grasslands. Robertson later confirmed that it is designated as significant wetlands on the planning maps. He, therefore, sent a letter to the owners, DSL and the Army Corps of Engineers as well as the County. Robertson informed Erinn Birmingham, and the State is now aware of the issue. Robertson's letter included that there are issues with building on the property, including the County's requirements for building in a flood plain. Robertson said he is not aware of any enforcement tools regarding vegetation clearing. He will pursue the issue.

Lincoln Land Legacy Advisory Board

Robertson stated that the County has \$400,000 that they need to spend on conservation projects. On one project in Yachats they were able to do surveys that precipitated the landowners agreeing to turn the property over to the County for conservation. The County has completed some work at Yaquina Bay and they want to continue with projects on the north end of the County. Robertson announced the issue at the last Chamber of Commerce luncheon where there were realtors in the audience. This would encompass any project where landowners want to place their property in conservation forever.

Data management

Robertson reported that he has been working with ten years' worth of data, placing the information into many fewer documents so that it can be translated into a data base for information. It is a time-consuming project, but when completed, will generate trends from 1972 through 2007. Green asked if Robertson could hire someone to input the data and Robertson stated that it might be possible for the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz to obtain a grant for someone to perform the work.

IECA Reno, NV

There were approximately 2,000 people at the conference that included a vendor fair. It is the largest such conference in the world and the training courses are solid.

Robertson said that he swapped the low impact development course for the design course, which turned out to be too technical and specific for his needs. He did find the other courses to be very beneficial. After completing the course on watershed, Robertson stated that he would like to promote to the City that they disconnect some of their asphalt areas from the direct impact on the lake. The sediment loads should pass through the soil. One of the primary focuses was storm waters, including road surfaces and rooftops, which are the number one pollutant in the country. Another helpful course was the one regarding inspections. Robertson obtained a book on approaching an inspection with directions on how to operate such a program. Robertson stated that he would like to obtain certification as an Erosion Control Specialist.

Oregon Shores Coast Watch Workshop

Robertson showed the PowerPoint presentation that focused on land use that he created for the Florence Conference. The show provided a history of Devils Lake Water Improvement District—how it was formed and why. The Board expressed pleasure with the show and commended Robertson on his creativeness.

Non-agenda Items

Doug Pirie showed slides of the properties that have been discussed—Chetlo and the power line issues.

Public Comment

None.

Announcements

Robertson will speak on KBCH 1400 am at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2007.

Election Reminder: File by March 15, 2007.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Burt