



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

**LINCOLN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
September 3, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Kent Norris, chairman
Tina French, vice chairman
Bill Sexton, treasurer
David Skirvin

ABSENT: Brian Green

PUBLIC SPEAKERS: Mitchell Moore
John Forse
Miles Schlesinger
Mark Highland

STAFF: Paul Robertson, Lake Manager
Elizabeth Daniel, Intern

(Video: 1:33)

Chairman Kent Norris convened the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Four directors were present at the start of the meeting. Brian Green was excused for family reasons.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

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

III. COMMENTS from CITIZENS on NON-AGENDA ITEMS

(Video: 2:25)

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

MITCHELL MOORE, 2929 NE Loop Drive, Otis: On behalf of the Devils Lake Neighborhood Association, described a meeting held by the B'nai B'rith Camp with DLWID and DLNA on August 18, including a tour of the camp and discussion of the camp's future plans; information on the camp's charitable work for local citizens; information on the camp's plan to invest \$10 million in extensive rebuilding and expansion by 2020, the camp's 100th anniversary, including new buildings, a medical center, cabins, gym, nature center, amphitheater, gardening program. The camp strongly favors a sewer system so it can replace its extensive septic system. Camp officials were invited to present their plans to DLNA at a meeting tentatively scheduled for October 18.

JOHN FORSE, 1820 NE West Devils Lake Road, Lincoln City: Expressed his disappointment at not being asked to run this year's Devils Lake Revival; reiterated his proposal to incorporate an SUP (stand-up paddling) contest and a blues festival, hoping to boost attendance and make it more exciting, would have involved Siletz Tribe and Chinook Winds Casino. Said he was angry that the contract went to another vendor. Said the event wasn't what it could have been; made a pitch to be asked to run the event next year.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. The Devils Lake Plan

(Video: 11:20)

i. Septic/Sewer

SEE STAFF REPORT re: Lincoln City's re-design report (117 pages); report on potential financing; Voyage LID contract awarded to Devils Lake Rock.

Board had questions about map and relation to buildable lands inventory; pending workshop with city; city looking for feedback; need for synopsis of plan. Board discussed update on city meeting with Chase Park Grants, possibility of looking for funding for aeration as well as sewer, possibility of staff doing grant work, meeting with Tia Cavendar of CPG.

ii. Save our Shoreline (SOS)

SEE STAFF REPORT: re: B'nai B'rith meeting, possible plant nursery at BB camp; Salmon-Drift Creek Watershed Council Reef program

FRENCH: Asked about ditch near Hill Road, possible site for bioswale to encourage vegetation to capture pollutants.

iii. Vegetation Management

SEE STAFF REPORT re: no update

b. Communications Report

(Video: 32:20)

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).

Lake Manager discussed:

- North American Lake Management Society annual conference in Saratoga Springs, NY, will be November 17-20, 2015. Robertson has reservations to attend.

- GoGreen Conference to be attended by Mayor Don Williams, will include reference to Save Our Shoreline, sewer and aeration projects, and e-communication, including Brian Green's work on sewer LID.

- Senior Fair to be held at Chinook Winds on October 6, 2015. Robertson noted potential conflict of interest. Board discussed DLWID participation in Senior Fair.

Norris moved that the Lake Manager register a booth at the Senior Fair on October 6. Skirvin seconded. Unanimous vote in favor.

c. Safety Report

SEE STAFF REPORT re: no incidents, eye-wash stations tested weekly.

d. MidCoast TMDL

SEE STAFF REPORT re: no update

e. East Devils Lake Road

(Video 36:20)

SEE STAFF REPORT re: new culvert installed and road open a week early, about 3 feet higher than before.

Board discussed new road, asked about possible flooding at west end of road.

f. Harmful Algal Blooms

SEE STAFF REPORT re: Aeration/Oxidation project, possibly having Dr. Alex Horne meet with board November 12; financing and possible dates to meet with Chase Park Grants representative.

Board discussed possible dates.

g. Water Quality

(Video 42:20)

SEE STAFF REPORT re: ongoing HABs, no toxins detected yet. The DLWID website has the most recent information:

<http://www.dlwid.org/Water%20Quality.html>

ROBERTSON: Reviewed status, warned about potential danger to pets and children; new toxin monitoring capacity; storm sampling.

Board discussed year-round monitoring, which is now targeted to peak recreational period, need to quantify nutrient loading; room in budget to expand monitoring but more funds might be needed; possibly reducing number of sites but sample throughout year for more thorough picture; possibly monitoring bacteria count (Robertson said scientific protocol does not include bacteria counts).

h. Intern Report

SEE STAFF REPORT re: Elizabeth Daniel report on her intern experience.

i. Goal Prioritization

(Video 1:00:30)

SEE STAFF REPORT re: draft report of current district priorities.

Board discussed doing tasks simultaneously, not overlooking items at bottom of list; narrowing scope to fit given staffing; need for daily staff log; process for putting priorities in a preferred order.

j. D River Dredging

(Video 1:20:30)

SEE STAFF REPORT re: status of application for permit, pre-application meeting in Portland or Salem, volunteer's commitment to dredge river.

Board discussed obtaining help on permit review.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Beaver Deceiver

SEE STAFF REPORT re: installation of alternate dam sites on Neotsu Creek

DANIEL: Reported on benefits and problems from beavers; effect on salmon migration; first coho seen in Neotsu Creek; methods to encourage beavers to build in spots that won't hamper fish.

VI. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

(Video 1:27:45)

Board discussed changing October meeting date; possible landscape presentation for waterfront work; possible board field trip to Norris home to see landscape site for informational purposes, but would not qualify as a public meeting; next board meeting will be October 1, 2015, at Oregon Coast Community College.

FRENCH: Asked about stench at Horseshoe Bay; explained that the odor is from rotting algae, not from a leaking septic system; asked if there is any way to dredge the rotten algae.

VII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS from CITIZENS on NON-AGENDA ITEMS

(Video 1:38:30)

MILES SCHLESINGER, 212 SE Keel Avenue, Lincoln City: Update on Devils Lake Dash, trying for evening event with music for city to get better attendance. Asked about written plan he submitted to board suggesting aeration, river dredging, and state-of-the-art dam; could board ask Army Corps of Engineers what it would cost to improve dam to allow it to be controlled by opening and closing gates for fish migration, possibly raising lake level in response to global warming.

NORRIS: Kent Norris, Bill Sexton, and DLNA members met with Lake Oswego managers re: FEMA grant to re-do Lake Oswego dam for flood control.

MARK HIGHLAND, 2170 NE Lake Drive, Lincoln City: Supports new dam design; addressed goal priority #3, reducing nutrient load by supporting sewer; asked about phrasing regarding detrimental development.

FRENCH: Talked to county planner, who warned that adding sewer could encourage up to 1,400 homes and the impact of that could far outweigh any gains from sewer. A development plan would be needed to guard against unintended consequences. It could be better to leave the septic systems in place rather than install a sewer.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Norris adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be October 1, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at Oregon Coast Community College.

| Respectfully submitted,
Rick Mark