



**MINUTES**  
**DEVILS LAKE WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Lincoln City Council Chambers**  
**JULY 11, 2019**

**Call to Order**

**Tina French** called the Devils Lake Water Improvement District Regular Business Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Directors Present:** Tina French, Bill Sexton, Kathy Kremer, Steve Brown

**Excused Absent:** Kent Norris

**Lake Manager/Executive Director:** Josh Brainerd

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

- a. Financial Report
- b. Previous Minutes

**Steve Brown** motioned, "To approve the Consent Agenda as submitted."

**Kathy Kremer** seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments**

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.

Larry Rich questioned if things were progressing on who caused the sediment in the canal into the lake and asked this doesn't get ignored.

The consensus of the Board members was to find out what is causing the sediment issues and how to take care of it with a plan of action.

Miles Schlesinger found out at the recent Neighborhood Association meeting Pier Point 18 does use Nitrogen free fertilizer. The lily pads are an invasive species and can be cut out. Someone else said they are not. What can they do to clean the channel of lily pads so that they can launch canoes?

**Josh Brainerd** said they are not invasive species and very common. They do have roots that go deep into the bed. They can be removed. Kathy Kremer said the plant cannot be pulled they need cut down. Josh Brainerd will give an official answer next meeting and suggested to cut them and do not put back into the lake.

Miles Schlesinger also mentioned he made additional request to two parties that have had experience with vacation rentals and they are interested in buying the Gasoline Station.

**Appointment of Board Officers**

**Action Item:** **Steve Brown** requested that they make the appointment of board officers at this time rather than later.

**Steve Brown** recommended Tina French move to Chair, Kathy Kremer as Vice Chair and he, Steve Brown stay as Secretary/Treasurer.

**Bill Sexton** motioned, "To elect Tina French to Chair, Kathy Kremer as Vice Chair and Steve Brown as Secretary/Treasurer."

**Tina French** seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.  
**Tina French** thanked Kent Norris for all that he has done and for his leadership.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Sewer Committee**

Committee Update: There was no update from this committee at this time.

**Action Item:** Presentation of a resolution to dissolve DLWID Sewer Committee along with a final report to the Board.

### **Special Projects/Events and Communications**

Committee Update:

Tom Rice commented on the boater's safety that it was a success. Seven boats and 3-4 personal watercraft were inspected. The Deputies said they have access to life jackets and will donate those to the Life Jacket Station to use at the lake.

**Steve Brown** thanked Georgia Roelof for publicizing the boat safety as that really did help make it a success.

**Action Item:** Update on recent and upcoming events

The fireworks debris cleanup was on the 5<sup>th</sup> and there was not any to collect which was good.

The West Devils road cleanup will be the week after Labor Day.

July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks show and boat parade was excellent. The Boat Parade was great and they went the opposite direction they have done in the past due to a suggestion from Steve Brown and allowed everyone to see the parade.

### **Save our Shoreline and Water Monitoring**

Committee Update: Next committee meeting date June 13, 2019 to discuss the following items:

#### **Action Items:**

Boy Scouts Water Gardens Projects

Mariellen Rich said if anyone wants to put in for a floating garden let Jed Fly, Scout Pack 47 Leader, know so that the scouts can get them built.

New Shoreline Restoration Projects/ Plant Sale

Plants can be obtained from Bills Sextons place.

### **Districts Projects and Operations**

**Josh Brainerd commented:**

#### **Devils Lake Conservation/Aeration Project**

All aeration system equipment is functioning as planned and required. One power outage shutdown the system for a few hours, no issues were noted after the re-start.

**Action Item:** John Tucci will be on site July-August for summer inspection and adjustment of aeration system. Before the on-site work, Tucci will ship two aeration system diffusers to be stored as future replacement, and compressor oil. He has also provided us with the specific coordinates of each diffuser for our plotting and future analytical use. Lake contractor has scheduled maintenance time for changing compressor oil and completing a diffuser inspection.

## **Devils Lake Video Monitoring Project**

Everything is functioning.

**Action Item:** Due to power and internet fluctuations they occasionally need reset. Staff is currently evaluating a second installation site farther north on Devils Lake for placement of our second camera.

## **Airstream Pro Shoreline Aerator**

The main drive motor was damaged by storm debris and a replacement motor has been ordered.

**Action Item:** John Tucci is shipping a replacement motor for the Air Stream Pro for local installation.

## **D River/Devils Lake Flood Protection**

Flood management options for the inundation of tidal sand and storm debris in the D River channel continue to be evaluated. Meetings with individual stakeholders are moving forward to find collaborative solutions to the problem.

### **Action Items:**

Staff has completed a scoping meeting with Civil West Engineers Services for a proposal to locate a sediment removal channel, provide an estimate of debris volume for potential removal, and identify means and methods for sediment removal.

**Steve Brown** motioned, "To approve the Civil West Stream survey in the amount of \$8468." **Tina French** seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff has worked to develop a team of regulatory agencies to determine the presence or absence of Pacific Lamprey within the lowest 300 feet of the lake. This sediment zone is identified as an historical and potential current rearing location for larval lamprey, therefore the interest of ODFW and Siletz fisheries biologists. This work is scheduled to take place July 17<sup>th</sup> at both the lowest 300 feet of the lake and the location of where Rock Creek enters the lake.

## **Water Quality Briefing**

There have been almost no visible free-floating algae compared to last and recent years. Our Dissolved Oxygen levels (over 95% on the bottom) and pH (avg. 7.4) are currently excellent indicating a healthy water chemistry. As I suspected the bottom growing algae is a native spirogyra. This was confirmed by a sample of the material I sent to PSU for identification.

Water quality and clarity continues to be excellent in Devils Lake.

The District continues to work on identifying sources of pollution in Thompson Creek. Dave Waltz with Oregon DEQ has been included in the discussion and may have some available resources to aid in our efforts. Please put any identifying sources in a jar or bag so that it can be sent out to be identified.

## **General Operations**

Buoys permitted by OSMB and purchased by DLWID were installed around the sand island in the Southern region of Devils Lake.

Bacterial Sampling Season has begun. Since Memorial Day week water samples have been collected and tested for E.coli. Results are emailed and posted on [www.DLWID.org](http://www.DLWID.org) weekly through Labor Day.

The District Budget has been approved and taxes have been certified with Lincoln County Assessor's office.

### **New Business**

**Action Item:** John Tucci of Lake-Savers plans to travel to Oregon in July-August to evaluate and adjust the system. Exact date TBD.

### **Non-Agenda Items**

#### **Action Items:**

The Regatta Park food vendor deed restriction removal. There has been no update.

### **Emergency Planning**

**Josh Brainerd** said he has been in contact with Ken Murphy about the ownership of the lake and sorting all of this out.

Georgia Roelof commented that altering the direction of the parade on July 3 could they have the Deputies monitor the whole lake and not just Regatta Park area.

**Steve Brown** asked that the action item under the sewer committee presentation include the final report along with the resolution. As a Board continue to look at the agenda and likes the way they are being kept. Action items are to do lists.

**Tina French** asked that Thompson Creek added as an Action item under D River

**Bill Sexton** ask Alex, Intern for an overview on how she is doing. Alex replied she has learned an immense amount about administration, public communication and outreach and how important it is. Josh does a great job at all of these. There is a lot to be done and she would suggest that creating a position for an internship that encompasses along with responsibility public communication. This is very much needed a Public Operations Outreach. She has taken on the responsibility of a Public Relations Outreach and has sent out a newsletter and will be responsible for the calendar that is on the web site.

**Josh Brainerd** said the District was invited to participate at the Waterfront Blues Festival for three days with a booth Explore Lincoln City and had a lot of quality conversations introducing the lake.

**Bill Sexton** suggested a follow-up with Channel 8 to re-familiarize on the progress of the lake as a follow-up on what they in the past saw and reported on and see what it looks like now.

### **Adjournment**

**Tina French** adjourned the Devils Lake Water Improvement District Regular Business Meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joann Glass  
Recorder