



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

**LINCOLN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
August 13, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Kent Norris, chairman
Tina French, vice chairman
Bill Sexton, treasurer
Brian Green

ABSENT: David Skirvin

PUBLIC SPEAKERS: Larry Rich

STAFF: Paul Robertson, Lake Manager
Elizabeth Daniel, Intern

(Video: 0:00)

Chairman Kent Norris convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Three directors were present at the start of the meeting. Brian Green arrived at 6:07 p.m. David Skirvin was excused for personal reasons.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Tina French moved to approve the consent agenda, including the minutes and financial report of the July 2015 meeting. Norris seconded. Unanimous vote in favor.

III. COMMENTS from CITIZENS on NON-AGENDA ITEMS

(Video: 1:25)

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

LARRY RICH, 4390 NE Loop Drive, Otis: Congratulated the newly elected board members. Said he thought they will do their best and listen to the public. He wished them good luck.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. The Devils Lake Plan

(Video: 2:15)

i. Septic/Sewer

SEE STAFF REPORT re: Buildable Lands Inventory completed by Lincoln County, including density assumptions with and without estimates for roads or physical or regulatory restraints; relevant to eventual development and ways to control impact through Urban Growth Management Agreement; impact could be mitigated by an updated Comprehensive Plan in Lincoln City (which is not scheduled and is probably at least a year out).

FRENCH: Asked why city would expand to east side of lake.

ROBERTSON: City wouldn't need to annex. UGMA would cover areas outside city. Annexation not necessary to put sewer in.

Board discussion turned to septic system inspection, should focus be on septic systems rather than sewer, pros and cons of voluntary versus mandatory septic inspection, impact of septic inspections on support for sewer, impact of development on water quality.

FRENCH: County Planner suggested having a committee gather information on sewer and septic systems; better to have voluntary inspection now of some septic systems rather than having zero inspections while waiting for a mandatory program. Could we use Save Our Shoreline money for septic inspections?

GREEN: Voluntary inspections won't catch the worst offenders and the oldest drainfields, which are the ones leaching nutrients into lake. Bottom line is to replace septic with sewer.

NORRIS: Tina is advocating a voluntary septic inspection program as a stepping stone. We could form a committee to steer that.

Board continued discussion on development density, sewer program, city annexation.

FINANCING

(Video: 30:30)

SEE STAFF REPORT re: options for sewer system funding strategies that could be coordinated with Lincoln City.

VOYAGE LAKE LID

GREEN: City Council approved the Voyage sewer project, which was put out to bid; Devils Lake Rock submitted the low bid of \$278,000, which does not include engineering or city admin fee, so project still expected to cost about \$381,000; Devils Lake Rock contracted to complete project by May 2016; cost will be about \$8,000 per property for installation and \$15,000 per property for a pump and hookup, decommissioning old septic. If hookup in first 3 years, entire amount can be financed. After 3 years, homeowners must find their funds. With financing, estimated cost is about \$42 a month.

ii. Save our Shoreline (SOS)

SEE STAFF REPORT: re: no update

iii. Vegetation Management

SEE STAFF REPORT re: no update

b. Communications Report

(Video: 36:30)

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).

ROBERTSON: DLWID is participating in Oregon Coast Community College Open House on Monday, August 24, 2015.

SEE STAFF REPORT for detailed recap of Devils Lake Revival.

NORRIS: Questioned value of \$9,000 spent; those who attended just happened to come to park and didn't know Revival was happening; disappointed in attendance.

Board discussed reviewing and possibly changing Revival, using more volunteers, spending less money, possibly working with Devils Lake Neighborhood Association and its July 4th fireworks, possibly having more music, possibility of having Lake Manager organize event rather than a vendor.

ROBERTSON: Workload is heavy at that time of year; summer intern is too new to take charge; we used a contractor this time because time ran out and no staff available; with enough advance time, staff could run program. Reviewed history and purpose of Revival.

SEXTON: Thanked Steve and Mary Cunningham for volunteering their time and a boat.

c. Safety Report

SEE STAFF REPORT re: no incidents or updates.

d. MidCoast TMDL

SEE STAFF REPORT re: public meeting in July.

e. East Devils Lake Road

(Video 53:20)

SEE STAFF REPORT re: work has started to elevate road and let water pass underneath; road closed until September 4, 2015.

f. Harmful Algal Blooms

(Video 56:00)

SEE STAFF REPORT re: revised bid by Dr. Alex Horne, possibility of having him meet with board in October or November, preferably at the regular meeting on November 12, 2015.

Board discussed future meeting dates; opportunity to meet with Horne; possible financing; bond vote; changes to Horne bid that reduced cost estimate; purpose of engineering plan,

especially as it relates to work by vendors; engineering plan required by statute in order to ask for bids and in order to obtain permits and financing.

SEXTON: Asked about viewing an existing site that would show what Horne's plan can do.

GREEN: Horne said nearest site is Cherry Creek Reservoir in Denver, Colorado.

g. Water Quality **(Video 1:13:00)**

SEE STAFF REPORT re: options for testing; volunteer help from Hatfield Marine Science Center.

ROBERTSON: The water quality today is not good. Algal blooms are starting, including some that are highly toxic. Person who had been running water tests is discontinuing service; suggested buying \$300 incubator and kits for our own sampling.

SEXTON: Lake has no visibility underwater; toxins are a minor irritant, not enough to keep people out of the lake.

ROBERTSON: Compared cost of sending out water samples versus time spent in own lab; you'd have to ingest toxins for them to be a problem; dogs can be harmed if they swim and lick themselves clean.

Sexton made a motion to order a water sampling test kit. Norris seconded. Unanimous vote in favor.

h. Intern Report

SEE STAFF REPORT re: Elizabeth Daniel's work with Devils Lake Revival, bacteria testing, outreach, newsletters.

V. NEW BUSINESS **(Video 1:29:00)**

A. Auditor Contract (Intent to Bid)

SEE STAFF REPORT re: RFP for review of District financials; review required by January 1, 2016.

ROBERTSON: Having an audit could support future grant proposals; may need audit to qualify for financing for aeration.

Norris moved to secure services of Grimstad and Associates for a financial review. Green seconded. Unanimous vote in favor.

B. Goal Prioritization **(Video 1:33:40)**

SEE STAFF REPORT re: recap of July 20, 2015, Goal Setting Workshop.

NORRIS: Asked board members to make suggestions on priorities.

GREEN: OK with current goals, focusing on HABs.

FRENCH: Move ahead with committees for septic and sewer, Revival, water testing.

NORRIS: Outlined proposed goals:

Engage stakeholders. Outreach to neighborhoods. Form committees. Train volunteers on water testing, running lab. Promote Save Our Shoreline. Committees for sewer inspection, buildable lands inventory. Use newspaper ads to solicit community volunteers. Work with Marine Board, sheriff, marina, to mark hazards. Meet with Alex Horne on lake aeration. Funding strategy for aeration project, planning for construction during 2016. Re-energize grass carp application. Dredge D River, get permit, find volunteers to do work. Recruit volunteers for water quality monitoring. Work with county on septic system monitoring and inspection system. Make Devils Lake Revival “ours” rather than contracting it out, start preparation earlier. Daily staff logs, so we understand Paul’s job. Revise Devils Lake Plan.

FRENCH: Quantify source of nutrients, rather than assuming they come from septic or wherever. Establish recreation/event committee. Goals should be measurable and have a timeline.

SEXTON: Supports Norris’s proposals.

NORRIS: Noted that he invited David Skirvin to contribute.

C. D River Dredging

(Video 1:53:10)

SEE STAFF REPORT re: volunteer effort to support dredging.

FRENCH: Devils Lake Neighborhood Association member Nathan Knott will take lead; permit needed. Knott does in-river work and is familiar with process.

Board discussed timing; in-water period; question on extending permit to east side of dam; current permit for emergency dredging, not maintenance; depends on impact to fish. Discussed jurisdiction over area, property issues. Approval needed by Department of State Lands, Army Corps of Engineers.

Board expressed appreciation to Nathan for his offer.

NORRIS: Great opportunity to address a problem that hasn’t been dealt with in 20 years.

D. Lake Contractor

(Video 2:03:30)

SEXTON: Will resign from contractor position in October when current contract ends and then volunteer his services to continue installing and removing the dam. Resolve potential conflict of issue concerns. Will coordinate volunteers to measure temperature and lake level, which takes about 5 minutes a day. Handling the dam takes about 4 hours. Will also maintain signage.

NORRIS: Board appreciates Bill’s willingness to do resign and volunteer.

Board discussed possible role of volunteers to handle contractor's tasks and need to prioritize those tasks.

VI. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

(Video 2:10:40)

Board discussed moving regular meeting from September 10 to September 3.

ROBERTSON: District sets a regular meeting for good reasons. Public participation is easier, and changing a meeting date is complicated because city staffing and maintenance must be coordinated. It's understood that some board members will miss meetings now and then. The board can proceed as long as a quorum is present.

Will investigate September 3 and October 1 options for the next two meetings.

ROBERTSON: Kiosks around lake have signs that give information about the lake and a map; some are outdated, deteriorating, moldy; state took some down because they were old; signs could be updated with more info on depth of lake for boater education. State will design new signs if DLWID prints them.

Board discussed who should pay for the signs.

Sexton moved to upgrade the signs with state design work. Green seconded. Unanimous vote in favor.

VII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS from CITIZENS on NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Norris adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be September 10, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

| Respectfully submitted,
Rick Mark