



**MINUTES**  
**DEVILS LAKE WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Lincoln City Council Chambers**  
**August 11, 2016 -- 6:00 pm**

**Call to Order:** Kent Norris, Chair called the Devils Lake Water Improvement District Regular August 11, 2016 meeting to order at 6:00 pm

**I. Roll Call: Present:** Kent Norris, Tina French, Bill Sexton, David Skirvin

**Absent:** Brian Green

**II. Consent Agenda**

a. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

b. Financial Report

**Kent Norris** motioned, "To approve the minutes of the previous meeting and financial report." **Tina French** seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Georgina Roelof commented on why the previous managers email address is still on the web page after four months and why the correct current e-mail address for contacting the Lake Manager is not provided and why this has not been resolved.

**Kent Norris** and **Tina French** responded that they have tried to correct this problem and have not been able to resolve this issue at this time as it is a password issue. **Kent Norris** expressed that they will be addressing this issue later in the meeting.

**IV. Unfinished Business:**

**a. Committee Briefings:**

**i. Sewer Committee**

**Tom Wood** briefed the Board on the Sewer Committee. Committee members and staff met with the City Manager and technical staff on July 18, 2016 to identify and discuss next steps required to move forward with an east-side lake sewer project. The City indicated without annexation, they were not inclined to fund the project and take the lead to design, construct, maintain and operate a potential new east-side lake sewer project. **Director Brian Green** said in a response to Tom Wood, *"The City seemed to assume annexation was the only way to require mandatory hook up and that, without mandatory hook up, the City could be stuck with an unfunded liability for the costs of the system. So, at our next meeting, or series of meetings, we will be exploring whether there are other methods besides annexation to impose a mandatory hook up date and to otherwise finance the new sewer system in a reliable manner. I believe other methods besides annexation do exist and are feasible."* The next meeting has been scheduled for August 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Tina French** requested that a work shop be held by DLWID on this subject to understand the subject better and this would be good for the community as well. Other goals could also be discussed during this work shop.

**Kent Norris** said a meeting in September would work for him and asked Tom Wood to put scheduling a work session on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss.

## ii. Events and Communication

Miles Schlesinger reported the Committee would like to get approval for the fishing derby and whether the Board would want to sponsor this event in 2017 or postpone until 2018. This event needs to be advertised and promoted which takes time for an April 2017 event. He met with the City Police Chief and heard his concerns such as parking the number of boat trailers that are expected.

**Kent Norris** ask if there was a dollar commitment expected from DLWID.

Miles Schlesinger said between 200 to 500 people is expected to attend and an investment will be needed and at this time not from the Board. The VCB will be making an investment.

**David Skirvin** said they are asking for DLWID to sponsor the event and asking to move forward requesting support from the VCB for a fishing derby for next spring and no money amount requested at this time.

**Kent Norris** said he is in favor of these type of activities and the main thing is that there will be volunteers that can be organized to put this on.

Miles Schlesinger believes that he has the help to put this event on.

**Tina French** motioned "That the DLWID Board approve for Miles Schlesinger to move forward with the VCB and to move forward to make the fishing derby happen and that no money at this time is being committed." **David Skirvin** seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Tom Wood** shared the Programs for Fall 2016: Devils Lake Revival-has been postponed until 2017, Christmas Parade, and Boat Races will be held. For Spring, Summer and Fall of 2016 there will be Kids Fishing Derby ODFW 4/2017, \$10,000 fishing Derby, Devils Lake Dash 4/2017, Boat Safety Event, Solar Eclipse 8/2017, Boat Races (end of October), and Christmas Parade.

**Kent Norris** shared that DLWID hasn't supported the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks. Money was raised for fireworks for next year. This would be good for DLWID to support.

## iii. Septic Inspection

**Kent Norris** said they are still seeking members for this.

**Tina French** said there will be a sewer committee meeting August 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Tina French** shared that **Brian Green** is open to combining the Sewer and Septic Committees for a time.

## iv. Save our Shoreline & Water Monitoring

Pat Dooling reported that the water quality completed 12 samplings and have been crystal clear. No harmful algae blooms found Kent Norris shared and the culvert at Thompson Creek has some e-coli testing high. Pat talked about the project at Kent's property. Twenty-six people came and completed the project a day in advance. Miles brought lunch and made lunch the next day. Great community action project from beginning to end. Now precedence has been set showing part stone, aquatic planting, stumps etc. Forming an aquatic plant that will soak up nutrient, larva, provide food for fish etc. Have a lot of work to do. Forming a subcommittee to see what they can add and start an embryotic farm to see how they work. Wants the board to address if it is correct that native plants in the water can be planted without a permit. Kent said that native plantings can take place along the shore line as long as it is not changing the slope. Thanked the board for allowing all of this to happen.

## v. Special Projects

**Tom Wood** reported for the members. A committee was held on July 31, 2016 with highlights as follows: The annual July 4<sup>th</sup> SOLVE event was a first annual success bringing in more than 200 pounds of waste material. Twenty-three individuals participated in this effort. The fall cleanup event is in the planning stage, including protocol for alerting lake front residents of major storm events. Boater safety event held at Regatta Park. Engage Barry Brewster to cover proper safety equipment needs for all applicable water craft. The next meeting is 10/1 from 10 am to 11 am.

**Kent Norris** thanked everyone that has been participating in all the committees.

**b. Projects:**

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

**Tom Wood** shared this project is temporarily placed on hold. The volunteer effort by a local excavation contractor and dump truck operators will not accomplish this project per permit requirements and the donated dredge option is now not available (for sale in California). Staff will continue to research all other options to accomplish this project. It will cost between \$65,000 to \$140,000 and there is no money in this project.

**Tina French** asked if there was another area to dredge with the equipment that has been volunteered.

**Bill Sexton** asked about the person that would do it for free and then sell the equipment and suggested another option that he will discuss later with Tom. He asked if this piece of equipment could be used for other projects.

**Tom Wood** said he will check with the person that is volunteering and get back with the Board.

**ii. Devils Lake Aeration Project**

**Tom Wood** reported that Staff accomplished requirements by Dr. Alex Horne as follows: Staff and Larry Rich completed a lake-wide depth survey by use of a "fish-finder", the results indicated the lake is shallower than past studies have detailed. Staff and Bill Sexton obtained a swimming marker buoy, rigged the data logger devices and installed the rigged buoy roughly 220' off of Sand Point. Staff has had weekly conversations with Dr. Horne regarding aeration applications.

**Tina French** asked about the deep water-thalweg option.

**Tom Wood** said that this can be done with distributed air. This would be costlier. Central pipe and spot piping would do one tenth of the lake which is the worse part of the lake. They are looking at all ways possible to solve the problem. Cause to rethink the elements, depth of the lake and sediment.

**iii. Lake Manager Recruitment**

**Tom Wood** shared that as of August 8 one application was submitted.

**Kent Norris** was discouraged that they had only one application. They will have a phone interview on Tuesday, August 16 with the applicant.

**Tom Wood** meet with OSU and the intern program. They are excited to place students and work with the Board. Need to develop a project description for approval.

**Bill Sexton** offered his aquatic visitation property as an area to start them with.

**Tom Wood** talked about time lines and settled on the spring term.

**Kent Norris** asked where they would be coming from. **Tom Wood** said Corvallis.

**V. New Business**

**Kent Norris** talked about the computer problems and said that \$6000 was budgeted for computers. Jimmy Duey presented a bid Proposal to redo the web site and is well respected.

**Tom Wood** suggested that the Interns can continue updating the web page once it is set up.

**Bill Sexton** motioned, "To accept Jimmy Duey's proposal to redo the DLWID web site."

**David Skirvin** seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Non-agenda Item**

No items reported

## **VII. Additional Comments from Citizens Present on Non-Agenda Items**

Georgina Roelof expressed displeasure that there is only one applicant for the Lake Manager position. She doesn't care how qualified this person may be that has applied this is too important to only have one applicant. Please look at all aspects what are we missing? How can we attract more qualified applicants?

**Tina French** said that this is not unusual. They are hard to find even in her own business.

**Kent Norris** agreed and said that they thought they would get more.

Miles Schlesinger said if unable to get a Manager that will work full or half time what is the opportunity to hiring an OSU person that is starting in Newport to fill this position. Contractually by OSU.

**Kent Norris** said he can look at other options and need to look at someone that is part of the community and lives here especially with the projects coming up.

## **VIII. Board Comments & Announcements:**

**Bill Sexton** wants to research how we are going to chase down this hot spot at Thompson Creek because our water body is the lake and where this is coming from.

**Tom Wood** said they know there is a problem and are looking at grant moneys to look at this. He doesn't know how far up they have gone up the creek.

**Tina French** asked that a presentation be presented on how they do this testing at the next meeting.

**Tom Wood** will request them to come to the next meeting.

**Bill Sexton** asked also where the donation went for the culvert. Kent Norris said the money will be sent in October it is a matching fund.

## **IX. Adjournment:**

**Kent Norris** adjourned the August 11, 2016 Devils Lake Water Improvement District Regular Meeting at 7:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted  
Joann Glass