



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

**Kent Norris**, Chair, called the Devils Lake Water Improvement District Regular Meeting for March 9, 2017 to order at 6:04 pm.

**I. Roll Call**

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

**Lake Manager:** Josh Brainerd

**II. Consent Agenda**

a. Minutes of Previous Meetings

b. Financial Report

**Tina French** motioned, "To approve 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.*

Miles Schlesinger commented on the problem with City Council and members as they were turned down for food vendors in the park for the Devils Lake Dash. He doesn't feel the City Council is respecting the Devils Lake Water Improvement District Board. The deed restriction with the property is an issue. His suggestion would be to have Josh, Lake Manager participate in the Chamber of Commerce and other functions in the City so that he can be a participant of the City to understand what is going on. Miles said he is willing to work on getting the deed restriction reviewed.

Mark Christie representing the DLWID Neighborhood Association. This news is on the web site at DLakeOregon.com. Mark shared the information on having the fourth annual fireworks display on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July at 9:30 pm and that Western Fireworks will be presenting the show. Boater safety is the key focus on this year's event.

**IV. Unfinished Business**

**a. Committee Briefings:**

**i. Sewer Committee - Brian Green**

A written report was sent to the Board members. A letter to the East side property owners has been prepared and will be mailed soon. They didn't specify in the first letter the problem that was addressed about the septic system that this will not stop the nitrogen and phosphorous occurring in the Lake. There was clarification in the second letter for human health and environmental nitrogen and phosphorous and control the system. The Committee talked about an overview document on the development of the sewer project and controlling the project. Leaning toward doing an overview before sending a letter out. The Sewer Committee decision is to get the first

letter out and not the revised letter. Brian said his preference would be to allow the Committee room to make their own decision if the letter is sent out now or to wait on doing an overview.

**Tina French** said that sending out the letter should deal with these meetings and workshops and data points will be happening for people to follow up. There is a grave concern about the cost and these workshops will help when this all starts. The more information the better.

**David Skirvin** agreed that the second letter shows the overview and will share the workshop dates they hear the benefits and what to expect as they get started. This would build an overview.

**Kent Norris** said that the second letter is better and putting together a winter News Letter with information on the sewer committee and what is taking place. This would start a process.

**Brian Green** said this would be good to put this second letter out with more information. It needs to get organized. They will get the minutes on the web site from the committee meetings. At the meeting, tomorrow, March 10 at 4:30 pm, the consensus of the Board is to add to the letter a definite schedule for public input when the residents can comment. 4:30 Mar. 10

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

Mark Christie commented that putting the minutes of the committees on the web site is a great idea. Saturday, Feb 11 was their first meeting as a combined committee and Captain Jim Kusz, Safety Officer, NLFRR reported to the committee if a tsunami occurs and the happenings in August with the crowds coming to the coast to watch the eclipse. Captain Kusz talked about the traffic for the event of the solar eclipse in August and all the activity that will be happening that weekend and they will be prepared. The Committee talked about whatever they do they will do these events extremely well.

**Tina French** asked if there were any concern with the City as far as issues with the parks.

Mark Christie said hopefully they can work through all the issues and have a positive outcome.

Mark Christie reported the committee talked about storm events and getting the information out to the community through the DLWID web page and the Nextdoor Neighbor group. They talked about the advanced notification on the fireworks and will work with Josh and the Neighbor Hood Association on safety areas for the fireworks. They talked about a project on taking a route along the lake and those roads that adjoin the lake through the SOLVE group or through the County to adopt a road clean up. This shows dedication to a clean environment around the lake. They also talked about the fishing derby and how they can help as partners with that in 2018 which Milles has been working on. They talked about the SOS planting and procedures and the shore line aeration. Bill Sexton gave an update on Thompson Creek and the e-coli from upstream from the animals and how to determine where this is coming from. Bill Sexton said that hopefully with the new equipment they will be getting this will help with monitoring and pinpointing the problems.

## **iii. Septic Inspection – Tina French**

No change. The committee is working on an updated message of the importance of septic inspections particularly for those living on the east side of the lake.

## **iv. Save our Shoreline & Water Monitoring – Kent Norris**

Mariellen Rich reported there will be a public workshop April 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 to Noon at OCC on planting around the lake with non-evasive plants and aeration. The first hour the discussion will be on getting the lake up to 20% of plants with the last hour discussing aeration. The booklet Shoreline Planting Guide will be handed out at the workshop and Specific Aeration Garden Smart Oregon Plants booklet will be available on the web site. Bear Valley will stock the non-evasive plants. Jack Strayer is helping on the planting and hope to get John Tucci there also possibly by phone.

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**b. Projects:**

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

**Josh Brainerd** talked about Hostetler Park and cost. Having problem with getting the equipment that can reach. Hope to have something in place and looking for the most cost effective option. Procuring costs for dredging, investigating alternative methods to reduce sediment volume near the D River.

**ii. Devils Lake Aeration Project**

**Josh Brainerd** reported he met with Dr. Horne and he reviewed and will finalize the plan from Laguna Science. He spoke with Tom Wood and Dr. Horne and settled on an array of diffusers on the central part of the lake and moving forward. He will not have a cost in time to apply for the grant with OWRD but feels positive they will qualify for the grant for the project when they apply later.

**Bill Sexton** asked about the testing equipment and how deep will it go.

**Josh Brainerd** said the equipment is water proof and will be able to reach deep. Looking at 100 diffusers not 300 which will help with the cost. Richard Steele and Dr. Horne are putting together a design map and a scientific punch list and this goes to HDH Engineers and then back to him with the final plan.

**iii. Student Intern Coordination Progress**

**Josh Brainerd** reported he is awaiting a response from OSU. He has also inquired about potential for aquatic plant expert to assist SOS efforts and they have not forgotten and are still working on this.

**iv. Website Usage Update**

**Josh Brainerd** said this is an update showing usage statistics to the web page and has doubled the monthly visits. He likes the idea of a committee page and will start the work on that.

**V. New Business**

**a. Airstream Pilot Proposal**

**Josh Brainerd** shared information on the Airstream Pilot Proposal. John Tucci has been a good resource for a whole lake treatment in the shallow and shore line areas. This is worth a discussion and talking about. This is a mobile aerator and floats under the water to which emits oxygen into the water which is needed. This will stir up the water and potentially cause a decrease of muck. Possible solution for the shallow spots. Dr. Horne has agreed this would be a valuable tool.

**Bill Sexton** shared that he bought one of these units and notices a considerable difference and could see the smaller fish picking at the debris. This is in his canal area and he continues to monitor the results. The muck level has dissipated going from 2 ft. of water to 4 ft. in just two hours and now he has 8 feet.

**Josh Brainerd** said he is suggesting the commercial unit with a cost of \$7,925. John Tucci will not charge a rental fee only for his travel time and expenses to come and set up the program.

John Larson asked a question about renting this machine to use where it is shallow.

Larry Rich shared that he had one of these units and used. This has been amazing cleaning up the area off their docks. They see more shells, pebbles, fish and clams and he runs it 24 hrs. a day.

**Tina French** motioned, "To approve \$5400 for travel and expenses for John Tucci to set up the program and shipping for the Air Stream Pro Pilot and request a minimum trial period of 150 days." **Bill Sexton** seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**b. Park ground usage to reach lake vegetation goal**

**Josh Brainerd** reported on talking to agencies about vegetation on the shore line.

**c. Lake Contractor**

**Josh Brainerd** needs a lake contractor to help him work on or around the lake. He spoke with George Dunkel from SDAO for work assistance for the dam, lost docks, for special projects needed on the lake that cannot be done by volunteers. He would like to advertise for this position. All agreed that this was a good idea as Bill Sexton has done a great job volunteering and cannot always help.

**d. Lake Steward Award**

**Kent Norris** said on April 29<sup>th</sup> there is an awards banquet that the community puts on and the Lake Steward Award is given out. Mariellen Rich has been nominated.

**Bill Sexton** made a nomination for Mariellen Rich and Kathy Kremer to receive the Lake Steward Award for the water testing.

All Board members unanimously were in favor to give the award to Mariellen Rich and Kathy Kremer. Tina French said she will attend the award ceremony and make the Board presentation.

**VI. Non-Agenda Item**

**Kent Norris** said the board met in an executive session to discuss the three month evaluation of Josh Brainerd, Lake Manager. The Board appreciates what Josh has done and he is well suited for the job and represents the Board extremely well.

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

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Miles Schlesinger commented that this is an additional opportunity for the Board to participate in the community like the Community Days dinner. He recommends that Josh make a statement about the DLWID board and how it is doing so that Devils Lake is recognized as an improvement district.

Fred Ceroli asked who will make the decision on where this aerator will go.

**Josh Brainerd** said that he is open to suggestions and will share with John Tucci.

**VIII. Board Comments and Announcements**

**Kent Norris** shared he appreciates the work that Miles has done for the Devils Lake Dash, promoting the lake and bringing to the community a positive to the area.

**Brian Green** shared the success of the City of Depoe Bay and their ability to obtain grants for infrastructure. Larry Lewis, part time City Planner, seems to be a person that the Board may want to talk to for grant money.

**Brian Green** announced that he will be stepping down from the Board and will not be seeking another term. He will continue to be part of the Sewer Committee as he has two more years remaining to serve.

**Tina French** said she will not be at the June meeting.

**IX. Adjournment**

**Kent Norris** adjourned the Devils Lake Water Improvement District Regular Business Meeting at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joann Glass