



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

June 8, 2023

## MINUTES

**Called to Order at 6:00 pm** by President Tina French.

**Roll Call:**

**Board Members Present:** Mitch Moore, Tina French, Keith Fowler;  
Susan Elworth arrived at 6:03 pm

**Board Members Absent:** none; Colin Teem has resigned from the board.

**DLWID Staff Present:** Boone Marker, Christina Dewey, Jim Dewey

No one attended virtually this month.

Budget committee meeting was held last month and the committee approved the proposed budget with a favorable recommendation to the board, with two changes, one to the narrative and a correction to the general fund allocated budget total.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda and May 11, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Moved by Mitch Moore, Seconded by Keith Fowler, to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2023 regular board meeting as presented. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Monthly Financial Report**

Tina talked about changes to the monthly reports.

**MOTION:** Moved by Susan Elworth, Seconded by Keith Fowler, to approve the monthly financial report. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Approval of the 2023-2024 Budget**

Mitch Moore asked for any comments or questions from the public, there were none.

### **1. Resolution 2023-04 – Resolution approving the budget message.**

Mitch Moore read the resolution.

**MOTION:** Moved by Tina French, seconded by Susan Elworth, to approve Resolution 2023-04, approving the budget message. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **2. Resolution 2023-05 – Adopting public budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.**

Mitch Moore read the resolution.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mitch Moore, seconded by Tina French, to approve Resolution 2023-05, adopting the budget for fiscal year 2023-24. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **3. Resolution 2023-06 – Resolution levying taxes.**

Mitch Moore read the resolution.

**MOTION:** Moved by Tina French, seconded by Keith Fowler, to approve Resolution 2023-06, levying taxes. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jay Roelof asked about transparency and posting of minutes and agendas on the website. Discussion took place about posting minutes once approved, and including draft minutes with the agenda packet. Also discussed was the printability of the budget documents.

## **Board Applications**

Colin Teem sent his resignation to the board on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Jimmy posted the notice of vacancy and one application for appointment has been received. Dayton Mays talked about his background. He wants to help keep the lake functional. Mitch Moore asked where he resided. Tina French said that Dayton Mays has helped with some of the harvesting. Tina French disclosed that Dayton Mays works for North Lincoln Sanitary Service.

When asked for questions, Jay Roelof asked about conflicts of interest when two members of the board are employed by the same business, and relationships with other board members. Mitch Moore said that Dayton Mays would be filling Colin Teem's term, but would have to run for the position at the next election.

Mitch Moore pointed out that attention has also been made to members of the Devils Lake Neighborhood Association. Jay Roelof thanked the board for their attention to diversity and balance on the board. Susan Elworth pointed out that with the hiring of Boone Marker, there should be more outreach into the community.

**MOTION:** Keith Fowler moved, Susan Elworth seconded, to appoint Dayton Mays to Colin Teem's vacated position on the board. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Staff Report**

Tina French welcomed Boone Marker, who she said was "thrown into the deep end of the lake", upon hiring.

### **Public Comments**

none

## **District Projects and Operations Projects Committee Report**

- Update of proposed committee activities for 2023.
- Monthly Committee meetings have resumed and are being held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month.
  - a. Lake Manager would like more info on these meetings.

There were three committees: special projects, water quality and monitoring, then also Save Our Shoreline. All committees quit meeting during the pandemic.

Special projects started meeting again in March with lake cleanup on East Devils Lake Road. After fireworks happen, a cleanup is planned along the shoreline. Tom Rice is currently committee chair. The committee met for lunch at Beach Club, no meetings currently scheduled.

Save Our Shoreline dissolved once aeration installed. Discussion took place about history of the committee, and native plants.

### **Communications Report**

- New meeting webpage on [www.dlwid.org](http://www.dlwid.org). The page has been designed to make meeting information more accessible. The page can be viewed at: <https://dlwid.org/online-meeting/>
- New video conferencing equipment has been obtained to make District meetings more accessible online. The equipment is intended to allow for better communication during hybrid meeting sessions.

## Lake Bottom Aeration Project

- No update

## Devils Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management

- ODF&W has approved the grass carp stocking permit. DLWID ordered 5,000 tagged, sterile, grass carp and anticipated arrival was June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Lincoln City has agreed to fund in-water removal of vegetation near some city owned parks and canals. The first payment of approximately \$10,000 has been received by DLWID for the cleanup of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street canal. The remainder of the vegetation removal work will proceed throughout the year.
- \$10,000 received from Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

Fish arrived yesterday. Beautiful morning. Two carcasses on dock, 6 to 8 were floating: Boone reported to ODF&W. Discussion took place about delivery of carcasses to ODFW in the future, but not right after delivery.

Signage – Boone Marker reported about ODF&W, to Marine Board, back to ODF&W. Signs should indicate “Don’t harvest the carp”. Keith Fowler asked about information to the media. Boone Marker said that he asked Lincoln City Homepage to have people contact him if they find dead carp. The News Guard also attended yesterday morning when the fish arrived. Keith Fowler asked about postings on social media. Susan Elworth emphasized that information needs to get out to the public

## ACTION ITEMS

- 5,000 Carp released in Devils Lake – 6/7/23.
- Begin mechanical harvesting in lake for 2023 season.
  - a. Harvester is being utilized during the week; identifying locations.

Tina French said that the harvester is broken down, with hydraulic problems and needed parts. Blue Heron Landing area has been harvested (prior to carp arriving). Some weeds have been harvested in the area near Holmes Road. The harvester has been running in the channel, which is heavy with Elodia and moss. Tom Rice said that he has taken over 22 loads out so far. First report due next fall to ODF&W, then two years later. JJ French has taken out more loads, in addition to the loads that Tom Rice has removed. Records are being kept for reporting.

Tina French said people out on the lake should report where weeds are found. Mitch Moore said that FAQ about the harvester should be posted, providing some high-level guidance. When the harvester is active, small pieces are scattered, and that needs to be explained and how people can dispose of that debris. Christina Dewey has been getting lots of calls, mostly just wanting information. Moss was found on the aerator,

and according to John (provider of the aerator) it was a good sign of healthy lake water. Moss should disappear when water temperature rises. Rafts of Elodia were found at the north end of the lake in May.

Susan Elworth said she would like to see a weekly update on social media about what is happening on the lake. Jay Roelof asked about the danger of catching carp with the harvester. Discussion took place about ways to protect the fish. Some of the coves are loaded with logs, and those areas are being avoided. Facebook administration is being worked on by Jim Dewey, to give Boone Marker access. Tina French agreed with weekly updates on social media. Mitch Moore asked about skipping the aeration cleanup and whether Bill Sexton should look at it again. Tina French said that JJ French will go underwater to look at it.

### **Devils Lake Flood Protection**

- The permit draft is complete. Lincoln City has approved the plans with no modifications. One remaining private property owner has yet to sign. Staff met with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) to obtain their approval. OPRD has requested additional alternatives analysis prior to their consideration of the permit approval.

Discussion took place about the boards between the lake and the river: Discussion took place about the boards being in place, but pointless; Permission has been granted to put in boards at 9.53; Lots more sand than last fall has been observed. Tina French wondered about passage of salmon. Tina French has copied Representative Gomburg to email on May 10<sup>th</sup> to ODPR, but has had no response yet. Tina French asked that Boone Marker follow up with Kevin Hercamp with ODPR. Now that the vegetation plan is in place, dredging is the highest priority.

Susan Elworth reported on the last remaining property owner whose signature is needed. She has name and address to send letter to their registered agent.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Obtain approval from Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for Joint Permit Dredging application.
- Obtain remaining private property owner signature for hotel property located @ 1091 SE 1st. St.

### **Water Quality Briefing**

- The district's water sampling equipment has been sent off for its yearly maintenance. The manufacturer is running behind – additional costs.
- The District's yearly water sampling program, which includes E.coli testing, HABs monitoring, and basic water chemistry, is scheduled to begin when EXO returns.

Josh Brainerd sent approval and purchase order for maintenance. Another \$755 for replacement part is needed. Boone Marker will report back to repair the nitrogen probe. It was agreed that it is good to get the data. Testing will have to be delayed due to this needed repair.

Water quality committee took samples in the past. Boone Marker will contact them and get started on that testing.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Begin E. coli sampling and reporting for 2023 once EXO equipment is returned.
  - a. Additional costs to EXO – Nitrate probe - \$755

### **Marina**

- Establish renting of boat slips.
- Purchase boat for DLWID.

Rates were established at the last meeting. Boone Marker has looked for lease agreement and liability documents. It was suggested that the special districts office may have examples to use.

It was mentioned that slip markers are needed. Discussion took place about the condition of the boat ramp, and that it needs lots of improvement, but Holmes Road park is nearby. Discussion about 5 mph markers, which are the responsibility of Lincoln County Sheriff's office, and should be at various points around the lake, and some near the submerged island. Boone Marker was asked to contact the Sheriff's office. In the past Mitch Moore was asked to provide names of owners of illegal buoys, but there is a process for removal of those illegal buoys.

Discussion took place about purchase of a boat, as there is money in the budget. Boone Marker has done some research. Discussion took place about the type of boat needed. Dayton Mays asked about other lake districts and what they use. It was suggested that Lake Oswego lake board would be a good resource. Bill Sexton would also be a good resource. It was suggested that authorization be given to Boone Marker to contact board members if he finds something suitable. Keith Fowler said he has lots of friends who search for boats.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Follow up on inquiries and begin renting boat slips.
  - a. Update reader board.
  - b. Finalize process for renting slips.
- Work with Board to purchase boat for DLWID.

## **New Business**

DLWID temporary office location

- Rental agreement has been signed.

DLWID office is now in Taft. Jimmy Dewey and Boone Marker have been working on moving in. Tina French would like cleanup at the Blue Heron property. Lab could be located downstairs. Jimmy Dewey is working on security cameras.

## **Non-Agenda Items**

Susan Elworth asked about the conveyor to be used with the harvester. Tina French said that Bill Sexton reported that if it is functional, road-worthy, and cost effective, it might be worthwhile. Tina French reported that the owner is currently unable to send information, and she will report next month. The conveyor will shoot loads of weeds onto the shore. The biggest issue is finding places on the east side of the lake to unload weeds. Tina French said she is worried about the return on investment with using the conveyor, and if it is worth the cost, and if it will increase harvesting capacity. Discussion took place about the possible need for the conveyor.

Mitch Moore brought up the Blue Heron building and steps to improve the marina. He has developed a description (easier to understand than the power point presentation) and would like a committee to work with Boone Marker. It was suggested that the financing plan should be in place by 2026 when the balloon payment is due. Discussion took place about how to present plans to the public. Discussion took place about Niki Price at the Lincoln City Cultural Center as a resource for the capital campaign, and help with design of the project.

Susan Elworth asked about update of the website and continued updating. Discussion took place about what is needed on the website and linking to social media.

Public comment: Board members were asked to project their voices when speaking.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm