



Devils Lake Water Improvement District
Regular Board Meeting
Taft Conference Hall
1206 SE 48th Place, Lincoln City, OR
and via zoom

February 8, 2024

MINUTES

Called to Order at 5:59 pm by Chair Tina French

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Tina French, Dayton Mays, Susan Elworth (in person), and Keith Fowler, Mitch Moore (virtually)

Board Members Absent: none

DLWID Staff Present: Boone Marker

Approval of February Consent Agenda and January 11, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Discussion: none

MOTION: Moved by Dayton Mays, seconded by Susan Elworth, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2024 regular board meeting as presented. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Monthly Financial Reports

Discussion: Tina asked about Jimmy's bill, said it seems a little high and asked about extra work on the website. Boone said he will chat with him about the bill.

MOTION: Moved by Dayton Mays, seconded by Mitch Moore, to approve the monthly financial reports as presented. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment on Agenda Item

None at this time

STAFF REPORT:

District Projects & Operations

Devil Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management

- Lake survey will be done in early March. Survey results will be available weeks later.
- City Parks Dept. cleaning weed debris washed up at Holmes & Regatta

Discussion: Larry Brown said he will help Bill Hagmaier with the lake survey in March and report soon after. Larry said there is lots of milfoil from Regatta to Indian Shores. Randy Weldon reported about his and Larry Brown's observations. Last spring the river was full of milfoil, and elodea in the lake. He thinks storms have broken up the milfoil. Tina reported on her time on the lake a couple years ago with Representative Gomberg and their observations of milfoil. It was mentioned that milfoil is also at Sand Point and up Thompson Creek. Discussion took place about the two invasive weeds. Larry Brown talked about removing milfoil in front of his house during the last month. He observed that from the State campground to the State park the milfoil is common and he did not find elodea. Lake level is 10.6 today. Survey in 2019 showed places in the lake where milfoil was. Larry talked about the research he has done about the invasive weeds. Carp will help with both, but they prefer elodea. Milfoil is floating now, elodea has sunk. Flooding and wind have caused turbidity, which makes the elodea hard to see. No light can get through, and possibly has died, or is on the bottom of the lake. Concerns were expressed about the possible results of a survey this spring. Larry said that if the lake needs more fish, he thinks it could be possible.

Discussion took place about weed debris around the lake after the recent storms. The city parks department crew has been cleaning up the city boat ramps.

Blue Heron Landing/Marina

- Blue Heron Project – next meeting in March
- Met with City Planning Dept. – Weston Fritz

Discussion: Boone said the Blue Heron Project committee meeting was postponed until next month. Boone talked about the planning implications of changing more than 49% of the building. Boone said all vegetation is gone from the area. He also talked about boats at the marina.

Devils Lake Flood Protection & Dredging Project

- Public Works Director – recommended Bakers Boxes and cleaning water and returning to D-River. Continuing research.
- OPRD – Location still TBD

Discussion: Boone also spoke with Stephanie Reid, public works director, when he was at City Hall. The city is doing work in the area and working with DSL, with recommendation to use Bakers Boxes, thinking smaller scale. Discussion took place about contacting K&E Excavating,

about their expertise working in the area. Board members suggested Boone explore working with K&E Excavating and doing a design/build for dredging in a timely and economical matter. Discussion took place about past relationship with Civil West. Larry Brown asked about removing driftwood from under the bridge. Keith asked about grouping the jobs together, K&E running pipes under the bridge for the City, and the need to put out an RFP for the job. Randy Weldon asked about the use of a long-reach excavator to remove the sand, without machinery in the lake/river. Discussion took place about past plans and problems. Randy Weldon asked about the concrete dam being an impediment to salmon. Tina said that Civil West reported it is not an impediment. Impound to 9.53 with boards, but concrete dam is at 8.03. Boone was asked to forward that report to Randy Weldon.

Boone still working to meet with Preson from OPRD. Tina asked that he get the response from OPRD in writing.

Communications Report

- Chamber Friday Flyers – building email database
- Lake level data now available on DLWID website. Will post monthly reports for temp, level, and rainfall.

Discussion: Boone working on flyer to ask for people to add to email list. Boone working on getting information to post on website. Boone also working on posting at Regatta Park about recreational uses on the lake. Permanent grass carp signs have been posted.

The triangular structure at Regatta Park near the boat ramp is in bad condition. Boone reported that he asked Jeanne Sprague, city parks & rec director, about fixing the structure that has DLWID information. Tina asked about life jackets, and Boone reported that they are still there.

Larry said that urgency should be stressed for washing boats. Boone would like a boat cleaning station and having state officials hold an informational meeting.

Discussion took place about the bioswale at Regatta Park – someone asked about removing the sign.

Grants/Fundraising

- STCCF – Due Mar. 1 – Funds for harvester

Discussion: \$10,000 last year from Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, and Boone will apply for same amount this year. Tina suggested meeting with Representative Gomberg and Senator Anderson and any other coastal caucus members to help with funding.

Susan asked about grants from an organization in Tillamook.

Budget Committee

- Begin working on 2024-25 budget and narrative. Will set committee meeting starting in March.
 - What are preferred times?
 - Proposed dates:
 - Feb. 28 – Prepare Budget
 - March 11 – Publish 1st Public Meeting Notice
 - March 28 – Budget Committee Meeting
 - May 7 – Budget Committee Meeting
 - June 13 – Adopt Budget and Resolutions
- Meet with accountant on Feb. 8 to work on projections for 2024-25.
- Attending budget training in March – Dept. of Revenue.

Discussion: Boone is working with Mitch and Cameron James about the proposed budget. Tina suggested discussion about harvesting, dump locations and employees, holding a work session in March. Tina asked about the invoice from harvester owner and said that an hour meter is needed, time sheets not reliable. This year will serve as good basis for future costs. Discussion about training, insurance, worker's compensation, liability issues. Dayton said a good crew has been trained for this year. March meeting on the 14th, Tina will not be here in March or May, asked for different date for work session.

Further discussion about options to move and store weeds removed from lake.

Boone will change dates to reflect that budget committee meeting will be same date as regular board meeting. Boone said he will attend budget training by DOR this year.

Elections – Are there any elections that need to take place in 2024?

Discussion: Discussion took place about appointed members who need to run at next election. Dayton will need to run, since he was appointed soon after Colin was elected. Boone will contact the County Clerk's office. If appointed in the first two years of a term, the board member needs to run in the next election. Dayton was appointed in the first two years of Colin's term. If a board member is appointed during the last two years of a term, OK to wait until term is over before running.

Keith said that audience discussion cannot be heard by zoom participants.

Discussion took place about if there is a work session about harvesting, a harvesting plan needs to be developed. Tina said that last year's plan changed every ten days or so, and that the plan depends on wind changing.

Public Comment: Randy Weldon said that he would prefer to see the board hire a lobbyist firm for heavy pressure on ODFW to get more grass carp. He feels fish are the only solution. Larry Brown said that has been solved.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Submitted by Susan Wahlke