



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

**LINCOLN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
May 14, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Brian Green, chairman
David Skirvin
Kip Ward
Randy Weldon
Kent Norris

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:
Richard Danielson
Larry Rich
Ren Jacob
John Lobello

STAFF: Paul Robertson, Lake Manager

(Video: 0:00)

Chairman Brian Green convened the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

All directors are present.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

David Skirvin moved to approve the consent agenda, including the minutes and financial report of the April 2015 meeting. Green seconded. Unanimous vote in favor.

III. COMMENTS from CITIZENS on NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Green outlined the public comment policy. Comments were limited to 5 minutes apiece.

RICHARD DANIELSON, 1824 NW 26th Street, Lincoln City: [Green attempted to make a policy statement regarding political endorsements, but Danielson shouted him down.] He then angrily showed a photo of a truck parked in front of Randy Weldon's business and said the truck belonged to Mitch Moore and that it was intended to disrupt Weldon's business. Directed anger at Kent Norris. Directed angry diatribe at Green. Complained about golf course. Claimed city dumps raw sewage into lake. Blamed 30-year lake board for damage to lake. Complained that aeration will be too expensive and is not necessary. [Much of this speaker's commentary was made away from the microphone and cannot be heard on the video.]

GREEN: This is a business meeting and not a political rally. If anyone makes a political endorsement, he will try to allow equal time for opponents.

LARRY RICH, 4590 NE Loop Drive, Otis: Cited a weather forecast, saying Oregon is facing severe drought. Objected to last month's board action, which he said gave up the water right and would flush 147 million gallons of water into the ocean. Complained that the board is controlled.

REN JACOB, 600 SE Oar Avenue, Lincoln City: Said it is incorrect to think that a third of the lake volume will be lost if the concrete dam is removed. Said historical records show that lake levels before the dam never dropped below 8.5' and that was only for short periods during the summer. Said fish passage is important and that the concrete structure hampers the lake's natural hydrology and the fish passage.

JOHN LOBELLO, 880 SW 7th Street, Lincoln City: Owns Quality Printing and Salty John's Tropical Fish. Spoke about his tropical fish business and his experience with fresh and salt water maintenance. Before the grass carp were introduced in 1986, then-lake manager Dell Isham lake manager asked him to study the carp. Lobello monitored the carp eating habits and measured their daily feed. As they grew, they ate 5 gallons of weeds a day. His biggest concern was the amount of waste the fish left in the lake. Because the water temperature is low and the water flow is slow, the sludge does not decompose quickly. After 30 years, the sludge in the bottom of the lake has caused an imbalance. Said the lake managers never utilized this information. Lake will never get better without removing sludge. Then plant life will need to be restored. Adding more grass carp is a big mistake. The weeds should not have been eliminated. Sludge removal should be the biggest priority.

JOHN FORSE, 1820 NE West Devils Lake Road, Lincoln City: Spoke about his proposal to manage the Devils Lake Revival on July 18. Said he would like to arrange an SUP Stand-Up Paddling event, and he would like to revive blues music.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(Video: 21:10)

a. The Devils Lake Plan

i. Septic/Sewer

SEE STAFF REPORT re: Paul Robertson's potential conflict of interest because family members are in the business of servicing septic systems; positive feedback on sewer plan from

Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Hall; Sewer Master Plan update and environmental review being reviewed by Lincoln City; possible funding sources for sewer system.

GREEN: Provided update on City Council approving revised Voyage LID, including 7% increase in estimated cost; includes financing for every segment; city will allow installment payments on sewer development charge; DEQ loan available for 3 years for pump and hookup. Next step is for City Council to adopt final resolution. Amended ordinance needed to allow some roads in LID to be 16-foot wide rather than 30 feet. Hopes to have sewer line installed with paving complete within a year. Project will act as a pilot project to help the city determine that added system will work in conjunction with existing sewer system.

ii. Save our Shoreline (SOS)

SEE STAFF REPORT: re: ideal planting season nearly over, but matching funds available for property owners who want to add plants.

iii. Vegetation Management

SEE STAFF REPORT re: no update.

b. Communications Report

SEE STAFF REPORT re: strategies for public outreach (Internet, Channel 4, social media (YouTube, Facebook), AM radio 1610 broadcasts, radio interviews, Clearwater E-Newsletter, 100 Years on the Lake presentations, Know Your Lake column ad in News Guard).

SEE STAFF REPORT for review of options for producing the Devils Lake Revival.

Board discussed options for producing the Devils Lake Revival. Compared costs of outside vendor versus staff. Estimated cost for outside vendor ranges from \$9,000 bid by John Forse to \$20,000 for other professional organizers. Staff could put on event if other work is postponed. Noted that the district's summer intern will start on June 22, which is late to start involvement with the Revival.

(Video 47:00)

Green moved to accept the bid of John Forse to promote and produce the Devils Lake Revival.

Robertson pointed out that state law requires three bids to be considered. The bid review can be delegated to the Lake Manager.

Green withdrew his motion.

Skirvin moved that the Board delegate to Paul the reviewing of bids and that he recommend a professional event coordinator for the Devils Lake Revival. Green seconded. Unanimous vote in favor.

Robertson congratulated Skye Anderson and Keith Galbraith, who received the 2015 Lake Steward award.

c. Safety Report

SEE STAFF REPORT re: no incidents or updates.

d. MidCoast TMDL

SEE STAFF REPORT re: Bacteria Technical Working Group update.

e. East Devils Lake Road

SEE STAFF REPORT re: Oregon Solutions looking at road flooding, bringing together all stakeholders to discuss ways to repair road permanently.

f. Harmful Algal Blooms

(Video 56:40)

SEE STAFF REPORT re: commitment from Dr. Alexander J. Horne, world-renowned limnologist, who is committed to designing an aeration system for Devils Lake. The staff report provides Dr. Horne's credentials. An Oregon-licensed engineering firm needs to be included in the design process and approve the design.

Green addressed Lobello's comments about sludge in the lake. Said a well-designed aeration system, besides reduces HABs, will also aerate dormant bacteria at the bottom of the lake. After the bacteria revives, the sludge should decompose. Other lakes that use aeration have been deepening by 6-12 inches a year.

Norris asked about Horne's expected cost.

ROBERTSON: He has charged \$250 an hour. We are limited by law in a direct contract to no more than \$100,000.

SKIRVIN: We have authorized up to \$30,000.

g. Replacement of the Water Impound Device (the dam)

(Video 1:07:55)

SEE STAFF REPORT re: status of proposal.

NORRIS: Said he sent a letter to the board members after he spoke with Harold Pritchett, a hydrology engineer from Oregon State University, who reviewed the dam site and said removing the dam would not provide a means for the sand to be removed in a natural setting to the ocean. He said if the dam is removed, he would expect little change in the sand a year from now. He said dredging would still be needed both up and downstream.

GREEN: Asked that Pritchett provide written comments to be forwarded to other hydrologists who have favored dam removal in order to see if they can arrive at a consensus.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Devils Lake Grant Opportunity – SEE STAFF REPORT re: request from TigerSharks Surf Club for a \$1,500 grant to fund the club's work in educational and safety classes on the lake. The grant would be used for equipment and scholarship opportunities.

Skirvin moved to grant \$1,500 to Liquid Apex 45 to support the TigerSharks Surf Club program. Norris seconded. Unanimous in favor.

VI. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

VII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS from CITIZENS on NON-AGENDA ITEMS

(Video: 1:21:20)

MARK HIGHLAND, 2170 NE Lake Drive, Lincoln City: Questioned the name of the Devils Lake Revival, wondering what “revival” refers to, and saying the name would mean more if the water quality is revived.

ROBERTSON: Devils Lake Revival started after original Grass Carp Festival in 1986, which lasted 4-5 years. District decided to start a festival in 2008 or 2009 and the idea was to revive the Grass Carp Festival and to generate support to revive the lake.

HIGHLAND: Board didn’t seem enthused about this year’s Revival. Suggested letting Forse create a blues festival.

GREEN: The Board is reluctant to spend money on the Revival because in the past the festivals have been organized for us. But people are looking forward to the festival, and we don’t want to stop holding it.

WELDON: An amazing number of people come to the Revival who have never been on Devils Lake before. This is as an opportunity for them to experience the lake.

HIGHLAND: Asked if the Board can put the \$30,000 limit in writing for Dr. Horne?

GREEN: We want to first find out what he can do and for how much, rather than give him a limit.

SKIRVIN: We will not engage him until we hear the scope of his planned work.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELDON: Cited weather data from Oregon Coast Repeater Group. Normal rain year is October 1 through September 30. According to a contributor from Roads End, rainfall this rain year is at 58”; last year, in 2013-2014, we had 53” for the entire rain year, so we’re already ahead of last year. In previous 12 years, before the 53” total, we had 83”, 72”, 91”, 90”, 65” in 2008-09, 73”, 80”, 84”, 62, 67”, 69” – for an average over 12 years of 74” per year within a mile of the lake. Last year’s rainfall was the lowest in 12 years.

NORRIS: Spruce trees are dropping a lot of needles because of the current drought.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Green adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be June 11, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

| Respectfully submitted,
Rick Mark