



**Minutes**  
**Devils Lake Water Improvement District**  
**Regular Business Meeting**  
**Online Presentation ORS Chapter 192**  
**October 9, 2020**

**Call to Order**

**Steve Brown**, Secretary/Treasurer, called the Devils Lake Water Improvement District Regular Business Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. in compliance with ORS Chapter 192 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

**Roll Call**

**Directors Present:** Steve Brown, Mitch Moore and Robb Ellis, who took the Oath of Office earlier remotely.

**Absent:** Tina French and Kathy Kremer

**Lake Manager/Executive Director:** Josh Brainerd

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

**a. Minutes from Previous Meetings**

**Steve Brown** motioned, "To accept the minutes from August 13, 2020 as presented as the September meeting was cancelled due to wildfires in the area."

**Mitch Moore** seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

**b. Financial Report**

**Steve Brown** motioned, "To approve the financial report as presented."

**Robb Ellis** seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

**Public Comments**

No public comments were presented.

**Committee Reports**

**Special Projects/Events and Communications**

**Action Item**

Update on recent and upcoming events

BB Camp Concert on the Lake

**Mitch Moore** suggested to move the concert to the swimming area as a better area for social distancing.

Fishing Derby

Wood Duck nesting box project

## **Save our Shoreline and Water Monitoring**

**Josh Brainerd** said he has spoken to Stephany Reed, from the City on support with the vegetation around the lake and the responsibility especially with a limited budget. A workshop will be scheduled in the future.

### **Action Items**

Boy Scouts Water Gardens Projects

New Shoreline Restoration Projects

Plant Sale

## **District Projects and Operations**

### **Communications Report**

Quarterly Newsletter

**Eric Johnson**, Public Information Officer sent out a quarterly newsletter.

Social Media Activity

**Eric Johnson**, Public Information Officer has created Social Media Activity and Policy as public record. Eric sent out a press release to recognize Josh as the newly accredited certified lake manager from North American Lake Management Society, posted on face book, which has 648+ followers, posted the water quality report, and sent out a newsletter on the aerator and the quality of the water at the lake.

### **Devils Lake Conservation/Aeration Project**

System is up to date on annual maintenance and functioning without issue.

### **Devils Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management**

Parrot Feather Update

**Josh Brainerd** said he is getting input on getting rid of it plus lake vegetation outreach efforts.

**Eric Johnson** will be putting public information out on what is happening.

Lincoln City Canal work

### **Action Item**

Grass Carp Regulations

There is a call out to fish biologists for case management control.

### **Airstream Pro Shoreline Aerator**

The unit is functioning, and the District plans to redeploy it as resources allow. The unit is not in the water yet.

### **Devils Lake Flood Protection**

DLWID has submitted the dredging permit application for the D River to the U.S. Army Corp, Oregon DEQ, and Oregon Dept. of State Lands. We are awaiting their review before the Federal Review process can be initiated.

## Action Items

Thompson Creek Monitoring continues no new turbidity events have been reported since the last meeting. DLWID staff and volunteers surveyed the area with our drone. We were unable to visualize the creek immediately north of the East Devils Lake Road due to heavy tree cover and the intermittent nature of Thompson Creek. We did however obtain aerial images of the creek as it enters Devils Lake. The dialog with regulatory agencies continues as we search for the source of the high turbidity events in the Thompson Creek waterway.

## Water Quality Briefing

Exceedingly high clarity in most parts of Devils lake with visibility beyond 10' in some areas. We continue to see positive dissolved oxygen trends on the lake bottom of more than 98% saturation. Some increased minor algae growth is present but does not appear problematic currently. Most of the consolidated algae appears to be wind driven. We continue to see a significant decline in the amount algae in the lake since the installation of the lake bottom aeration system. Water temps have receded and are at approximately 68 degrees F. Typically, August and September produce the heaviest concentrations of algae as the lake waters warm to over 75 degrees F and our rainfall decreases.

## New Business

### Action Items

New board member signing of oath

**Robb Ellis** took the oath of office and signed the oath of office prior to this meeting.

Public poll regarding districts resources and responsibilities

**Eric Johnson** is working on getting questions put together and sent out to the members for their input on what they want in the poll that will be sent out.

SDAO Safety and Security Grant

**Josh Brainerd** commented that he is working on grants that are available for the district.

USDA Invasive Species Program

**Mitch Moore** commented that the eel grass is not that bad of a problem and is good for fish food. Mitch emailed to the Board members a list of species found in the Lake.

Federal CRF Grant Awards

This Grant is available to use for media service due to the COVID-19 virus restrictions.

## Non-Agenda Items

### Action Items

Emergency Planning

**Josh Brainerd** commented that Eric Johnson did a great job getting district operation information out during the last month about what was happening on and around the lake.

## Adjournment

**Steve Brown** adjourned the DLWID Regular Business Meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Joann Glass, Recorder