



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

**Oregon Coast Community College
November 12, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Kent Norris, chairman
Bill Sexton, treasurer
Brian Green

ABSENT: Tina French, vice chairman
David Skirvin

PUBLIC SPEAKERS: Mark Christie
Mitchell Moore
Miles Schlesinger
Steve Brown

STAFF: Paul Robertson, Lake Manager

(Video: 5:00)

Chairman Kent Norris convened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. after some technical issues with new audio equipment.

ROLL CALL

Three directors were present at the start of the meeting. Tina French and David Skirvin were unable to attend.

I. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

a. Strategic Funding Plan – Tia Cavender, president of Chase Park Grants

SEE STAFF REPORT for Chase Park Grants proposal:

http://www.dlwid.org/Projects/Aeration-Oxidation/CPG_Aeration_DLWID_Proposal_Version_2.2.pdf

Tia Cavender reviewed her background, Chase Park Grants' experience with Newport, how she originally connected with Lake Manager Paul Robertson and former Lincoln City Manager

David Hawker. Cavender recommended creating an inventory of possible funding sources and partnerships for the proposed Devils Lake aeration project. CPG would deliver a Strategic Funding Report with recommendations for sources, advice for how to design project, CPG could provide technical assistance documents, organize funder meetings (bringing together funding sources and possible applicants). CPG helped Newport receive \$2.03 million in grants and \$2.0 million in low-interest loans for various projects, a return of 79:1 per dollar invested.

NORRIS: Asked if it is realistic to expect funders to provide substantial grants for one project.

CAVENDER: You can expect a similar return on your investment with CPG. A 500% return in 18 months is standard. She wouldn't be here if the aeration project was not fundable. CPG research can help DLWID design the project, suggest ways to make it appeal to state funding agencies, incorporate other fundable features such as floating vegetation islands.

BILL SEXTON: Asked about floating islands, would they be attached to the bottom, what happens in 80 mph winds?

CAVENDER: Vegetation floats inside a net; is not tethered but that could be explored; bioremediation cleans water, attracts insects, birds.

SEXTON: Asked about a possible guarantee of return; how long will the CPG information remain valid?

CAVENDER (in response to further board questions): We provide a deliverable; the board decides what to do with it; would take about 4 months to deliver; information remains valid in the future; grants could include funding for engineering and design. Money already spent on engineering and in-kind contributions qualify as matching funds when applying for a grant. CPG would help identify those expenses. She reviewed other recent CPG clients in Oregon and elsewhere. Timing is critical; the sooner you start, the more opportunities you will have. CPG can engage with funders before the design complete. Important to build relationships with funders; for instance, while you're meeting with designers, often helpful to invite funders to participate in design process. Funders usually set a reasonable timeline. CPG can work independently from the design, gathering info on funding sources, deadlines, funders' requirements; this info can be used in subsequent years until DLWID is ready to apply for grants. CPG cannot guarantee success; some proposals have not been funded. CPG works on a fee-for-service basis regardless of outcome; a certified grant professional cannot work on a contingency basis. CPG does not write the grant proposal. For an additional fee, CPG can help with the application process and can engage with funders.

b. Devils Lake Dash Presentation – Bill & Dawn Cox (Video: 41:00)

WILLIAM COX: Representing Northwest Jet Sports, spoke about Devils Lake Dash, now in its fourth year, will be April 30 to May 1; suggested developing more of an event, possibly with a beer garden and other options. Expecting 80-100 racers, with entourage of about 500 people coming from all over. Devils Lake is amazing because it has nearby casinos, hotels,

restaurants, but lake is underused lake. World-class jet ski racers come here; 18 finished in World Finals, including one who was first in the world. Asking for volunteers and direction from DLWID board. Average racer spends \$600-\$700; with 100 racers, \$70,000 spent on housing, food, and so on. Could involve more teens. Could hold a bike race, a marathon, beach volleyball. Could invite World Tour. Looking for fundraising ideas, such as poker runs. Could hold Easter egg hunts, barbecues, fish fry. They pay for the use of the park, permits, ambulance, insurance, portable toilets. Would like a partnership with Devils Lake board to help bring people to event. Would like a liaison to help get all the permits. Miles Schlesinger is a good contact person and possible liaison.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Brian Green moved to approve the consent agenda, including the minutes and financial report of the October 2015 meeting. Norris seconded. Unanimous vote in favor.

III. COMMENTS from CITIZENS on NON-AGENDA ITEMS (Video: 51:30)

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

MARK CHRISTIE, 3184 NE Loop Drive, Otis: Provided an update on Devils Lake Neighborhood Association since last report a couple of months ago; had a successful mystery wine auction; increased the board from five to seven, including Steve Brown and Tom Rice. Commented on CPG presentation, noting information on available funds is already out there. When you're ready to apply, board can contract with grant writers on a performance basis. A bond issue for funding is also a possibility.

MITCHELL MOORE, 2929 NE Loop Drive, Otis: Reported on meetings in Portland area, DLWID board and DLNA board met with Lake Oswego Corporation to get an overview of their aeration project, toured the physical equipment and the lake; Lake Oswego uses aeration to deploy alum into the lake; toured bubblers, compression stations, saw use of private rights of way. When LO redid sewer system through bottom of lake, installed aeration system; good role for volunteers. Their two-pronged system is very expensive with the use of about \$80,000 of alum per year. LO budget is \$2 million a year. They get a lot of measurements to help identify hot spots for nutrient intake from certain creeks. LO procured a FEMA grant to rebuild their dam.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. The Devils Lake Plan (Video: 1:02:30)

i. Septic/Sewer

SEE STAFF REPORT re: DLWID comments on sewer pre-design report; proposed reimbursement district; Voyage LID update; DEQ septic inspection training.

ROBERTSON: Spoke with USDA representative regarding status of sewer system and possible meeting on financing. Discussed reimbursement district at NE 19th Street to install sewer in area

with septic systems. Discussed Voyage LID, contract awarded to Devils Lake Rock, sewer project to be completed by May 2016. Discussed DEQ septic inspector training planned at OCCC for certified inspectors.

ii. Save our Shoreline (SOS)

SEE STAFF REPORT re: reconnecting with existing participants.

iii. Vegetation Management

SEE STAFF REPORT re: holding off on carp application until after aeration, sewer system projects in place.

b. Communications Report

(Video: 1:21:40)

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: Discussed educational program involving Taft HS students at Hostetler Park.

c. Safety Report

SEE STAFF REPORT re: changes at OCCC since Umpqua Community College shooting.

d. MidCoast TMDL

SEE STAFF REPORT re: no update

e. East Devils Lake Road

SEE STAFF REPORT re: no flooding reported; lake up to 9.54'; culvert handling flow.

f. Harmful Algal Blooms

SEE STAFF REPORT re: HABs cleared at all sample sites.

ROBERTSON: Trying to reschedule meeting with Dr. Horne for regular meeting on January 14, 2016.

g. D River Dredging

(Video: 1:27:20)

SEE STAFF REPORT re: estimated costs for several permits needed to dredge D River, with preliminary cost estimate of at least \$3,475 for all permits.

ROBERTSON: Dredging of D River has backing from city. Nearby Quality Inn owners learning about the process, will meet.

Norris moved that board go forward with acquiring permits needed for dredging. Green seconded.

Sexton suggested waiting to hear input from absent board members.

Norris withdrew motion.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Next meeting date/time

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2015, but the city needs to use the Council Chambers on that date, so the regular DLWID board meeting will be held at OCCC instead.

VI. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

(Video 1:36:00)

SEXTON: Developed a sign-up sheet to encourage volunteers to offer their services for various projects.

Board discussed recruiting volunteers through DLNA or the newspaper. Suggested forming volunteer committees for Save Our Shoreline, water monitoring, events and promotions, yearly cleanup, nutrient load monitoring, sewer project.

ROBERTSON: No date set for comments on sewer report; will be followed by final pre-design report, then action by city council.

VII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS from CITIZENS on NON-AGENDA ITEMS

(Video 1:44:30)

MILES SCHLESINGER, 212 SE Keel Avenue, Lincoln City: Encouraged board to be pro-active regarding the sewer with city council members and the city manager; city officials are distracted by lawsuits and internal disputes.

STEVE BROWN, 1510 NE Lake Drive, Lincoln City: Window of opportunity for sewer around the lake is now, most septic systems around lake are near the end of their useable life; sees advantage in reimbursement districts for putting sewer in isolated pockets that now drain into lake. Costs of Voyage LID won't be known until project done, encourages city to pay a portion of the line and asphalt so burden is not solely on homeowners. Asked Lake Manager to review link on DEQ dredging permit; industrial waste does not apply to sand coming in from the ocean; asked about Army Corps permit requirement.

MARK CHRISTIE: Asked that dredging approval be on the December agenda so people will know that action is planned. Aeration and sewer volunteer committees should be priorities.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. NALMS Conference – Nov. 17-20, Saratoga Springs, NY

(Video 1:55:30)

GREEN: Endorsed Miles' suggestion to be pro-active with city council. Discussed property values around lake, which have declined 20% decline while property values elsewhere in Lincoln City have increased 5%. Cost of sewer hookup to homeowners will be recouped through increased home values; homeowners should decide through a sewer district. City not likely to pay for sewer; grants will be needed to defray costs. We should present city with a

resolution that repeats our goal of installing a sewer on the east side of the lake on an affordable basis.

Sexton moved that the Devils Lake Water Improvement District start the dredging permit process. Norris seconded. Unanimous vote in favor.

NORRIS: Thanked audience for coming; engagement is appreciated.

ROBERTSON: OCCC requires students to have practicums, usually with Hatfield Marine Science Center or the Oregon Coast Aquarium; OCCC asked Paul about having students work with DLWID for 5 hours a week to do water quality work.

NORRIS: Said he would like to know more specifics about what is required.

ROBERTSON: Draft recovery plan available for Oregon coastal coho; Paul will comment on the benefits of coho recovery to Devils Lake. It's unusual for a coastal lake to have coho. Information can be included in lake's restoration plan and possibly improve grant prospects.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Norris adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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

| Respectfully submitted,
Rick Mark