



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

**Oregon Coast Community College  
December 10, 2015  
6:00 P.M.**

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

**ABSENT:** Brian Green

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:** Miles Schlesinger  
Mark Fonseca

**STAFF:** Paul Robertson, Lake Manager

**(Audio: 0:00)**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Four directors were present at the start of the meeting, with Brian Green absent while on vacation.

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

**David Skirvin moved to approve the consent agenda, including the minutes and financial report of the November 2015 meeting, with a correction made to the location of the November meeting. Kent Norris seconded. Three votes in favor, with Tina French abstaining because she was absent from the November meeting.**

**II. COMMENTS from CITIZENS on NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**(Audio: 1:25)**

Norris invited public comment.

**Miles Schlesinger** of Lincoln City asked if a recent meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers addressed the possibility of a building a flood gate on the dam. Skirvin said the meeting was only about dredging and removing fill from the D River. French said the aeration project was mentioned but modifying the dam was not.

### **III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **a. The Devils Lake Plan**

**(Audio: 2:40)**

##### **i. Septic/Sewer**

SEE STAFF REPORT re: comments submitted on pre-design sewer plan; reimbursement district; septic inspector training rescheduled to December 22, 2015; Voyage LID ground broken with completion expected by May 2016 (Robertson noted that Voyage LID bid was lower than estimates, which is a selling point for future LIDs); city sewer ordinance (Robertson noted that the city wants to accelerate sewer connections at new construction and failed septic systems without penalizing working systems); triggers for required sewer connections; sewer connection payment options, payment ordinance, DEQ loan to help homeowners finance; Regatta Grounds pump station refit to increase capacity.

Skirvin asked about the sewer connection trigger (#4) if a septic system repair will cost more than \$9,000, wondering if a homeowner might do minor septic repairs rather than hook up to the sewer.

French asked if homeowners would be charged for sewer if the home is not hooked up.

Board discussed providing a letter of support for sewer plan to city council.

French asked if Ron Chandler, the Lincoln City manager, is supporting the sewer project as much as the previous manager, David Hawker, did. Schlesinger offered his opinion.

In response to a question, Robertson said apartments on tribal land in Neotsu are connected to sewer.

Skirvin asked about the LID language in Trigger #6, which seems to supersede city ordinances.

French asked about cost of a home sewer pump and who will be responsible for maintaining private pumps. Robertson said the city intends to maintain pumps and control easements. Discussion followed.

Robertson said about 200 gallons of sewage spilled into Devils Lake at the Holmes Road Pump Station when the lake rose and collection systems were overwhelmed. French asked if fines or penalties are imposed for sewage spills. Skirvin asked about a manhole cover that allowed water to enter; Robertson said the city is talking about raising the pipe.

##### **ii. Save our Shoreline (SOS)**

**(Audio: 39:00)**

SEE STAFF REPORT: re: winter is a good time for planting.

**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).

Board discussed the impact of recent storms on lake levels; videos were posted on the Devils Lake Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/DevilsLake.Oregon/timeline> .

**c. Safety Report**

SEE STAFF REPORT re: no update.

**d. MidCoast TMDL**

SEE STAFF REPORT re: no update.

**e. East Devils Lake Road**

**(Audio 48:00)**

SEE STAFF REPORT re: repaired bridge is holding, but rest of road is flooded.

**f. Harmful Algal Blooms**

SEE STAFF REPORT re: Jan 14 meeting with Dr. Horne at City Council chambers.

Robertson asked about format, proposed submitting questions for Dr. Horne in advance from public with time for people to ask questions based on discussion.

**g. D River Dredging**

**(Audio 52:50)**

SEE STAFF REPORT re: sediment assessment, initial requirements for dredging permits.

Board discussed possible timeline for permits and dredging; future needs; projected start of work; possible maintenance agreement.

**h. Strategic Funding Plan**

**(Audio 1:14:30)**

SEE STAFF REPORT re: options for Chase Park Grants proposal.

Board discussed waiting to decide whether to hire Chase Park Grants until aeration project engineering has been designed, or at least until after Dr. Horne's visit in January.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**(Audio 1:18:30)**

**a. Devils Lake Fishing Derby – Miles Schlesinger**

Schlesinger asked DLWID to sponsor a fishing tournament. A tournament would attract visitors and provide vitality to Lincoln City. He received support from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. With a permit, ODFW allows a fishing derby with cash prizes. He would seek support from the Lincoln City Visitors and Convention Bureau. Projecting derby for April 2017.

**b. Committees**

**(Audio 1:30:50)**

Board discussed creation of six committees to invite volunteer participation. Committees would include events and promotions, septic inspections, sewer, annual lake cleanup, SOS, water quality monitoring; recruiting volunteers with board representatives; aiming for five people per committee; creating descriptions for purpose of committees; possibly combining some committees; creating communications committee.

Board members were selected as representatives for various committees, as follows:

- French – voluntary septic inspection
- Green – sewer project
- Sexton – SOLV (cleanup), aeration, special projects (dredging, dam)
- Norris – SOS, water quality monitoring
- Skirvin – events and promotions, communications

Board representatives will create descriptions for each committee’s purpose, and establish a meeting place and time.

French asked about deciding who can be on the committees.

**c. Grant Writer**

**(Audio 1:49:20)**

SEE STAFF REPORT re: Rick Mark’s proposal to work for the board as a grant researcher and application writer for \$30 an hour, which is his recording secretary rate.

Board discussed application reviews and possibly hiring Liza Ehle, owner of By-The-Sea-Gardens in Bandon, Oregon, to review the lake manager’s dredging permit applications.

**d. Financial Review**

**(Audio 2:11:00)**

SEE STAFF REPORT re: annual financial review by Grimstad and Associates; no board action required.

**e. Special Districts Association of Oregon Conference**

SEE STAFF REPORT re: annual SDAO meeting will be in February in Sunriver, Oregon.

Board not likely to send a representative; more interested in Oregon Lakes Association conference.

**V. NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**VI. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS from CITIZENS on NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**Mark Fonseca** talked about finding failed septic drainfields at houses around the lake.

**VII. BOARD COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be on January 14, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in City Council chambers.

| Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Mark