



MINUTES
DEVILS LAKE WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Lincoln City Council Chambers
February 9, 2017

Kent Norris, Chair, called the Devils Lake Water Improvement District Regular Meeting for February 9, 2017 to order at 6:07 pm.

I. Roll Call:

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

Excused Absent: David Skirvin

Lake Manager: Josh Brainerd

II. Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes of Previous Meetings
- b. Financial Report

Tina French motioned, "To accept the Consent Agenda as presented."

Brian Green seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

This is an opportunity for members of the audience to bring to the District's attention any item not listed on the agenda for public hearing.

Mark Christie, President DLNA, read a recap from the DLNA Association web site congratulating each and everyone of our DLNA members for the accomplishments we collectively contributed to in 2016 on Devils Lake. A few of the highlights are: best recreational water quality in the past four years, not one harmful algal bloom, fantastic 4th of July boat parade and fireworks show, many members serve on DLWID committees, thanks to Mitch and Dana for an annual meeting and potluck on the point. DLWID Chair, Kent Norris did a fantastic job filling in as interim Lake Manager, and Thank You to Tina French and Bill Sexton for their tireless work. DLWID hired Interim Tom Wood, who moved many projects forward and most likely will be retained as a consultant in the future. DLWID recently hired, Josh Brainerd as Lake Manager, who is well qualified. Thank You to Mitch Moore for his tireless behind the scenes work. Coming up: Two DLWID Board positions, Brian Green and David Skirvin, will be on the ballot in May of 2017. We are excited about the positive things that are happening on Devils Lake and the opportunity for more great things to happen in 2017. All make a difference.

Pat Dooling had the pleasure of meeting Josh and Thanked the Board for finding such a special person.

IV. Unfinished Business:

a. Committee Briefings:

i. Sewer Committee – Brian Green

Brian Green said they do not have a final resolution on the final form for the East Side property owners. The Committee will be meeting tomorrow, Friday, and hopefully will have some answers.

ii. Special Projects/Events and Communication – David Skirvin, Bill Sexton

Mark Christie, reported they have a big agenda for Saturday morning at 10 a.m. as this will be the first combined committee joint meeting. They will be discussing storm event notification results and updates. Thanks to Bill and Josh for letting everyone know when there are high water events. Steve Brown sent out a notification on the Next Door Neighbor app. The SOLVE project cleanup around the Lake on the streets that boarder the Lake will be discussed. Miles will be talking about the fireworks, fishing derby for 2018, and the SOS water quality planting projects. Mark said he is excited for this first combined meeting. Bill Sexton will be giving an update on the Thompson Creek e-coli and narrowing down where that is coming from. There will be a discussion on keeping the priorities of the two combined committees to a level they can do well and complete the projects. All our invited to attend these meetings.

iii. Septic Inspection – Tina French

Kent Norris reported there have been no changes and this committee has combined with the Special Projects/Events and Communication Committee.

iv. Save our Shoreline & Water Monitoring – Kent Norris

Mariellen Rich requested a change of the test sites for this year, 2017 as there are useless sites and sites that should be tested. The proposed plan is for 11 sites with the control site as the 12th site.

Kent Norris gave the background as to why this is being recommended to the Board. The past year's protocol was used which included 11 sites. These eleven sites have been: Thompson Creek, Rock Creek, East Devils Lake State Park, D River Dam Area, North Shore of the D River Dam area, Devils Lake Camp Ground, Regatta Park, Mid Lake Sample, one at Hostetler Park, K Street, and Sand Point Park. It became apparent at two of the sites, Thompson Creek and Rock Creek the test was being done at a culvert that feed into the Lake. At these two sights the numbers were high and when we went inside the lake the e-coli samples were way down and didn't register in the red zone. Mariellen shared there was adequate filtration at those two sites. As a Committee, they should be publishing, to the public, the quality of water actually in the Lake and not the tributaries coming into the Lake. Mariellen shared the Committee is recommending instead of giving out a false positive giving out what is truly happening in the Lake.

Mariellen shared they can reach these areas from a boat using a scoop with an extension rod. The new probe will help to always testing in the same place every time. The river sites will be 11 with the 12th being a water tap from the lab which is the controlled site. The Thompson Creek site will be done at the no-wake buoy and the Rock Creek site will be outside on the lake which can be done from a boat which will give a better representative of the tests. They would like to add the Blue Heron and eliminate the North Shore as a testing site. The testing will be done by boat which will be really testing the lake quality.

Brian Green asked that testing from Thompson Creek and Rock Creek continue to be done to know what is coming into the lake and the information is for Board info only.

Kent Norris clarified the report that will be published will be from the Lake only.

Tina French suggested to make a table graph for upstream testing from the two sites, Thompson Creek and Rock Creek, to keep the historical data.

Jack Strayer shared from a report, Devils Lake Aquatic Plant Plan, given to the Board August 2016. The report stated that an objective to establish aquatic plants in Devils Lake to about a 20% level which would revive the heartbeat of the Lake that would soak up nutrients, add oxygen, increase phytoplankton, zooplanktron, insect larva and small crustaceans, increase the forage,

cover, food and habitat for fish, birds, and wildlife and reduce the occurrence and severity of harmful algal bloom, and reduce the need for mitigating measures like the installation of aerators. The plants help the Lake to breathe and become more vibrant. He would want advice from an Aquatic Biologist and an Aquatic Botanist to be able to define the planting basics, develop a plan for each lakeshore owner class, develop aquatic plant sources, and planting techniques for the Lake, develop an "Aquatic Plant Guide and Planting Instructions", coordinate with government regulators, and monitor lake plant level. For each section of this plan, the DLWID Board must assess its expected participation, financing and involvement. He suggested a work shop to be able to talk about all of components for a plant plan.

Tina French asked if there were other Lakes that have a planting guide already working that can be borrowed from.

Kent Norris said that there is a planting guide they have had for quite a long time and is hoping this is a start for a firm plan for a path that can effectively get plants back into the Lake. Kent said he is waiting to see how many plants survived from the planting last year on his shore line.

Bill Sexton asked if Fish and Wildlife did a count on the number of fish in the Lake such as how do we know the grass carp are working on eating plants and how many are there. He suggests the need to incorporate the fish and consumption rate and longevity of the fish that are there.

Tina French questioned a need for the grass carp permit and where are they with a balance of fish and vegetation.

Kent Norris said this is why the need to develop a firm plan and steps they need to take to revegetate the Lake.

Kent Norris asked Josh Brainerd, Lake Manager, for an update on the water probe.

Josh Brainerd reported the cost for the probe will be approximately \$21,000. The Siletz tribe has a Charitable Grant available and he will be sending the grant application out next week for CTSI's consideration. This would be an in-kind donation of matching funds on behalf of DLWID. It will take YSI ten days to put the equipment together. Will know about acceptance of the application the middle of April.

b. Projects:

i. Hostetler Park Sediment Removal

Josh Brainerd gave an update on the dredging project and searching for a contractor to conduct Hostetler Park Dredging with a modified plan.

ii. Devils Lake Aeration Project

New water monitoring equipment is proposed for purchase. Design of the aeration project is continuing.

c. Student Intern Coordination Progress

Josh Brainerd met Tom Wood at OHSU and they met with several different department representatives to discuss possibility of both undergraduate and graduate level internships with different colleges from the University. It is all going really well. They are very interested in establishing this relationship with DLWID and are continuing to work within their departments, to put it together.

V. New Business:

a. Appoint of new Budget Committee Members

Kent Norris recommended Steve Brown, Larry Rich and Susan Wahlke to serve on The Budget Committee.

Brian Green motioned, "To appoint Steve Brown, Larry Rich and Susan Wahlke to The Budget Committee." **Tina French** seconded the motion. Motion passed.

b. Resolution No. 2017-02 Recommending Restoring Recreational Immunity Rights

Josh Brainerd gave a brief explanation of the Recreational Immunity Rights stating in 1995 the Legislative Assembly declared it to be the public policy of the State of Oregon to encourage landowners to make their land available to the public for recreational purposes by limiting their liability toward persons entering thereon for such purposes. A copy of the Resolution was available to those attending the meeting.

Tina French motioned, "To approve Resolution Number 2017-02 A Resolution of the Devils Lake Water Improvement District Board of Directors Recommending Restoring Recreational Immunity Rights."

Kent Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VI. Non-Agenda Item:

Tina French said Miles Schlesinger has been working on the fishing derby and trying to acquire permits. She spoke with the VCB director and he was asking for support from the DLWID Board and to come to Council along with Miles requesting permits for food and alcohol vendors. Tina requested Josh write a letter to the Parks and Recreational Director and City Council supporting the idea and they are requesting an Ordinance change to allow food and alcohol vendors.

The Board agreed to have a letter written and presented to the City Council and encouraged members to attend the City Council meeting on Monday in support.

Kent Norris reminded everyone about the Lake Steward Award banquet in April to honor volunteerism. He encouraged everyone to fill out the form and email nominees to Josh.

Josh Brainerd requested a motion to remove Tom Wood from the TLC account.

Tina French motioned, "To remove Tom Wood, as a signee, from the TLC account".

Bill Sexton second the motion. Motion passed.

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

Jack Stayer shared he was in the LID that is connected to the sewers and he has contributed financially for this to be done. The City has put the sewers in, put flags everywhere plus the roads. The contractors are saying the City has not released it yet and they need a letter to the citizens before it can be done to decide which pump to use. Jack asked what is the hang-up for this letter that needs to be sent out to everyone? Can the Board inquire to Lila Bradley, Public Works director on what needs to be done to connect?

Brian Green said he has not connected to the sewers yet and now that he is hearing this he will start the process himself. He was not aware of needing a letter to hook up. He thought pump station E1-235 was to be used.

Steve Brown explained that on the LID, August 19 the resolution was passed to approve the cost of the roads to the LID. The City offered for the roads and lines to be put in an \$8,000 loan to the properties which they could finance at \$43 per month and many home owners decided to choose this option. Jack is frustrated to understand where the city is if they want to hookup and what the cost are. Based on the Resolution a new owner of property must hook up to sewer immediately and there is not a clear pass-over to the property owner. This needs to be a positive experience with a clear path.

Tina French said she will reach out to Lila Bradley, Public Works Director, at the City to find out where this is at and what needs to be done to fix the problem.

VIII. Board Comments and Announcements:

IX. Adjournment: Kent Norris adjourned the Devils Lake Water Improvement District Regular Business Meeting at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joann Glass