



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

September 16, 2024

## MINUTES

**1. Called to order at 6:00 pm**

**2. Roll Call:**

**Board members present:** Dayton Mays, Tina French (via zoom), Susan Elworth

**Board members absent:** Keith Fowler, Bob Stolberg

**Staff present:** Boone Marker, Lake Manager

**3. Approval of September Consent Agenda and August Board Meeting and Work Session Minutes**

**Discussion:** It was noted that the work session minutes had missing words at the end of the second paragraph under the Blue Heron Landing discussion. It was suggested that “is currently good” should be added to that paragraph.

**MOTION:** Moved by Susan Elworth, seconded by Dayton Mays, to approve the September consent agenda, August 22, 2024 work session minutes, as amended, and August 8, 2024 board meeting minutes, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports – August**

**Discussion:** Tina pointed out the changes to dates and the need to check that these are August figures, since the percentages seem too high, and monthly expenditures vs. actual seem off.

**MOTION:** Moved by Tina French, seconded by Dayton Mays, to approve the August financial report, as amended. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

## 5. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Craig announced that the Rocky Stone Memorial event will commence on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, with set up on the 11<sup>th</sup> at Brown Bear State Park as the staging area. He said he needs a good way to notify homes on the lake. The event has taken place for many years, except when there were too many weeds. Ramp closures have been posted. The lake will be 80% closed during the races, except Blue Heron Landing area and the mouth near Devils Lake State Park. Boone asked for information that he can post on DLWID social media. Last time the event took place was two years ago. This is a speed trials event, not races, with a 5/8 mile course. There will be a safety boat in place. 167 mph is the record speed. This is the fastest water in the world! Depending on weather and lake conditions, it will be a one or two-day event.

Larry Brown said he surveyed the lake for weeds, and said it looks pretty good. He talked about the one weed at 0-4 feet around the shoreline. Water temps have dropped and weeds seem to have stopped growing so much. The plant he has seen has little white flowers, and it is a corkscrew shaped aquatic plant.

Mark suggested that the Central Oregon Coast Air BnB facebook page could be a place to notice people around the lake, and flyers could be posted at Vacasa and Meredith rentals. He asked about information posting by Devils Lake Neighborhood Association (DLNA). It was suggested that an email from DLWID may include DLNA members.

## 6. Treasurer Appointment

It was agreed to table this matter until Bob is able to attend a meeting.

## 7. Increase of Bookkeeping Fees and Contract Update

The bookkeeper has asked to increase his fee by \$50/ month. Discussion took place about the fact there should be a contract and an annual review. It was suggested that the contract should be provided to review at the next meeting.

## 8. Staff Report

### District Projects & Operations

#### Devil Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management

- DSL easement permit submitted for aerators
- DEQ/OHA issued a cyanobacteria advisory on 8/28/24 and lifted in on 9/6/24. First advisory in years.
  - o May invest in new equipment to test for toxins by the District.
- Pacific Rim conducted its annual August vegetation survey. Results should be available in late September.

**Discussion:** Boone reported that the easement permit was submitted to the county for review, then it will be submitted to DSL.

On August 28<sup>th</sup> there was an advisory in place, and it was lifted on September 6<sup>th</sup>. DEQ/OHA will be back next Tuesday to sample again. Boone asked DEQ about a testing kit for him to use throughout the summer. He said that the former lake manager did testing, and Boone would like to do that too.

A photo shared from a member of the public from the Indian Shores area helped identify cyanobacteria. Discussion took place about how wide-spread the cyanobacteria was in the lake. Tina suggested a mobile aerator (now in storage) be sited at Indian Shores. She suggested the Dissolved Oxygen reading was low when the cyanobacteria was noticed, and that there is warmer water between Regatta Park and Indian Shores, which would be a good reason for summer placement of a mobile aerator.

There was a request to turn off the aerators during the boating event October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

Boone said that the results of the Pacific Rim survey should be received soon.

Boone asked about funds from the Tribe, which need to be returned if not used.

### **Blue Heron Landing/Marina**

- Met with Lincoln City planning/Lincoln County assessors' office in regards to property lines at BHL. Lot has 2 parcels, BHL sits on one.
  - City codes/rules 15, 16, 17
  - Must have enough building area outside of delineation
  - Change more than 49% over 5 years, falls under different codes for land use.
  - Wetland and flood plain withing the property lines of lot 2 .

**Discussion:** Boone reported that he spoke with City planning and the County Assessor's office and was told there are just two lots, about equal sized. There was a 2004 lot line adjustment. Tax lot 2900 is two parcels with a lot line adjustment at the SW corner. Discussion took place about the property. Further discussion took place about changing 49% of the structure or the value. Tom looked at building (Susan's husband) and discovered that the front of the building is sinking, causing roof issues. It was suggested that Bill Sexton look at it and Dayton suggested a company specializing in foundation repair. Discussion took place about marketability of property. Discussion took place that work could be done within 49%. Putting on the market by May of 2025 would give board 18 months before balloon payment due.

Tina suggested further discussion when Bob returns.

Mark said he toured the building with Boone, and spoke with Bob last meeting. They agreed that office space, dock space are important. He suggested that this is a good time of year to talk to contractors so they can start working next summer.

Jay talked about his conversation with Bob about BHL, suggested lab work at Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC), meetings at City Hall, access to lake from property owners, and office for lake manager in Taft. Tina said after Covid, meetings at City Hall were not possible, OCCC meeting space not available any longer, and current meeting space much less expensive.

Discussion took place about another work session for more a definitive plan to go forward. Getting an estimate for the property from a realtor would be helpful. Tina remembered \$1.2M for the entire property, or about \$300-400,000 per parcel, and that Bob wanted to talk to someone from the Tribe before listing the property. It was suggested that the board members need to have questions answered and then move forward. Discussion took place about the need for a date for a work session and inviting a realtor to that meeting.

Boone reported that overnight on Monday last week someone tried to take the DLWID boat. Persons have been identified. Boat was damaged. It was suggested that the kayaks and trailer need to be removed from the property.

### **Devils Lake Flood Protection & Dredging Project**

- Findings in support of exemptions for awarding dredging contract
  - DLWID Board serves as the “Local Review Board”
- Will work with engineering firm – DOWL to coordinate engineering specifics for dredging project. Once the findings are complete, the board can approve and move forward with awarding a contract to a construction company.

**Discussion:** Boone said he will bring findings forward to the board for a public hearing. Boone is working with City staff to be included in meetings concerning their work.

### **Grants/Fundraising**

- OWEB Restoration Grant – Open solicitation due Oct. 28, 2024
- Grants provided by grant specialists include Federal, State, and Trusts. Over 25 grants are available for water enhancement projects.

**Discussion:** Boone is reviewing the grants from Maggie, and would like help to decide which to pursue. The OWEB grant application could be resubmitted with a different emphasis. Susan will look at grants that might work for this year.

### **Events**

- SDAO board training – Oct. 2
- Jet boat races – Oct. 11-13

**Discussion:** Two board members will be attending SDAO training.

**9. Board Comments**

Susan suggested next month holding a work session for Boone.

**10. Public Comment**

There was discussion of the cost of dredging and moving/removing logs and sand.

Mark said he is encouraged by the work done towards dredging.

Discussion of carp lost last winter and possible replacement, and the conclusion that it is cost prohibitive. It was suggested that with the weeds under control, there is no need for more fish.

Discussion of a clean-up station at Brown Bear State Park to wash off boats before entering the lake.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm**

Setting Next Meeting Date Wednesday, October 9 at different location.

Submitted by Susan Wahlke