

MINUTES

DEVILS LAKE WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Lincoln City Council Chambers

August 10, 2017

Kent Norris, Chair called the August 10, 2017, Devils Lake Water Improvement Business meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

I. Roll Call

Present: Kent Norris, Tina French, Bill Sexton, Kathy Kremer, Steve Brown

Lake Manager: Josh Brainerd

II. Consent Agenda

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

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

Kathy Kremer 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 asked that a Board member attend the City Council meetings once a month and make a presentation so the City can hear about the positive that is happening with the Lake and Lincoln City Community.

IV. Unfinished Business

a. Committee Briefings:

i. Sewer and Septic Inspection Committee

Brian Green reported on the public work shop and said that it was a good exercise. Cost is the big concern. Didn't have a lot of opposition which is encouraging. Brian briefly went through the talking points of the work shop for those that were watching the meeting and did not attend the work shop. The next workshop will be August 26th, 10:30 at the College.

Steve Brown commented about the first workshop and asked how this one was published as the number of residents attending was disappointing. The content was valuable and didn't want the committee to think there is no interest. They need to make sure that more people are there at the next workshop to really get the feel of the residence especially those on the west of the Lake. Some residence are seasonal and how do we know they have been reached. Brian suggested using a u-tube video or blog.

Tina French said that on the survey cards, they have received, there have been comments on some of them that covered all sides of the spectrum. She is not surprised on the attendance due to the time of year and people on vacation.

Brian Green said the regular committee meeting will be tomorrow, Friday, 4:30 at the College and Melissa Murphy from Business Oregon will be at this meeting. Business Oregon is a State Agency and has a specific program called the Water Wastewater Program and is primarily a loan program funding infrastructure in compliance with the Clean Water Act and have grant funds available which will be helpful.

Kent Norris said the workshop is important as the need to layout the primary reason the District is working toward this nutrient project and why the sewer system around the north and east side of the lake is important.

ii. Special Projects/Events and Communication Committee

Bill Sexton reported that the committee is working with the City to work on the west side of the Lake and have asked for a water safety program from SOLV. The Committee continues to make progress on what is in the works right now.

iii. Save our Shoreline and Water Monitoring

Mariellen Rich reported the Committee met and talked about the water quality monitoring that Whitney Rich has been doing and the floating garden project which was launched on July 22nd. Whitney wrote up a draft for DIY construction plans for building a floating garden. The size of the floating garden is 4x8 and is tied to the dock. The Committee approved No. 20-18 the committee goals. The next meeting is September 14th at 3:30 pm.

Steve Brown asked about future plans for by identifying plants that work. How do we multiply that and how quickly?

Marieleen Rich said at this time it is divide and conquer to see what plant survives.

Kent Norris said that each area will be different and giving plant's a year of growing season will help knowing what plants work.

b. Projects:

i. Devils Lake Sediment Removal Project

Josh Brainerd gave an update that they have moved the Airstream Pro unit and it is doing a great job. The water is very clear and that is having a good effect with more fish. The target is to leave the unit at the current area for about three weeks in the Horseshoe Bay area and he will take suggestions for the next area to place it.

Steve Brown said he was there on jet skis and the Bay area is really clear compared to what it used to be. **Tina French** agreed how clear it is.

ii. Devils Lake Aeration Project

Josh Brainerd gave an update that they have been collecting a lot of additional data with the appreciation to the volunteers that are helping with this.

iii. Website Update

Josh Brainerd said viewer numbers are going up and he is continuing to work on the website.

iv. Thompson Creek Update

Josh Brainerd said that David Watts from DEQ has been very responsive working with the District and he is currently working on the total daily load in regard to Thompson Creek.

Tina French asked about replacing the culvert. **Josh Brainerd** said they are waiting on grants to come through. He will talk about this with David Watts.

v. Summer Internship Projects Report

Whitney Rich gave a power point on what she has been doing as far as weekly water sampling: created a new data sheet, placing park postings, proposing updating the information boards, updated the history of Devils Lake posters with new photos, learned how to use the YSI EXO2

Multiparameter Somde, research and reporting on the SOS Floating Wetland project gardens, used the Sludge Judge equipment, K-Street Neotsu Park Clean-Up Proposal, Research on Native Plants for the restoration projects and helped a resident on planting native plants on the shore line.

Everyone thanked Whitney for being here during the summer and complemented her on doing a great job.

V. New Business

i. Airstream Pro Purchase

Kent Norris discussed whether to purchase or return the Airstream Pro.

Josh Brainerd said that this is a positive change. They owe approximately \$5,000 to purchase it. It is actively putting in oxygen and moving the water which is positive.

Bill Sexton motioned, "To purchase the Airstream Pro to continue progress forward to establish a plan going forward."

Discussion: Steve Brown said he is all for it as it is the first line of defense in the small water ways. Bill Sexton said the proof is in the results. Kent Norris said that approximately \$5,000 purchase and the monthly fees on top is small is money well spent.

Steve Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Kent Norris asked to schedule an executive session for a nine month evaluation of Lake Manager, Josh Brainerd. An Executive Session was scheduled for September 7th 1pm at OCCC.

VI. Non-agenda Item

Kent Norris addressed the request from Miles Schlesinger to have a Board member attend the City Council Meetings to report on what is happening with the Lake.

Tina French suggested quarterly updates would be appropriate. She feels it should be Josh Brainerd, Lake Manager and maybe use a power point for his presentation.

Steve Brown said he agrees and says the visual would be great and would be willing to support Josh at these meetings.

Tina French asked Whitney about her recommendations for changing some of the signs and what she would like to see that would be useful.

Kent Norris said commitment to redoing the signs is important.

Tina French said she will be out of state for the September meeting.

Bill Sexton congratulated Rich and Patty Sorrison for being the first to have the sewer connection hookup done. It was about \$5,800.

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

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Miles Schlesinger said that he likes the quarterly report idea and suggests that at a few meetings Kent Norris needs to attend and support Josh as the Lake Manager.

VIII. Board Comments and Announcements

Kent Norris reminded everyone that the next Sewer workshop is Aug. 26th 10:30 at the OCCC. This is an informational sharing meeting on promoting sewerage the Lake and invites all to attend.

IX. Adjournment

Kent Norris, Chair adjourned the Devils Lake Water Improvement District Business Meeting at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Joann Glass

