



MINUTES
DEVILS LAKE WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Lincoln City Council Chambers
September 8, 2016 -- 6:00 pm

Kent Norris called the DLWID Regular Meeting of September 8, 2016 to order at 6:02 pm

I. Roll Call

Present: Kent Norris, Tina French, Bill Sexton, Brian Green, David Skirvin

Interim Lake Manager: Tom Wood

II. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

b. Financial Report

David Skirvin motioned, "To approve the Consent Agenda."

Kent Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Presentation by Salmon Drift Creek Watershed Council

Josh Murphy, Executive Director of the Salmon Drift Creek Watershed Council, due to a schedule conflict, was not able to present the presentation and asked that this meeting be rescheduled.

IV. Comments from Citizens Present on Agenda/Non-Agenda Items:

No comments presented from citizens.

V. Unfinished Business:

a. Committee Briefings:

i. Sewer Committee – Brian Green

Brian Green reported that there will be a September 13, 9:30 am meeting in the NW Conference Room of City Hall, 3rd floor with Committee members and City Staff to explore potential east side lake sewer options.

ii. Events and Communication – David Skirvin

Miles Schlesinger reported on the ODFW fishing derby event, which was scheduled for the last weekend of April 2017, that all grant funding has been delayed. With Board approval he would like to apply for funds in January 2017 for the 2018 event. Board members gave permission to continue and apply for the 2018 funding. The kids fishing derby will be in April 2017.

Devils Lake Revival has been postponed currently.

David Skirvin checked out water ski teams from PDX area and the cost would be less than \$2,000.

The Christmas Parade event will be revisited in a few months.

The Boat Races will be postponed until next year. They are normally the first weekend of October. Steve Brown reported that he received a letter of insurance and the time trials will

in fact, be conducted October 1 and 2. This should be a great race with between 20 – 40 boats and the Lake is known for the fastest lake in the U.S. depending on the weather. People come from all over to participate in this race.

iii. Septic Inspection – Tina French

The committee will coordinate with the Sewer Committee after their September 13, 2016 meeting to identify the updated points of emphasis.

iv. Save our Shoreline & Water Monitoring – Kent Norris

Mariellen Rich reported that testing has been completed from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Fifteen tests were completed and the input on Thompson Creek was yellow and hopefully this area can be cleaned up next summer. The Lake is clean and the algae bloom is not toxic.

Kent Norris thanked Mariellen and Kathy Kremer for their participation in carrying out the testing on a regular basis.

v. Special Projects – Bill Sexton

Bill Sexton reported that they are on hold until next month on October 1, 2016 and will continue on from where they left off.

b. Projects:

i. Hostetler Park Sediment Removal (Devils Lake Dredging Project)

Tom Wood reported that he talked with the contractor from California who had pledged a truck and dredge and this is no longer free and the contractor will send a price proposal for next year.

Kent Norris said that originally this was going to be a free project with individuals excavating and in doing more investigating ODFW would be favorable to a dredging project instead of an excavation project.

Tom Wood said the problem was the reach of the excavator. The contractor he was talking with can reach 20 feet and they need 80 plus feet to reach across the lake.

Tina French asked if this is financially feasible to do the volunteering projects and to run the dredge for one week or is that too complex?

Tom Wood has a call into the contractor to possibly cut a channel on the north side of the lake and parking on Hostetler Park.

Bill Sexton asked about an optimum work period what is that to remove the sand and gravel to the beach. **Tom Wood** said from October through February.

ii. Devils Lake Aeration Project:

Tom Wood said Staff has been receiving from Richard Steel preliminary CAD drawing elements detailing potential locations for Lake piping laterals/air diffusers. Staff has completed several discussions with the HBH Consulting Engineers, Inc. aeration project lead engineer, Brad Mercure to express concern, that Dr. Horne has not commented on the design production during the month of August. On August 29, 2016 a design halt was issued until Dr. Horne returns from vacation and reviews the design progress to date and recommends appropriate design modifications or approvals to Staff/DLWID. There will be an international conference call on Wednesday, 14th at 9:00 am with design team members and DLWID staff.

c. Lake Manager Search:

Tom Wood reported they have not received any more applications. He does have confirmation from two or perhaps three people that will be submitting their resume for this job in the next few weeks.

Kent Norris reminded everyone that they were scheduled to have an executive session last week and that was cancelled as the applicant for the job withdrew his application. He and

Tina did a conference call with John Stein, SDAO and talked about how they were going to promote this job and made some changes and are getting some inquiries.

David Skirvin asked what the changes were.

Kent Norris said they broadened the description to try and get more applicants by not setting a specific salary, and just moving items around a little bit for better clarity. They were concerned the job offer was not getting out like it should. John was asked to expand to a wider audience other than where SDAO typically puts out job descriptions.

VI. New Business:

Tina French asked about setting a workshop after September 13 possibly the end of October, as a Board meeting, to better understand and know what is the involvement in a sewer district.

Kent Norris reported he received a SDAO questionnaire and they get a 2% discount in their rates if they complete it. He will send it out to everyone to review and have it on the agenda for the next meeting under the consent agenda.

Kent Norris asked Tom to report on the computer web site and update.

Tom Wood said he received a favorable report from Jimmie Dewey and has shared a plan and is moving forward and will have a working test site in a few weeks. If the Board members want to be a part of the changes we can do that before it goes live.

Kent Norris reported Jimmie will have a presentation for the next board meeting.

VII. Non-Agenda Items:

No non-agenda items.

VIII. Additional Comments from Citizens Present on Non-Agenda Items:

No additional comments from the Audience.

IX. Board Comments & Announcements:

Brian Green reported that the property owners in the Voyage Lake LID received their assessments for the back bone and paving which is \$8,034 per lot. Hookup cost plus SDCs is \$13,000. If you hook up within the first three years, the City will finance the SDCs. The total cost of the project would be approximately \$21,000 per homeowner. A financing option is available.

Steve Brown commented on the LID and asked for the total cost to an owner if they finance the pavement portion, SDC and the E1 pump to a property. Steve asked what are those on fixed incomes are to do?

Steve Brown said that this does not include the electrical hook ups or the permit to your property. He would like to see the Board be independent and gather all information and make sure they are not forcing people that cannot afford this cost by making a commitment to the City.

Tina French asked what is the charge for the sewer and is there a utility bill for the sewer?

Steve Brown said these are charges that need to be looked at so that they know the total cost. There will be an attachment to the deed that a new purchaser has to hook up immediately. The value of the home will be less about \$30,000. A sewer inspection is required every 5 years plus a drain field inspection. The septic tank can be inspected but the drain field could not be inspected. If you decided to not hook up and if yours fails in the 5, 10, 15 year inspections and if not standard to City then they can demand hook up immediately.

Steve Brown said they received a certified letter and that they have to sign with the City by the 22nd with an application fee of \$40.00.

Kent Norris appreciates what Steve shared and that this must be affordable and they do need to monitor especially if they form a sewer district LID.

Brian Green said that they should be able to tell people from the beginning how much it is going to cost with that in mind when they pursued the LID.

Steve Brown said that they are on the cutting edge and this LID has to have a good feeling for everyone. And the fixed income people will need grants etc. to help with the cost. He asked the Council for the SDCs to be reduced for this project. This needs to fill good by everyone.

X. Adjournment

Kent Norris adjourned the Sept 8, 2016 Devils Lake Water Improvement District meeting at 7:11 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Joann Glass