



Devils Lake Water Improvement District
Regular Board Meeting

Taft Hall
1206 SE 48th St.
Lincoln City, Oregon
and via zoom

January 9, 2025

MINUTES

1. **Called to order at 6:00 pm** by president French.

2. **Roll Call:**

Board members present: Tina French, Bob Stolberg and Dayton Mays

Board members absent: Keith Fowler, Susan Elworth

Staff present: Boone Marker, Lake Manager

3. **Approval of January Consent Agenda and December 12, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes**

Discussion: Dayton absent entire meeting in December. The minutes will be revised.

MOTION: Moved by Bob Stolberg, seconded by Dayton Mays, to approve the January consent agenda, and December 12, 2024 meeting minutes, as amended.

Voting: Tina French – yes; Dayton Mays – yes; Bob Stolberg – yes; Keith Fowler – absent; Susan Elworth – absent; Motion passed unanimously.

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

Discussion: Bob said he saw two items that he identified as needing correction. Boone said he discussed them with Cameron and those items will be allocated to the correct line items, and Spectrum expenses will be corrected. Discussion of marina revenue budget, which should be researched. Changes will be brought forward at the February meeting

5. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Bill Sexton commented on the aerators and said that the compressor is down, Green Light Electric came out to assess the power, there was an insufficient voltage message. He called the installer who was unable to give a solution without looking at all the components. The

compressor needs to be removed and shipped back to Michigan. \$1000 shipping cost each way. About \$4,500 total cost. It stopped working January 1st or 2nd. Board members talked about having an electrician try to fix it before shipping it to Michigan. Oil change due in September, \$2,000 estimate from electrician. Best to deal with now. Consensus to have Green Light to look at it. The aerator has worked for 7 years, 24/7, this problem could be a result of power outage/surge. Direction given to Bill Sexton to contact Justin to have his tech evaluate.

Bill asked about outlook for grass harvester. Consensus of the Board was to hold onto it through the summer, then evaluate whether to return it. Discussion took place about weeds in the lake last summer.

6. Board of Directors – May 2025 Ballots

Discussion: Four seats are open at end of fiscal year, June 30th. Keith and Susan's terms expire. Dayton and Bob were appointed, so need to be on ballot.

7. 2025-26 Budget Committee

a. Appoint Budget Officer

b. Establish & Adopt Budget Calendar

Budget will be available May 8th. Budget hearing set for June 12th. Budget committee application is available on the website.

MOTION: Tina French moved to appoint Boone Marker as budget officer and adopt the proposed budget calendar, seconded by Dayton Mays.

Voting: Tina French – yes; Dayton Mays – yes; Bob Stolberg – yes; Keith Fowler – absent; Susan Elworth – absent; Motion passed unanimously.

c. Appoint Budget Committee – Consisting of 5 volunteers from community and 5 board members.

Discussion: Roger Smith and Tom Rice's terms are still in effect, Larry Rich resigned, so there are now three vacancies. Miles' term expired

8. Staff Report

District Projects & Operations

Devil Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management & Water Quality

- Aerators are not working and will need to be shipped to the manufacturer for full maintenance. Waiting on quote for full service, \$2,000 freight shipping – round trip.

Discussion: Control panel will be changed and Bill will let Boone know if further action is needed.

Blue Heron Landing/Marina

- Brownfields assessment at BHL
 - Met with assessor on 1/8, toured property and found nothing concerning that could potentially delay any future sale.

Discussion: Boone reported that he talked to Dennis Regan that day, there have been a few showings and calls, but no offers. Dennis has also reached out to developers. Blue Heron Landing and two other properties are the only ones for sale on the lake. Board members asked for an update via zoom in February from Dennis, to ask about concerns of people who have looked at property.

Devils Lake Flood Protection & Dredging Project

- LEI Engineering began working on the dredging project this week.
 - Surveying for control & topography Jan. 15
 - Cross section surveying Jan. 20-21
 - Base drafting completed early February
 - Meeting with DLWID/LEI/Campbell mid-February
 - Tentative conceptual plan by end of February
- The city hired Northwest Hydraulic Consultants for lake flooding evaluation around 2nd Street.
 - Met with Northwest Hydraulic Consultants 1/7 to discuss D-River. NHC is compiling data for the City and I connected them with LEI & Campbell Environmental. NHC has sensors in the water to monitor tidal changes and will share their data once complete.

Discussion: LEI began work this week. Northwest Hydraulic Consultants has sensors around the lake. There will be another month of data collection. Boone will get report and findings. Work will need to go to bid and hopefully K&E can get contract to do work. Boone and Bob will talk about possible exemption from bidding.

Grants/Fundraising

- New budget season
 - 3 positions open for budget committee.

Discussion: Budget committee was discussed earlier in the meeting

Operations

- King Tides – January 11-13
- Met with Explore Lincoln City
- Attending SDAO annual conference in Bend, Feb 6-8.
- Board Elections May 20, 2025
 - Susan Elworth, Keith Fowler, Dayton Mays, Robert Stolberg
 - \$10 filing fee between February 8 – March 20.

- \$25 additional if candidate wants to have photo included in voters' pamphlet by March 24.

Discussion: Boone talked with Kim Cooper-Findling of Explore Lincoln City about promotion of the lake. About 5 years ago there was promotion by the City about activities on the lake. Tina would like to bring back the carp festival once weeds and dredging issues have been resolved. Discussion of current size of carp. Discussion took place about a person on a boat stuck on the lake recently.

Special District of Oregon conference in Bend next month – Boone attending

Discussion of Drop Box invitation Boone sent.

Discussion of required trainings for board members.

9. Public Comment

Question about transition to new website and Boone said he thinks it will be great. Further discussion about cameras.

Tina asked Boone to follow up with LCPD re: vandalism at BHL.

Tina unable to attend next month. Boone will check with Susan and Keith about their availability. Dayton and Bob planning to attend.

Boone said he kept one kayak and will go out on the lake to look at the wooden structure just east of the traffic signal, normally surrounded by lily pads.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm

Next Meeting: February 13, 2025 – 6:00 pm

Submitted by Susan Wahlke