



Minutes
Devils Lake Water Improvement District
Regular Board Meeting
Online Presentation ORS Chapter 19
November 10, 2022

Call to Order

Tina French, Chair, called the Devils Lake Water Improvement District Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

DLWID Directors Present: Tina French, Mitch Moore, Susan Elworth, Robb Ellis

Excused Absent: Keith Fowler

Lake Manager, Executive Director: Joshua Brainerd

Approval of Consent Agenda and October Meeting Minutes

Mitch Moore motioned, "To approve the Consent Agenda and the October minutes as presented."

Robb Ellis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Monthly Financial Report

Mitch Moore motioned, "To approve the monthly Financial Report as presented."

Robb Ellis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Mark Highland questioned about a permanent place to have meetings if one had been located.

Miles Schlesinger asked if City Hall was available again.

District Projects and Operations

Communications Report

1. The DLWID info session held on 10/27 was well attended. Topics discussed included: Tax Levy information, vegetation management, and the operation of Blue Heron Landing, among others.
2. DLWID staff completed an info flyer for or ballot measure to be voted on in the Lincoln County elections on November 8, 2022. The flyer was mailed out approximately one week before the elections.

3. DLWID staff and volunteers placed approximately 50 yard signs around Lincoln City in support of the proposed tax levy.

Devils Lake Conservation/Aeration Project

All equipment is fully operational and maintained per schedule. A compressor service and diffuser inspection are scheduled this fall.

Devils Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management

1. The district continues to work on additional options for disposing of the extremely large volume of harvested plant material.
2. District staff continue to work with the ODFW to complete the necessary information required for the OAR revisions and grass carp stocking permit. The district has submitted the lake management plan and draft grass carp permit to ODFW. ODFW staff plan to submit the OAR revisions to the ODFW commission for approval during the January commission meeting. Once approved by the commission, DLWID staff can continue working with ODFW staff to re-stock sterile grass carp in Devils Lake. The target date for re-stocking is Spring 2023.
3. District staff continue to evaluate alternative methods and equipment to aid in the control of the nuisance invasive SAV growth in the lake. This is an ongoing project.

The Directors had a discussion on the landing zones of the dumping of weeds and how to keep them from floating away.

Josh Brainerd reported that ODFW staff want the Directors to be at their meeting in February to discuss the number of grass carp they may be getting over five years. This information will then be reported to the ODFW Commission. **Mitch Moore** suggested that they have their attorney available for this meeting. **Tina French** requested that Josh Brainerd and Susan Elworth work together when working with ODFW.

Devils Lake Flood Protection

The permit is almost complete. Awaiting signatures from the 4 involved property owners prior to submittal of the Joint Permit Application (JPA).

Action Items

Obtain Signatures from property owners. Will be contacting.

Water Quality Briefing

1. Water clarity has returned following a dense algae season in the lake. There are no current indications of harmful algae blooms in the water.
2. Depressed dissolved (DO) oxygen levels have resolved. All sampling points reflected healthy concentrations of DO by the end of October.

New Business

OWRD funding for Blue Heron Landing

DLWID is working on financial options to put a comprehensive plan together to present to the City.

DEQ Regional Solutions Team

Staff will follow up with Lincoln City and hope to receive funding.

Upcoming Board positions and officers

DLWID is accepting applications for these positions

Action Items

No action items presented.

Non-Agenda Items

Tina French reported that the DLWID Tax Levy did not pass. The question was asked if they should consider putting it on the May ballot with a discussion following among the Directors.

Miles Schlesinger commented that it is really important that the District find a permanent place for their regular business meetings.

Action Item

Business meeting in December will begin at 6 p.m.

Adjournment

Tina French adjourned the Devils Lake Water Improvement District Regular Business Meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joann Glass

Recorder