



Devils Lake Water Improvement District

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MINUTES SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, September 16, 2016 at 4:30 pm
Oregon Coast Community College, Room 108
Lincoln City, OR 97367

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I. Roll Call– Committee members Miles Schlesinger and Brian Green were present in person, and Irv Potter, Mitchell Moore, and Bruce Polvi attended by telephone. Tim Duerfeldt was absent.

Citizens present were Barbara Lay, Mel Lay, Steve Long, and DLWID board members Kent Norris and Tina French.

II. Minutes of Previous Meetings – The minutes of the previous regular and special meetings of the sewer committee were approved.

III. Comments From Citizens Present – All citizens present participated throughout the meeting.

IV. Old Business

a.Role of City – East Side Devils Lake Sewer Project. Miles Schlesinger asked if city engineer Stephanie Reid had provided additional cost estimate information as promised after discussion at the previous meeting with city staff regarding the difference between cost estimates by PACE Engineering and E – One. Green said the information had not yet been provided. Green did report that the cost per foot charged by Devils Lake Rock for the Voyage Lake LID was \$23 per foot, for labor and materials for pipe installation, about a third of the overall average amount quoted by PACE in the pre— design report. Moore said that the cost for the installation through paved driveway approaches would increase cost on the East side, and that costs for all such work were generally increasing rapidly. Green suggested we should ask Devils Lake Rock principals for a general comparison of the nature and difficulty of the East side installation versus the

Voyage Lake LID. There was general consensus that, before further discussion, we should wait to receive the information from the city engineer.

V. New Business.

a. **Next Steps.** – Green said he thought the next step was to start developing information to communicate to stakeholders. There was much discussion regarding the type of information to be provided. Schlesinger said he wanted to make sure property owners were aware of the pre-design report by PACE. He said he felt that stakeholders needed more info, and thought there should be a campaign and that the city must be involved and there should be question and answer sessions. Moore said the initial communication should be made with the purpose to get property owners engaged and to start a dialogue. Moore and French thought a short survey should be included with the initial communication. Green said he did not favor a survey, at least until the property owners had more time to gather and process more information, and that the dialogue could be started through question-and-answer sessions. Moore said that stakeholders should be informed that a committee had been formed, that there had been committee meetings, including meetings with the city, and that stakeholders should be advised of some of the ideas discussed in the meetings. French emphasized the point that sponsors of the project will have to be very communicative to the property owners and the property owners should not be surprised by the project or by an expensive assessment.

Green said he thought that much useful information could be derived from one or more of the 39 sanitary districts and seven sanitary authorities that were members of the Small Districts Association of Oregon. French said she thought that Lake Havasu might represent a similar situation because that was a lake partially inside and partially outside a city. Moore said we should reach out to the Gleneden Beach Sanitary District because they are located in Lincoln County. He also said that we should reach out to County officials to attend our sewer committee meetings.

Moore said we have to develop the numbers regarding cost for homeowners and determine how much will be funded by a district versus how much would be privately funded by homeowners and that there was a broad spectrum of such public and private combinations for funding the project.

Green said we should begin searching out grant possibilities, and Moore suggested we should learn contacts for funding in the western part of the country. Both Moore and Green mentioned contacts at the Rural Development program at the US Department of Agriculture.

Green said he would write a draft of an initial communication to stakeholders, to be vetted by the sewer committee and DLWID board, to start the dialogue and engagement process.

V. Non-Agenda Items – Many ideas and options details of a possible project were discussed, including initial installation of the backbone only with laterals and hookups to come later, versus installation of the backbone, laterals, and pumps all at once at the very beginning. Potter said the latter would make for a much larger project. This discussion revolved around the effects of these

different approaches on minimizing overall costs and financing. Moore said options for financial contributions from the city outside of the sewer district should be investigated. Green mentioned that David Hawker had put forth a small surcharge on all City water accounts as a possible revenue source for partial payment for the project.

Mel Lay said that property owners should not be required to hook up to sewer to pay for others' mistakes, that the KOA should not be included because it is not on the Lake, and it would cost him \$100,000 to hook up. Schlesinger pointed out that the KOA is not in the proposed project area, but French said that KOA inclusion has been discussed. Barbara Lay said she felt that, if the sewer project fails, the East side of Lake will be annexed because the East side is in the urban growth boundary. Green said the very strong preference currently is for formation of a sanitary district without annexation of the properties on the East side into the city, and he felt that establishment of a sewer district and extending sewer to the East side would reduce the chances of annexation in the future. Moore said the city has told the sewer committee that there is presently no interest in annexation and that it had not been determined whether additional tax revenues to the city from the East side would even be insufficient to cover increased city costs for services to the East side.

VI. Announcements – There were no announcements from committee members.

VII. Next Meeting Date –The next regularly scheduled meeting of the sewer committee will be Friday, October 14, 2016, Room 108, Oregon Coast Community College, Lincoln City.

IX. Adjournment –The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Green, committee member

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