



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

**DLWID OFFICE  
February 7, 2008  
6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Otis Winchester  
Jack Strayer  
Smokey Aschenbrenner  
David Juenke

**ABSENT:** Brian Green (Excused)

**AUDIENCE:** Raylene Erickson  
Doug Pirie  
Don Sell  
Chester Noreikis  
Jeff Hillyard  
Paul Mistretta  
Roger and Pat Robertson

**STAFF:** Paul Robertson

**MEDIA:** None

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

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Strayer moved approving the Minutes of the previous meeting and the move was seconded by Juenke.

**Vote:** Unanimous. Motion passed.

**Financial Report**

A few minor changes were explained by Robertson. Aschenbrenner moved and Strayer seconded approving the financial report. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion passed.

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Unfinished Business**

### **Boat House/Docks**

Robertson reported he attended a January 21 Lincoln county Planning commission workshop where they discussed Matt Spangler's draft of the ordinance with his changes of the original draft. Also attending were Kiera Morgan, a reporter, and Julie Sexton of BE Sexton Construction, who said the drafted ordinance does not stray far from the existing one. Robertson reported to the Commission that 400 surveys went out to lake property owners and 136 were presented at the meeting.

Strayer asked if the Commission gave any indication of an upcoming ruling. Robertson said they would make recommendations to the County Commissioners. The first step of the process has been completed. It is now up to the Planning Commission to move along in the process.

### **Native Revegetation: Jack Strayer**

Strayer indicated not a whole lot more has ensued. He has made a few contacts with Dr. Smart of the Corps of Engineers, who has not returned the communication. One of Strayer's contacts suggested that he attend an informal warm-water fish meeting along with the Fish and Wildlife fisheries. The agenda includes a one-half hour segment assigned to Strayer as a Board member of DLWID. Strayer will attend the meeting on February 15 in Salem from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and report back to the Board next meeting.

### **Boat Launch Signage**

Robertson spoke with Steve, who has completed a prototype of the signage and as soon as the weather clears, he will place it at Regatta Grounds—probably in March. In the spring, Robertson may request additional funds to create additional signs for other launching/park areas.

### **Grass Carp Application**

The rejection of the District's application arrived by mail from ODFW. Three criteria were listed: the 100-year floodplain; the lack of an engineering design (with an approval stamp) of a system for containing the fish and the fact that Devil's Lake is not considered to be a private lake. The idea of the application was to apply with the knowledge that there would be a denial, but the process would be set in place for an appeal. The first two criteria relate to ODFW regulations; but the third would require a change of state law. If the carp are placed in a lake that is on public land and they can be controlled, it might be approved. Basically, the District does not qualify. Strayer stated that a vegetation management plan is needed for the future to work on changing the outlook. Winchester asked if this is something that might be addressed in the upcoming workshop. Strayer said the Board might need to contact legislators from this area and convince them.

### **Chinook Winds Golf Water Right Application**

Robertson reported that he received notice that Chinook Winds is progressing on well applications for Neotsu and Thompson Creeks. Robertson is concerned about precious water rights and the weak enforcement clause—how will it be shown that the golf course’s usage does not have an impact on water levels? Robertson stated that the applicants have expressed their desire to seek a better solution—perhaps applying for the junior water right under that owned by the City on Neotsu Creek since Devils Lake Golf Course was originally included, or they might apply for a right on Thompson Creek. They are seeking water that will be cheaper than city tap water. The best solution might be for them to obtain the water right which would come into Devils Lake and they would pull it into the golf course. Sell asked if the process was going smoothly since there appeared to be no objections. Strayer suggested that the Board not rush into acquiescing until they learn more of the details. Robertson said that he would find out more information on the pump sizes involved. It was agreed that 500 gallons a minute seemed somewhat excessive.

### **Office Improvements**

Lots of dry wall, insulation and windows are completed; sanding and patchwork continues. The new office will soon be carpeted and painted (Robertson was involved in the color choices). The sink/water will be installed on the South wall. Robertson said they are hoping to have the interior nearly completed within the month. Winchester asked about the lease completion. Robertson replied that as soon as the improvements are completed, the new five-year lease will be presented.

### **[www.DLWID.org](http://www.DLWID.org) & Google Analytics**

Robertson demonstrated the new Google analytical program that the District is utilizing for tracking of customer usage and other issues. Robertson’s promoting of a trivia question about the District spawned additional interest in the DLWID website. Robertson said the Google program shows unique addresses, new customers, average time spent on the site, information on browsers, where customers are located, how they discovered the site and more. The service is complimentary just for signing up.

## **New Business**

### **DSL & DLWID Brochure**

A new brochure was created by Robertson and Kevin Moynahan with input from Jamie Hammit and Robert Rose from US ACE. The brochure underwent many alterations and editing to arrive at the final design. The Board was impressed and felt it was very informative and will sort out the confusion about how much fill is permitted in the Lake—none without a permit.

### **Taxes, 1099’s**

Robertson reported that all W-2’s and 1099’s have been completed and mailed.

### **D River Dam Wood Replacement**

Robertson has asked Steve to investigate the cost of replacing the 4 x 8's with 2 x 8's on the dam and to create a replacement plan. It appears the cost would be approximately \$110; however, Robertson feels that if it isn't broken, it should not be changed at this time. The wood segments are 5, 8 and 10 feet in length with some variability. The Soap Box Derby organizers are interested in obtaining the existing wood if the decision is made in the future to replace it.

### **SolarBees**

The Oregon Lake Association has been approached by a consultant and an OSU professor to participate in a grant application to place SolarBees on Klamath Lake. The Association is divided on their potential involvement in the project. They do not wish to be involved because they do not have a staff person to perform the paperwork. Robertson suggested to the group that if the project could be moved to Devils Lake, the Board would probably be interested in participating, and might, be interested anyway. Robertson said that a great deal of knowledge could be obtained from the project regarding Oregon lakes. Robertson asked Board members if they felt it would be worth his while to coordinate a joint study of a project located in another lake that would probably involve five-plus hours per month. It might be of interest from a watershed approach. Oregon Lake Association's role would be to act as the fiduciary agent. The professor from Oregon State University, along with a lobbyist, is going after these Federal funds to study renewable energy related to the DOE grant in March. The Bureau of Reclamation is not involved in it. Strayer said that it sounds like a good idea; however, the District would prefer that it be in Devils Lake. Winchester asked how soon they would need a response. Robertson said he did not believe they were interested in Devils Lake. Aschenbrenner said that Robertson should let them know that the Board might be interested in providing grant administrative assistance, but would definitely prefer to move the study to Devils Lake. Strayer agreed that he would like to see Robertson contact them and get as involved as he felt feasible, but suggested that Robertson not commit his time to Klamath Falls—the District would like to see some benefit from the project. Robertson said the SolarBees would either work in Klamath Lake or they would not. Aschenbrenner advised Robertson to keep the Board apprised of the progress and let them know if they need to make a decision before the next meeting.

### **Pigeon Lake, Alberta**

Robertson made a web contact in Alberta where they are also considering installing SolarBees to handle internal loading of nutrients. Joseph Eilers said that Ashland has purchased two SolarBees for their reservoir with cyanobacteria problems.

### **Oregon Public Broadcasting**

OPB is producing a television program on invasive species scheduled to air on Earth Day—April 22. Invasive species are a billion dollar problem. One of the people involved is Dr. Chan who gave the producer Robertson's name since they are creating a segment on bio controls as a way of dealing with invasive species—organisms attacking organisms. They feel it is best to counter their optimistic approach with some other perspectives on the risks. Since Devils Lake is a prime example, Robertson will meet

with Ed Jahn, producer of the program on February 8 at 9:30 a.m. to shoot a segment on the Lake.

**Oregon Field Guide Special**

<http://www.opb.org/programs/ofg/invasives>

**Premiers Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup> on OPB**

**Non-Agenda Items**

The Board chose Saturday, February 16 as the date for the next Workshop meeting—it will begin at 10:00 a.m. for two to three hours.

**Public Comment**

None

**Announcements**

Robertson will speak on KBCH 1400 am at 7:00 a.m. next Tuesday, February 12, 2008.

**Celebration Party**

The Order of Formation of DLWID was February 29, 1984. This is the sixth birthday, since the initial founding date was during a leap year. A birthday party was held for DLWID with Board members and audience.

**Adjournment**

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Burt