



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

**DLWID OFFICE
July 3, 2008
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Jack Strayer
Smokey Aschenbrenner
David Juenke

ABSENT: Otis Winchester
Brian Green

AUDIENCE: None

STAFF: Paul Robertson

MEDIA: None

Aschenbrenner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes.

Strayer asked that a change be made on Page 4 whereon Robertson would attempt to establish a date in June for a workshop meeting instead of July, as written. Strayer moved and Juenke seconded approval of the June Minutes with the change incorporated.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Financial Report.

Fiscal Year Summary.

Robertson said he paid extra invoices the end of June—credit card, Blair Marine and others. He paid for the safety deposit box twice—the first check was sent to Honolulu by the credit card company. The credit was used to purchase a microwave for the lab.

Juenke asked about the payment for the Boat Rinse Station grant to PADL. Robertson said that the \$2,500 had been paid on June 9; he proceeded to set up the projector to display cash disbursements and other reports to the Board. Aschenbrenner asked about the total expenditures from the previous year. Robertson showed that \$246,772 was the

annual income, including the \$75,000 from the previous year. \$200,579 was spent, leaving \$46,192 as the net income for the General Fund. An additional amount of \$10,000 was identified as improvement fund interest. Aschenbrenner requested that Robertson print the Profit and Loss statement for the financial packet for the August meeting. Total assets as of June 30 were \$391,251.76.

Robertson explained that the County projects tax revenue, with a 3% addition each year. Robertson said he could obtain a year-end report as well as one for approximately the two and a half years since his employment. He then spent some time explaining the reports.

Robertson informed the Board that they could pay 11 months of boat storage in advance and obtain a free month. And, if the storage bill were paid in full before August when the rates increase, the District's rates would not increase. On January 1, Robertson will request to move enough funds into the boat storage line item to cover payment for 12 upcoming months. The Board agreed that Robertson could prepay as needed to save funds.

Resolutions 08-02, 08-03 and 08-06 were amended as previously requested by the Board. Strayer moved and Juenke seconded approving the resolutions as amended.

Unfinished Business

Boat House/Docks

Nothing new to report for the past two months.

Native Revegetation

Strayer said he was concerned that they had not had a special meeting yet. He mentioned his receipt of a resume from Elizabeth Cain. She had taken another job, since she could not wait for a Board decision.

Strayer said that he had gathered everything he could and will place it into a more structured format to produce some action so that other agencies can see where DLWID stands. He wants to ensure that the Board supports any action. He will summarize what needs to be accomplished and obtain everyone's comments to use as a starting point. He said this could be completed during the special session. He stated that he has a computer installed with Vista and discussion ensued regarding the best format to use for saving documents so that everyone could open them. Robertson suggested saving documents with a suffix of .doc for Word 2003 to 2007.

Strayer asked if Robertson has contacts in DSL and DEQ. Robertson responded that his contacts are from DSL, with none as yet from DEQ.

Intern

Robertson stated that he received a second application—from a college student who lives in Willamina with a GIS background. He will continue searching for someone with a biology or chemistry background, although he might consider inviting the student in to

chat as a possible candidate for the lab work. He said the Intern Request had been placed on the networks for watershed. Free press was being generated.

Aschenbrenner said that next year a search should be implemented in March prior to termination of the school year.

Bioswale Update

The City is going to take on the project with the grant from the Soil and Water Conservation District from DEQ at Voris Field.

Strayer asked if the Board would consider influencing the Planning Commission to reduce the amount of hazardous direct flow into the lake—cleaning the water prior to its draining into the lake. He suggested encouraging the Planning Commission to require developers to work it into their plans. He said that now would be a good time to work on some regulations with the City and County. Robertson said the first step would be to write a letter to the Planning Commission indicating the support of DLWID in working the creation of bioswales into the storm water process. The City is moving forward, but the District's stated support would be advantageous.

Robertson said the footprint of the golf course has not changed. Robertson said that a portion of the Devils Lake Plan would include a section on storm water. He will definitely work with the decision makers on developing standards. He will send letters to both the County and City regarding implementing standards that could be enforceable. Juenke said it seems an important issue for controlling nutrients entering the lake and that Robertson might point out that storm drains are the greatest polluters.

Boat Repair Update

Blair Marine conducted a thorough check of the boat and concluded that if anything is leaking, it must have been the plug. He could not find any leaks, but did caulk a couple of bolts on the stern.

Lake Level Update

Robertson reported that the Parks Department called again and he informed them how he had been dealing with the flooding issue. He reminded them that they had created ditches and the campground's location in the wetlands probably causes problems, and it has been wetter this year. He asked Steve to drop the lake level to 9.6, which is a level he will try to maintain. Making changes in the dam from 4x8s to 4x6s should help. Both Strayer and Juenke expressed their disapproval of lowering the lake level. Robertson impressed upon them that he believes it is important to maintain compatibility with the Parks Department. Going to a 9.6 level is not a detriment, since the primary goal is to float boats.

Robertson said a tight dam is the key to maintaining lake level. Strayer asked if Robertson could prepare a lake level report for each Board meeting. Strayer and Juenke suggested that the Parks Department representative might be invited to come and talk to the Board. Aschenbrenner suggested that the Board wait and see what happens by October, and then the Board might talk to the Parks Department. It appears that there is a 9-inch drop between the highest level and the lowest level of the lake.

The Devils Lake Plan

Robertson said that the organizations that sent response letters were DSL, ODFW, NMFS, the EPA and the Office of Water and Watershed Director and NOAA Fisheries. Aschenbrenner asked that these letters be placed in the packet for the special meeting and listed on the agenda.

New Business

Contract Renewals

Addressing the contract renewals was postponed to when Brian Green is in attendance.

DSL Enforcement Actions

2551 EDLR

There was a complaint when a resident installed concrete blocks on the lake's edge. The resident is to remove to the original footprint except where a risk to their boathouse might be incurred. They also received a \$1,000 fine that will be rescinded if they comply and obtain a permit.

4945 EDLR

There was a follow-up on an unpermitted boat dock. A letter from DSL is the first acknowledgement of jurisdiction and the requirement of a permit.

Non-Agenda Items

Robertson pointed out the new microwave, refrigerator and the cyanobacteria lab. He is pleased with it.

Cyanowatch program is in three phases—the signs have been put up at all kiosk sites, including Regatta Grounds. They will be changed from green to yellow to red as needed. The yellow will be used for scummy water; if the cyanotoxins rise to the dangerous level, red signs will be posted at the appropriate sites.

Juenke asked if Robertson would contact Oregon State so that they could come and study the blooms as they appear and Robertson responded, "Yes." Strayer asked what actions were planned if there is a Red Alert, and Robertson said he would send out warnings by e-mail, post the notice on the website and close off the polluted areas. He would then increase the frequency of sampling until the levels are safe. He would offer people information on methods of reducing vulnerability. To receive e-mail notification, people can sign up on the website.

Aschenbrenner said he had been asked if fish caught in the lake were safe to eat. Robertson responded that if the fish is cleaned and filleted before cooking, the meat should be safe.

Robertson said the weekly monitoring has not yet begun. When there are physical signs of a bloom, he will send it to the lab. He is now making visual checks; phase two will be enumeration and phase three will test for toxins at the same time. Identification can be made in four days. He will continue periodic checking until the weather turns hot, when he will check more frequently; he will not check more than every three days. Juenke said he remains hopeful that Robertson can still hire an intern to perform the testing. Juenke asked if it would be worth calling OSU or U of O to inform them the District is searching for a Biology, Chemistry or Biochemistry intern. Robertson replied that he has posted on the OSU and PSU list; he will place on the U of O list, as well.

Robertson asked for approval from the Board for the application fee and travel expenses to attend the Oregon Lake Association Conference to be held at Wallowa Lake in September, which the Board gave.

Robertson said the City is performing a lakefront restoration. It is an educational project that can be shared with the public, and Robertson has been participating with the City on this issue.

Robertson said he would like to honor a Board member who has provided outstanding service. He presented to Jack Strayer the framed certificate. Strayer accepted it with thanks.

Discussion about the special meeting date ensued. It was determined that the best date would be Tuesday, July 29th at 11:00 a.m. The meeting will continue for five or six hours. Robertson said he would pick up lunch for the Board.

Public Comment

None

Announcements

1. KBCH 1400 am, July 7, 2008, 7:15 a.m.
2. Cyanotoxin Training: July 9, 2008, 8:30 – 4:30
3. Budget to Assessor: July 15, 2008
4. Linfield College Field Class at DLWID, July 16, 2008; 10:00 – 12:00.
5. Oregon Lake Association 08 – Wallowa Lake, September 12-14, 2008
6. Rotary Program, Noon – July 23, 2008

Adjournment

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Burt