



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

**LINCOLN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
October 10, 2013
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Brian Green, chairman
David Skirvin
Noel Walker
Kip Ward
Randy Weldon

ABSENT: None

AUDIENCE: David Price, Small Business Development Center
representative

STAFF: Paul Robertson, Lake Manager; Seth Lenaerts, Project
Manager

MEDIA: None

Chairman Brian Green convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

GREEN: Special order of business regarding Tiger Sharks. Keith Galbraith expected to speak but he is not here yet. We will give him a chance to speak when he arrives.

Next order of business is Employee Recognition, regarding Seth Lenaerts.

ROBERTSON: After four years, Seth is moving on. I want to publicly thank him for his years of hard work and dedication. Much has been accomplished that couldn't have happened without him. We will miss him. We are presenting him with a gift certificate.

GREEN: I want to echo what Paul said. Seth has does everything we ask and goes the extra mile. I very much appreciate you, Seth, and I hate to lose you.

SKIRVIN: I agree in terms of Seth's contributions. Improvements have been made to the lake shoreline because of Seth's efforts. Devils Lake Revival was a successful outreach to the public.

WALKER: Added recognition for Seth's very capable work.

WELDON: Expressed appreciation for Seth's work, especially on the sewer and septic issues. It's good to see momentum on this issue, and Seth's data has been instrumental.

WARD: I hope we're not too rigid and I hope we're slow in filling Seth's position and we would welcome him back. He's an important part of this community.

LENAERTS: It has been great to make Lincoln City my home and to work with the board. This has been a welcoming community. It has been great to work with Paul as well. It's good to see the city and the board take on the sewer project.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

(6:08 p.m.)

Skirvin moved to approve the consent agenda (including minutes of September 2013 meeting and financial report). Walker seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. The Devils Lake Plan

i. Septic Tank Revitalization Program

Report will be combined with sewer project later in the meeting.

SEE STAFF REPORT

ii. Save our Shoreline (SOS)

(6:09 p.m.)

SEE STAFF REPORT

LENAERTS:

- SOLVE beach and riverside cleanup postponed because of bad weather on September 28. We did our own cleanup the next week.
- Planting bioswale rain garden project at Randy's house was a lot of work. Tiger Sharks worked on that project, brought in a lot of good soil.
- East Devils Lake State Park rain garden maintenance is to be handed over to State Park, but that has not been confirmed.

- Agreement with Tam for maintenance at rain gardens ended October 1, but Regatta Park still needs regular maintenance; propose renewing contract for reduced maintenance at \$50 a month.

iii. Vegetation Management

(6:13 p.m.)

ROBERTSON: Discussed the district's grass carp application, which was supported by a district presentation to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on October 4, 2013. (SEE STAFF REPORT.) The Commission is willing to have DLWID work with ODFW staff regarding possible solutions on the grass carp. Now waiting for feedback.

Proposed reviewing contract with biologist Joe Eilers. Four of five components have been nearly completed. Portion of contract regarding NOAA no longer applicable. Suggest using remaining value of contract to address ODFW issues.

GREEN: Talked to Eilers, who seemed willing under current contract to address ODFW Commission questions. Reviewed ODFW reaction and concerns.

SKIRVIN: Contract should be clear that "bucket" that's no longer needed [NOAA] is being shifted to includes Eilers' answers to ODFW. The contract could be restructured unless the board agrees that restructuring not needed.

BOARD DISCUSSION: Continued discussion of Eilers contract with consensus that the contract should be restructured to shift funding from NOAA issues to ODFW questions.

ROBERTSON: \$9,190 left in NOAA "bucket." ODFW bucket has about \$2,200.

GREEN: Proposed a motion to change the Eilers contract. After some discussion, the motion was withdrawn and revised.

Green moved that the board approve a change to the contract that authorizes our consultant MaxDepth Aquatics and Joe Eilers, if he chooses, to apply the funds allocated to Task #4 in his current contract to further work now required to be performed in communication and obtaining a rule change with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission. Walker seconded. Unanimous in favor.

FURTHER BOARD DISCUSSION

WELDON: Expressed concern that ODFW did not appreciate urgency of grass carp stocking, noted that many years are needed for the cleanup.

GREEN: Good to not wait until need is urgent. Small stocking now before the weeds take over has better chance of success than waiting until weeds overwhelm the lake.

ROBERTSON: Will get an audio of ODFW meeting so we can address their concerns.

iv. Septic Tank Revitalization and Sewer

(6:45 pm)

LENAERTS: City has now decided that sewer is number one option for lake, but if we can't do sewer, then septic inspection is needed.

SEE STAFF REPORT re: DLWID staff meeting with Lincoln City manager and mayor. Main question is how to come up with \$5 million financing. Talking about writing a letter to property owners spelling out pros and cons of options for sewers or septic inspections. Also looking for grants. Next step is for the proposals to go before City Council.

GREEN: I was asked to prepare a draft of a letter to property owners explaining the options. The letter is nearly ready to go before the city manager and council.

WALKER: What's the latest figure on the eventual cost savings a property owner might expect by hooking into sewer as opposed to replacing septic? Was it \$30,000?

GREEN: It should cost about \$20,000 to hook a property to sewer, which is comparable to septic installation. Every septic system will eventually have to be replaced every 25-30 years. It's a no-brainer for undeveloped property. Bottom line, it's better for the lake and cheaper overall for property owners to install a new sewer than it is to stay on septic.

BOARD DISCUSSION: Continued discussion on possible sewer hookup costs and history of sewer planning around the lake.

b. Communications Report

(7:00 pm)

SEE STAFF REPORT re: radio, Internet, TV, and other outreach programs, including recent Senior Fair.

c. Safety Report

SEE STAFF REPORT. Canceled Wednesday sampling because of threat of thunderstorms.

d. MidCoast TMDL

SEE STAFF REPORT re: Department of Environmental Quality standards for water quality.

e. East Devils Lake Road

SEE STAFF REPORT re: lack of funding, letter from Salmon Drift Creek Watershed Council re: flooding and recent rebuilding of East Devils Lake Road through the flood-prone area.

WARD: Interesting that the estimated cost of fixing that stretch of road (\$4.5 million) is almost as much as the estimated cost of completing the entire sewer system around the lake.

f. Policy Updates

SEE STAFF REPORT on planned policy changes, expected by January 2014.

g. Water Quality

SEE STAFF REPORT.

ROBERTSON: Currently monitoring harmful algal blooms. Lake is still listed, based on visual observations. Recent rain hasn't helped reduce the algae because the wind has been pushing the algae to the north end of lake. Rock Creek enters the lake toward the south end, flushing the algae from that area, but not from the north end.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

(7:12 p.m.)

a. Office and Lab Space

SEE STAFF REPORT re: proposal to move office to new space at the Oregon Coast Community College. Staff report includes cost comparisons, photos of the new space, discussion of advantages and disadvantages. OCCC space includes use of a science laboratory.

BOARD DISCUSSION: Board discussed concerns about the relatively small size of the new space; need to open wall between two small offices; need for signage; timing of move while work is needed on the grass carp application; advantages of science lab; link to college students and interns; loyalty to current landlord (Bruce Polvi).

ROBERTSON: We would remain 100% committed to grass carp application. Could hire movers for more efficient move. Moving the office will create a good opportunity to clean out old papers.

DAVE PRICE (Small Business Development Center representative): SBDC would also like better signage. Access to lab unfettered. DLWID would have its own locking cabinets. He sees no reason not to open wall between offices.

BOARD DISCUSSION: General discussion in favor of move. Several board members expressed appreciation for Bruce Polvi and his responsiveness, but the board has a responsibility to constituents to get the best deal for a facility that better fits the district's needs.

Skirvin made a motion to authorize the Lake Manager to draft terms and conditions for a potential lease of the college facilities with special consideration to signage and whether or not the two available, adjacent office spaces can be connected. Walker seconded. Unanimous in favor.

GREEN: Instructed Lake Manager to try to complete move by January 1, 2014. Also advised that the district hire enough moving help to make the move quickly.

ROBERTSON: Will try to provide a cost estimate for the move at the next meeting.

IV. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

(7:56 p.m.)

SKIRVIN: Reminder that Skirvin is attending joint lake conference next week. Asked other board members to let him know if they wanted him to attend any particular seminars.

ROBERTSON: OLA-WALPA is October 16-18 in Vancouver, Washington; NALMS is October 30 to November 1 in San Diego.

GREEN: Discussed an article he drafted called the State of the Lake, giving people a summary of lake problems and what DLWID is doing in response. Can be posted on the website; could become an annual statement.

WARD: This is a good tool to combat misinformation.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

(8:00 p.m.)

No additional comment.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREEN: Skirvin will be attending OLA-WALPA, October 16-18 in Vancouver, WA; Lake Manager Robertson will be attending NALMS, October 30 to November 1 in San Diego, CA.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Green adjourned meeting at 8:02 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be November 14, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

| Respectfully submitted,
Rick Mark