



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

**DLWID OFFICE
August 5, 2010
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Randy Weldon
Brian Green
Dave Skirvin
Joe Barnes
Jack Strayer

ABSENT: None

AUDIENCE: Doug Pirie, Gary Ellingsen, city council member,
Larry Brown,

STAFF: Paul Robertson

MEDIA: None

Green called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. at the office of the Devils Lake Water Improvement District.

Minutes July, 2010.

Strayer questioned the Minutes as to the intent of the Board regarding moving forward on hiring a project management specialist. He asked if the plan was designed for one person or for more than one person to accomplish. Green reminded that we are now discussing approval of the Minutes from July.

A second issue that Strayer questioned in the July Minutes was the decision to extend the manager's contract and whether it was stated that the contract "may" be put out as an RFP. Strayer said he recollected that the motion was to definitely put out an RFP, permitting Robertson to apply for the position. Green said that as he recalled, the Minutes were correct in stating that after the three-month probationary period it would be decided whether the contract would be put out for an RFP. In terms of the Minutes, Green said they were correct. He said that going forward the decision would be made.

Green moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Barnes seconded the motion.

Voting to approve the minutes as recorded were Weldon, Barnes and Green. Skirvin and Strayer opposed the motion to approve. Motion passed to approve the Minutes as presented.

Strayer moved that the minutes as recorded be compared to the digital version on the two issues in question. Skirvin seconded his motion.

Weldon, Strayer and Skirvin voted for checking the digital recordings on the two issues.

Barnes and Green opposed the motion.

Motion carried. Robertson will attempt to obtain a digital recording from the City and present it to Burt to check for accuracy.

Financial Report

Robertson stated that one additional invoice for \$125 from Accent on Business for the June minutes arrived after the report. Everything else on the report was correct.

Green moved to approve the financial report. Skirvin seconded.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda items

No public comments.

Unfinished business

Lake Level

Robertson presented the best information he has to date from Greg Beaman, Water Resources, on his findings, which Greg has not yet sent in writing. Robertson expects it next week.

The height of the cement dam is 8.03' above sea level. The maximum storage the district is allocated is 1,360 acre feet, achieved by impounding an additional 18" above the cement. This will place the dam at 9.53' above MSL, but gages at the D River and nearer the campground read slightly lower than at 9.3'.

An issue with water flowing over and the curvature of the water makes it difficult to read. When the dam is not flowing that much, it will be truer. Beaman suggested they were pretty identical in height. The gage can be lowered

Skirvin asked what Robertson would recommend.

Robertson recommends moving it down using the existing staff location and maybe installing a new staff gage on it; there is room for a second one. Price of a gage is around \$70. Robertson said that if the old one is left intact, it will assist in showing that we are following the survey. Robertson asked if the Board wishes to fix it or calculate as the lake level is posted.

Skirvin suggested that people would want to know what the actual level is. Robertson said the allocated hours from the lake contractor can be used for this function.

Skirvin moved to allocate up to \$200, moving it from contingency to capital equipment, to purchase a new gage and up to two hours of the lake contractor's time to install the new gage. Barnes seconded.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Robertson will write a resolution for this motion and present it for the Board's signature. Skirvin asked if Robertson was estimating .67 inches a week for evaporation for August and .5 inches per week for September, to which Robertson replied, "Yes."

Discussion about the issue continued.

Robertson said he will meet with Sexton soon.

Strayer asked why we are releasing water into the ocean that nobody is using.

Robertson said it is under the conditions of the permit and it is for fish migration. The conditions of the permit dictate the inflow must match the outflow during August and September.

Barnes said the lake is downstream from creeks and it could be the difference between a creek drying up or not drying up. Robertson said it's a 10-year-old provision and the response to an exemption was an emphatic, "No."

Skirvin asked if Robertson could ask for an explanation as to why we cannot obtain an exemption—and to ask Greg Beaman to provide an explanation.

Robertson said he had asked for an exemption and if the Board wishes him to pursue it further, he will. Green requested that Robertson press Water Resources Department as to why an exemption could not be granted.

DEQ 319 grant

Robertson said the bids need to be reviewed and a contractor selected. He presented a matrix that covers the RFP and how the three different contractors fulfill or match that RFP. The short of it is that he would recommend that this go to E&S Environmental, Inc. This is a good synopsis of what they would or would not do. E&S is Robertson's recommendation based on the matrix and on his review. He feels this group has performed this function a number of times and understands the data and they are willing to grade the data, which the other two were not willing to do and the bid price.. This is the lowest hard number--\$14,485, including the grading. OSU was \$15,000 without grading.

Dr. Raymond was the lead scientist for CH2M Hill and he is familiar with the lake and understands data of these types. Dr. Ford from OSU has also built data bases with disparate data, which is what the District's is, from back to 1972.

Green moved to contract with E&S Environmental, Inc. for the DEQ grant to fulfill the District's responsibilities. Strayer seconded.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

The next step is ensuring that they have everything they need, said Robertson. The sub-contract must be approved by DEQ and we need hard copies. An e-mail was sent to the coordinator, who is out until August 10. They need to proceed by mid-August.

Robertson said he does not know how long it will take them to complete the process.

The deliverable date is September 30.

Skirvin said since there is a 9/30 deadline for the database, Robertson should make certain that Dr. Raymond is aware of it and find out what it takes to perform this type of work. What is his drop-dead date to fulfill the September 30 deadline? You might also talk to the coordinator and see if an answer could be obtained as soon as possible.

Since they do not get the final product until March, Robertson said he does not anticipate a problem if they have to move the date forward. If they did all the data grading through

October and that was completed, there is a lot of time until the end of December to get the data in.

Discussion ensued about who would prepare the contract. Robertson said that a contract should match the proposal. Green requested Robertson asks ENS to draft a contract and have the District's attorney review it.

Native Vegetation

Robertson provided the Board a couple of quotes he had obtained for printing additional copies of the native vegetation brochure ranging from \$8 to \$12 per copy.

He reminded that this is a valuable product that could be provided to volunteers who work on the Save our Shoreline projects or just to residents who request a copy.

Skirvin said that they are for a specific audience—people who live on the water. Would it be of value to send one to each of the parcel owners around the lake so everyone has a copy or, perhaps, insert a flyer in the water bills informing residents that the brochure is available?

Robertson said the brochure is 13 pages, double-sided printing. The first 20 are nearly all gone. Weldon asked about providing the document on the website. Robertson said having a tangible document would have more effect. Strayer said he is concerned about the quality of the printing. Some people are sensitive to what they look like.

Robertson said the initial printing was part of the original contract.

Robertson said both Quality Printing and Imprints saw the physical document.

Barnes and Skirvin said they would prefer to give the printing job to a local shop.

Weldon said since the majority of the residents could obtain it on line. Why not give copies to the local library and allow people check it out.

Strayer said his idea was that folks could go on line and copy the pages they are interested in, print those and reference the sources in the back for where you could obtain the plants.

Skirvin said he likes that concept and if we augment it by placing a few in the library, people could be referred to the library for a hard copy.

Robertson said this brochure is a positive project and the goal is to get some private investment from residents in actually using the brochure.

Green said he likes the idea of creating a flyer to place in water bills informing folks that they can go on line at the website and informing them how to use the website.

Robertson said if the intent is to send it out in the water billing in black and white it will not have the full effect. Also, that is 6,000 copies.

Barnes suggested residents should be referred to the local vendors who carry the plants that people want.

Discussion continued about the benefit of printing vs. just a link on the website.

Green asked about a flyer to just lakefront owners.

Robertson said if it is a colored flyer, it is about \$1 per sheet plus postage to 500.

Larry Brown said he mailed out the "No Solar Bees" flyer for just over \$200.

Barnes moved to authorize Robertson to print 50 copies and create a flyer to mail to all the lake front owners plus 10 copies for placement at the library.

Green suggested increasing the number to 100 copies.

Barnes amended his motion to authorize Robertson to print 100 copies with 10 going to the library, at a total cost of \$808 with a local vendor. Furthermore, Robertson is authorized to develop a flyer that will be mailed to all lakefront home owners. Skirvin seconded the motion

Discussion: Green suggested using the same type of paper that the brochure is printed on.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Septic Tank Revitalization Program

Lenaert's absence is due to his sister's wedding, reported Robertson.

City Manager, Hawker, has expressed some issues with the watershed-wide inspection of septic tanks.

Lenaert is working with the City on an image that shows the properties that will be identified for initial inspections. It shows different levels of priorities and the manner in which properties are prioritized. Red represents inspection during the first year, yellow would be inspected the second year, etc. It is important for the District to nudge the City Council to proceed. Green said the District wants the inspections to be watershed-wide. Robertson said the City was looking at a part-time staff person to do the letter writing. Robertson said the District can provide comments at a City Council meeting. He said we could ask Hawker if they want to move forward in the next two weeks and express more urgency. Green suggested the Board just take it easy; there will not be any inspections until next June or July. It will take two or three months after we get a draft to get the ordinance passed.

Gary Ellingsen (from the city council) said the city attorney Joan Kelsey said she had a series of issues to deal with and this ordinance is on the list and is coming up.

Ellingsen offered to report to Robertson as soon as possible when he feels the issue will be addressed. He said the momentum is there.

Weldon said there is some urgency on the part of residents; his neighbor recently replaced his septic tank as a result of the impending inspections.

Shoreline Stabilization

Discussion ensued on the issue of property owners obtaining a DSL permit for planting. Strayer said the District might be able to assist property owners if they were required to obtain a permit 15 days prior to planting. Maybe the Board could obtain a sample permit. (Lenaerts stated in his report that it appears that a general authorization permit can be obtained 15 days prior to planting and a number of residents can apply on the same application as long as all the home owners sign the application and as long as no fill is being added.)

Green said he would suggested e-mailing Carrie Landrum at DSL with a sample of the information we want to provide to our shoreline participants, incorporating the verbiage on how to obtain a permit 15 days ahead of planting and get her input on the information and how to educate our residents.

That would be a perfect complement to our Save our Shoreline program, said Strayer.

Robertson said Lenaerts will not be available after August 13 since his RARE contract is up.

Lenaerts is working with a local machinist to create a yard sign for residents (at a cost ranging from \$7 to \$10 each) to place in their yards if they participate in the Save our Shoreline project.

Financial Oversight Committee

Robertson and Weldon reported that they have met and discussed the District's financial security issues. There are simple steps that will be implemented following the auditor's suggestions. Weldon said these steps will provide more transparency and checks and balances. Robertson said that steps have already been implemented and reminded the Board that there has never been any fraud within the District.

The Board took a short break.

Communications Report

Robertson showed a slide presentation on the history of the Cyanowatch program.

In 2005, there was no action.

In 2006, a flyer was posted around the watershed area for education and awareness.

2007, samples were collected and data obtained. Postings were color-coded. Red alert was posted when cyanobacteria counts exceeded the state limits.

2008 was the first year of toxin analysis. Sampling was episodically completed to capture the highest risk to help the most at-risk individuals.

2009 was the second year of toxin analysis. Sampling protocol was changed to include nine samples on each shoreline. They were combined into one composite sample. This was done at each of the 12 sites—six shoreline and six mid-lake. We may have missed the peak values at certain times. Samples were taken every two weeks. We made additional changes on the flyers.

Strayer said that when the signs are posted on the sand, it looks like lake is closed.

Robertson said 2010 was the third year of toxin analysis; staff has added a mid lake sample that encompasses the whole water column. A composite sample is made from a grab from 1 meter below the surface, a grab from the middle of depth, and a grab from 1 meter from the bottom.

News Guard provides a free color posting of *E. coli* data and they have added a section for the Cyanowatch program this year. The Cyanowatch banner will include a blurb weekly and where to find more information.

Brown asked why Robertson doesn't change Cyanowatch to bluegreen algae watch.

Robertson said people might think bluegreen algae are not dangerous.

Discussion ensued regarding the dangers of algae. Barnes asked for data on whether anyone has experienced negative symptoms. What would happen if we didn't post anything?

Robertson said if we didn't analyze and post anything, we could just wait and see.

Some people might look at the pea soup and think it is just bluegreen algae. He reminded that pets are particularly vulnerable. He said that he is not posting these notices until we have data to support them. Information will be on line within the same day.

Barnes how many lakes are located in Oregon and how many are posting?

There are about six thousand lakes and only a few lakes are posting right now, responded Robertson.

Green said the District is increasing its liability if posting is stopped. As knowledge increases, we have a duty to report to the public. Barnes said it's a detriment to the lake.

Green said we are only posting after there is pea soup—not all year. It's just informational. You are just explaining to people what the pea soup is.

Robertson agreed that we are just trying to provide people with information. There is a section in Spanish on the sign that was taken directly from the Washington State posting.

Robertson said that when the cyanobacteria break down and die, they release more toxins into the water and it takes up to two weeks for it to be safe. It is not just scum; although it is an easy telltale sign, you are not necessarily safe after it is gone. Robertson said we could just have these signs at the kiosks and the sign board to push the Cyanowatch every time we get a new sample. The health advisory could be posted below if it becomes necessary.

Weldon said posting it in the sand draws the wrong conclusion. This is when people leave.

Barnes said he thinks we need more evidence to post anything. Green said he likes the idea of posting only on the kiosks. The sign goes up only when there is scum and comes down when it dissipates.

Skirvin said it goes up with a red posting and comes down when there is no red posting?

Robertson agreed. Weldon said let's go to just the kiosk this year and make another decision next year. Barnes agreed. Green said the language is fine; we just want to post it on the kiosk. He continued, "Add, 'while this sign is posted.' And, remove 'livestock' reference. Barnes said add, "Avoid swimming or waterskiing in areas of scum."

Discussion continued regard liability. Green said you would be liable if you do not post because our knowledge base has been expanded. Robertson agreed that education is the main reason for posting.

Discussion continued regarding the graphics. Leave the icon of the dog. Use a "caution" triangle with the swimming. Change the Scotty dog to a lab. "Water Contact Advisory" instead of health advisory in the red section. Remove the "Water contact not advised." "While this sign is posted," replaces "Until further notice." "Do not drink lake water" is on line 1.

Avoid swimming or waterskiing in areas of scum; Keep pets away; Clean fish well and discard guts; Avoid areas of scum when boating.

These changes and this sign will be posted at the water quality kiosks.

Communications Plan

Robertson provided some feedback on the website hits—63% are from new individual hits. Nearly 15,000 people with 45,000 pages were viewed. Target audience is Oregon. Hits are from Oregon, Washington, California and all around the globe.

ListServe

We have 270 active contacts on the list. They will receive the water quality updates and the meeting notices and most people have checked most categories. Skirvin asked if there is a history to see what drove people to the website. Robertson said that you can set the parameters.

Lake Steward Award

Lake Steward award is in its fifth year. Bill Sexton was honored in front of 200 people in the area with only ten awards given that night.

Green asked if anyone had any questions about any of the campaigns. There was no need to go through them all.

Strayer mentioned that he couldn't receive reception on the Radio 1610.

Robertson responded that it was available only at Regatta Grounds and East Devils Lake State Park. Skirvin said they could ask Bill Piggott how to boost the signal. Robertson replied that they are limited in the size of the machine unless the Board wanted to look at a different machine; however, this was a free one-watt machine. A ten-wattage machine with a change of location could expand the coverage; however, the electricity is free on this one.

Strayer asked what Robertson had learned from his "Management from Walking Around."

Robertson said one resident had asked him to come onto their dock and they visited for about a half hour.

Strayer asked if Robertson was enquiring about what they wanted to know about the lake. Robertson said that they were providing information to residents. They are handing out flyers with an extension arm. He said if people want us to anchor, we do that. What we've learned is that people are interested in water quality. They are happy they can get information on line. You don't know if they are going to act on it, but they know where to get it. They are interested in the shoreline program as well as the septic system inspections. One family with three or four kids in the water was concerned because their septic tank was close by.

Strayer said he is interested in the kinds of things Robertson finds out.

Robertson said that he would be attending the picnic at Mitchell Moore's home.

Barnes asked about installing a flag on the boat; it is important to be as visible as possible. Robertson said he would look at installing a banner or a flag.

Robertson said he enjoys the contact with the residents. He asked if the Board wanted him to purchase a flag and they responded that he should purchase one at a cost of up to \$100.

Skirvin asked that Robertson share the top goals with the residents and what their take is on those. What are the issues that interest people? What are their concerns?

Barnes said that Robertson could provide the Board with a short report.

Safety Report

No incidents.

Vegetation Management

Robertson said there is another draft of the plan. There are no changes to the first section. SolarBees are no longer in the plan. Skirvin's feedback is lengthy and some of the information might be superfluous—it is 68 pages long. Skirvin said the negatives and some of the details do not need to be listed; just the key components and how they come together. Barnes said the narratives are great, but we just need bullet points.

Green said, "Now that we've got it, let's keep it. Maybe a summary should be made."

Robertson said the executive summary is not completed.

Strayer said as a plan it includes too much and there are no action steps to work into a plan. Robertson said he didn't want to randomly throw in numbers.

Strayer said the Board needs to decide on what they want; although this would not provide the amount of effort that is going to be needed to accomplish these issues.

Robertson said this endeavor was the biggest one since the grass carp. We are going to create a plan and follow it. We need to determine some of the time lines.

Strayer said "That's why the Board needs to have a discussion on staffing. Pick some things you will work on the next year and we can decide what the project manager can work on."

Barnes said, "We need a reference guide on each of these topics. We don't need so much data."

Robertson asked what steps they wanted. Strayer said he wants action plans and FTE.

Robertson said he has a lot of action plans, but they do not have dates.

Skirvin said to take the action plans and turn them into time lines and show where things are going to lay out. If we have dates and time lines and FTE requirements, we can look at them and know when projects will be completed. We also need benchmarks.

Barnes said, "A road map is what he's talking about."

Robertson asked if they had any thoughts on the action plans.

Barnes said the narrative is good. Maybe we have two documents—another one that refers to the action plan. The project management specialist is a 30-some thousand dollar investment. Are we getting that back in results?

Skirvin said, "If we look at all the things we want to do, it's more than one person can do."

Strayer asked if they all need to be done now.

Skirvin asked, "Are we going to spin our wheels or are we going to get something done?"

Brown said, "Staffing depends on the time of year."

Skirvin said, "There's a lot of supporting work that could be good winter activity. We've saved money because we have no major capital expenditures."

Green said, "There is going to be the day when we are going to need all the funds if we do not get the grass carp."

Discussion ensued on the requirements for obtaining carp.

Skirvin said, "The RARE program was a really good return on our investment for 10 ½ months."

Green said, "Paul wants to know whether we need any changes to his action plan so that we can figure out the staffing needs. Right now on the Devils Lake Plan, do we want him to write executive summaries?"

Skirvin said, "Timelines and FTE's and milestone dates, that's what I need."

Barnes said, "Paul giving us information daily makes us realize he's accomplishing a lot every day. We'll talk about whether some of those are necessary or not. If he only worked on the communication plan and didn't do all the other things he's doing could he do it all on his own? Part of the evaluation of Paul is what he's doing the next two months to ensure that he's working on the Devils Lake Plan."

Green said, "Maybe we could lay out the five goals that we have along with the action plans and make them consistent with the goals and give him those priorities. Reference what he is doing in regard to the goals."

Robertson said, "I did that on the very first P3 report. When I'm spending 5 minutes to an hour with someone it's not always obvious where the value is. An example is five years ago, I went to a course on invasive species at Chemeketa and met Dr. Chan. He was interested in grass carp." Robertson listed the benefits derived from that association.

Barnes said, "List how your activities relate to the five goals. If you need more staff, you need to convince the Board that you are spending your time on the goals."

Green instructed Robertson, "Restructure the action plans and report to us daily along with an estimate of the staffing needs."

Thompson Creek

Robertson reports that he has the ingredients put together to send to Dr. Field. The first sample was last Thursday and the next one will be next Thursday. After submitting a third one, we will be well over \$4,000. Based on the spread sheet, the total cost will be approximately \$5,600. More funds are needed.

Strayer asked about identifying sources of beavers, raccoons and otters. Are they unknown or unidentified? Brown suggested we are seeking to identify only animal vs. human.

Discussion ensued on whether there are sufficient contingency funds for the projects to last through the summer. Robertson said that there are sufficient funds in Contingency if we don't spend too many on front-end projects until November when funds will come into the District and bolster the accounts.

Robertson said we have budgeted for monitoring; all the monitoring is next spring and some of those are allocated.

Green moved to authorize Robertson to spend up to \$6,000 on the Thompson Creek DNA project. Skirvin seconded.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Sewer

Green said he e-mailed a letter today and will send it to the property owners in his area; however, he asked for input from the Board and from the City Department that he has discussed this with. He has solid costs and estimates for the engineering. There is a lot of information in the letter; let him know if you have any input. He will send it out a week from today to 50 lots in the LID, but only 44 will be relevant; we need 51 percent to proceed. A couple of board members are impacted. Cost would be approximately \$42 per lot per month.

Water Quality Update

E. Coli still looks good. Thompson Creek failed 8 out of 10 times. Everywhere else is good.

Erosion Study RFP

Submitting is due August 25. The RFP is on the website and was released to limnologists in Oregon, to the Oregon Lakes Listserv and to 20 or so engineering firms. The Board will receive any submittals for their review. There has been no response, but some calling inquiries.

Project Management Specialist

Robertson said two candidates interviewed. He recommends hiring Seth Lenaerts, who is the more qualified candidate who applied.

Skirvin asked if he is recommending the \$27,000 for the 10.5 month program.

Robertson said the job was posted at a range of \$25 to \$35 thousand, with benefits.

Lenaerts has benefits with his RARE program; however, they cannot be transferred.

Discussion on whether benefits would be offered and what they would be.

Robertson said he could be covered under the same insurance that Robertson is on.

Green said he has changed his feelings on the position and is in favor of filling it for the 10.5 months to keep the momentum going on the current projects. He said he feels Robertson's plate is pretty full and even if his direction is shifted by the Board, it will probably not make up for losing someone like Lenaerts. During these months, the Board needs to evaluate staff needs; there will be no commitment past the 10.5 months for a second staff person. Then the needs might change and perhaps a \$10-an-hour person for 30 hours per week or a seasonal person might be in order.

Robertson said we would still do a water quality internship for the spring funded under the currnet budget up until June 30,. He further said that project management specialist would focus on the SOS program and the septic program, and, planting is preferable in the fall and spring.

Strayer reiterated that at the last meeting Robertson suggested allocation of the project management specialist's duties to 20% for grant writing and 20% for educational outreach. We've focused on the septic tank and the S.O.S. There would be only 60% allocated for those two issues.

Robertson said the Board could move the percentages of allocation for the duties.

Barnes moved to take Robertson's recommendation of Seth Lenaerts and offer him the job for 10.5 months at a salary of \$27,000—the mid range. Weldon seconded the motion.

Voting in favor were Green, Weldon, Skirvin, Barnes, while Strayer opposed.

Motion carried.

Printing Reimbursement

Barnes asked for Robertson to print out the reports for him and he would pick them up.

Skirvin said it doesn't bother him to print out ten pages.

Discussion ensued regarding reimbursement for the Board's printing costs.

Weldon asked if Robertson could keep track of how many pages were issued quarterly and reimburse Board members for a specific amount. Green asked for the board members to use their discretion on invoicing for reimbursement.

Green moved to authorize each director to submit an invoice on a quarterly basis for reimbursement for copying charges at the rate of 10 cents per page. The invoice should contain detail identifying what copies the reimbursement request is for.

Barnes seconded the motion.

Voting in favor were Green, Weldon, Skirvin and Barnes; Strayer opposed.

Motion carried.

Dissolved Oxygen Probe/meter

Green moved to authorize Robertson to move \$475 from Contingency to Capital Outlay to purchase a new probe. Barnes seconded.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Oregon Lakes Association

Green moved that Robertson and Lenaerts be authorized to attend the OLA 2010 conference to be held in Corvallis Friday night, September 10 and Saturday, September 11, including a day and a half of meals at \$140 per diem plus registration fees. Barnes seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

SOLV

Robertson suggested that during the SOLV event September 20-25, the District consider a shoreline planting project to participate. Barnes suggested the decision on how to participate be postponed until Lenaerts can be included.

New Business

Vacation Request

Green moved to approve Robertson's request for vacation days of September 24 and 27. Barnes seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Debris blockage on First Street

Robertson said that there are some large stumps that cannot be moved near the D River that came in from the ocean. They often block the canal near the bridge. The canals cannot be tackled by the District and their decision to clear out this particular canal on a regular basis—the Floating Debris policy from 1991—was rescinded in 1996. There is no adverse effect on water quality. It is the canal on First Street with houses all around and a lagoon in the center.

Skirvin said Robertson informed a resident that it was rescinded due to liability reasons. Strayer said the canal is a unique way for kayaks and canoes to get around. Strayer asked if there was some way to just move them and not remove them.

Discussion ensued about contacting DSL and permit requirements.

Weldon said that if the District does it for that canal, it would be requested by others.

Outstanding Service Award

Robertson presented to Brian Green the Outstanding Service Award for 2009-2010.

Board Comment and Announcements

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M. The next meeting will be held on September 2, 2010

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Burt