



**MINUTES  
DEVILS LAKE WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Lincoln City Council Chambers  
June 8, 2017**

**Kent Norris**, Chair called the Devils Lake Water Improvement District Business meeting to order at 6:06.

**I. Roll Call**

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

**Excused Absent:** Tina French

**Lake Manager:** Josh Brainerd

**II. Consent Agenda**

a. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

b. Financial Report

**David Skirvin** 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 requested that a Board member be present at each Council meeting and give a brief update on what they are doing on the Lake. The Council needs to know the board is working diligent for the City and the Lake. Promoting good visibility of the Lake is part of the Boards job.

**Josh Brainerd** explained to everyone that a Budget hearing was scheduled for the Fiscal Year Budget of 2017-2018, for this evening and will be rescheduled before June 30. It was noticed that a column item was not in the correct order, and to make sure all forms are consistent it is better to correct the error before approving the budget. Josh said no numbers have changed.

**IV. Unfinished Business**

a. **Committee Briefings:**

i. **Sewer and Septic Inspection Committee**

a. **Sewer Project Letter status**

**Brian Green** said that the dates for the sewer project workshop will be Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup>. The cost for printing of the letter will be approximately \$450 which does not include postage. Updates for the web site for the Voyage LID was sent to Josh for revision/update on the Sewer Project page highlighting the overview.

**b. Next committee meeting scheduled for 6/9/2017 4:30 pm at OCCC**

This meeting needs to be cancelled due to a conflict. The next meeting will be at the regular scheduled time in July prior to the workshop.

**ii. Special Projects/Events and Communication Committee**

Mark Christie gave each Board member a copy of the July Fireworks Guidelines and July Boat Parade Guidelines.

Mark Christie said the Committee meeting was very successful. Bill Sexton gave an update on the e-coli and Mariellen Rich talked about the measurements they took at the culvert and buoy inlet going out to the Lake. They will be working with the County on the readings of the culvert area readings. They talked about the combining of the two committees and asked the question does it make sense to take on the Aeration as a committee and as a project. They are getting close to implementation of the aeration project and a recommendation would be to have one or two workshops as to what the aeration is going to look like. The Board does need to make the final decision.

**Kent Norris** explained the levels of e-coli reading has been in the safe zone in the lake.

**Brian Green** explained that the Board has had hands on with the aeration project and that the committee does not need to take this on.

**a. SOLV Lake road cleanup event**

Mark Christie reported they picked up a lot of garbage and there was a great article in the News Guard. Next clean-up will be the west side. The County was pleased as to what the group had done. It was suggested to get communication out over the radio channels asking for help for this project.

**b. July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks update**

Mark Christie reported the hand out information is to help with safety. A lake cleanup will happen after July 3<sup>rd</sup> and need to set the exact date and time. They would like to engage the County and City in the cleanup along with community involvement.

**c. Regatta Park food and beverage permit status update**

Mark Christie reported Miles Schlesinger gave the committee an update which is moving forward and will hopefully be allowed to happen.

**d. Boat Safety Event**

Handout gave the guidelines.

**e. Next meeting is scheduled prior to DLWID board meeting, Thursday, June 8, 2017 at OCCC Room 108, 3:30 pm**

**iii. Save our Shoreline & Water Monitoring**

Mariellen Rich said they did a prelake test by the culvert by the road and then another test in the lake at the buey and that is good. They tested on the lake side of Rock Creek and then 4 feet out and that is always good. Total in all are 14 samples.

**Bill Sexton** asked what is the furthest north they test? Mariellen said at K Street and they added Blue Heron.

**a. Next committee meeting on 6/8/2017 4:00 pm, OCCC Room**

**b. Locating Aquatic plant sources**

Mariellen Rich reported that the current committee meetings will include working on plant material selection for next spring homeowner project planting recommendations as well as community outreach programs.

**b. Projects:**

**i. Devils Lake Sediment Removal Project**

**Josh Brainerd** said the equipment has been repositioned in its current location at the north end of the lake. The next proposed location is in the vicinity of Horseshoe Bay where shallow water depths and high sediment levels historically exist. We intend to make the transition to the new location this month. Before the equipment is moved to the new location we will be testing the area with our new water monitoring equipment as well as taking some preliminary measurements in regards to sediment depth. They have repositioned the equipment to move the sediment around. The YSI XO2 probe they will be using soon and have a better picture of the nutrients.

**ii. Devils Lake Aeration Project**

**Josh Brainerd** reported they are currently discussing the pros and cons of different available aeration systems based on the design plan obtained by the District. We will be beginning the pre-permitting phase of the project in order to determine any potential obstacles to installation of an aeration system in the lake. The new water monitoring equipment has arrived and will be put into service this month. This is on track and he will be coordinating with John Tucci the 22nd or 23rd of June.

**iii. Student Intern Coordination Progress**

**Josh Brainerd** introduced Student Intern Whitney Rich from Whitman College. Whitney said she is currently studying environmental geology studies and excited to work with the Water Improvement District this summer. She is excited about taking samples, learning how to work with the equipment and reaching out to the community.

**iv. Website Update**

**Josh Brainerd** reported the numbers have leveled out but we hope to see more traffic as we make improvements to the site navigability and content.

**V. New Business**

**a. District Managers Review**

**Kent Norris** said that they had an Executive Session to review the Lake Manager and the Board thought that Josh has done a good job. The Quarterly review and a pay increase was approved. This has been positive having a quarterly review and opens up communication. It was clarified that a pay increase does not come with every quarterly review.

**b. Resolution for utilizing previously budget funds for purchase of Water Quality Monitoring Equipment**

**Resolution 2017-08 -- Usage of Fish and Wildlife Improvements Funds**

**David Skirvin** motioned, "To approve Resolution 2017-08."

**Bill Sexton** seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

**c. Lake Contractor**

**Kent Norris** reported that the Request for a Lake Contractor proposal went out and expired on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Only one contractor applied for consideration and that was from BS Sexton Construction Inc. Kent Norris recommendation to approve a contract with BS Sexton Construction Inc. Bill Sexton understands he will need to claim conflict of interest where needed.

**Kent Norris** motioned, "To move into a contract with BS Sexton Construction Inc. as Lake Contractor."

**Brian Green** seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

The Board said they appreciated all the volunteer work that Bill has done on the Lake.

#### **VI. Non-agenda Item**

**Brian Green** reminded Josh to notice the Sewer Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow as cancelled.

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

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Mark Christie, President of Devils Lake Neighborhood Association reminded everyone of the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Boat parade starting at 7 pm and following the parade the great Fireworks display starting around 9:30 pm. The annual Association meeting will be Saturday from 11-Noon at the Library. Mark thanked Brian and David for their service and what they have contributed.

#### **VIII. Board Comments and Announcement**

**Kent Norris** commented that David Skirvin has served the Board for 8 years and Brian Green has served the Board for 10 years. Kent thanked them for serving as Board members and presented them with an Award for their Service.

**Brian Green** thanked everyone and said he will continue to be involved.

**David Skirvin** thanked everyone and said it was a learning experience and plans to continue to be involved.

#### **IX. Adjournment**

**Kent Norris** adjourned the Devils Lake Water Improvement District Business Meeting at 6:58 pm

Respectfully Submitted  
Joann Glass