

Minutes
Devils Lake Water Improvement District
Regular Business Meeting
Taft High School Auditorium
September 8, 2022

Call to Order:

Tina French, Chair, called the Devils Lake Water Improvement District to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call

DLWID Directors Present: Tina French, Steve Brown, Mitch Moore, Robb Ellis

Excused Absent: Keith Fowler

Lake Manager, Executive Director: Joshua Brainerd

Approval of Consent Agenda and August Meeting Minutes

Mitch Moore, motioned, "To approve the Consent Agenda and the August minutes as presented."

Robb Ellis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Monthly Financial Report

Steve Brown motioned, "To approve the monthly Financial Report as presented."

Robb Ellis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

No comments presented.

Committee Reports

The Directors agreed to remove the Committee Reports, Special Projects/Events and Communications, plus Save our Shoreline and Water Monitoring, from future agendas until Committees resume meeting again.

District Projects and Operations

Communications Report

A press release regarding the progress of vegetation management efforts in Devils Lake has been drafted and released to the media. The focus of the press release is the grass carp restocking efforts. This information will be on the web page. All is on track with nothing to stop the situation.

Devils Lake Conservation/Aeration Project

All Equipment is fully operational and maintained per schedule.

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Devils Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management

1. Pilot Herbicide treatments for nuisance submerged aquatic vegetation began 6-13-2022. Staff continues monitoring any changes in water quality and vegetation density. To date the treated areas, particularly, the marina is showing a reduction in plant mass in the water. This could be seasonal changes of the plant life cycle.
2. District staff continue to work with the ODFW to finalize the number of grass carp to be introduced for the initial stocking. Once finalized the information will be reflected in the final permit application. The ODFW commission anticipates the permit to be presented to them at their January meeting.
3. The Devils Lake Neighborhood Association continues to work with lake residents on solutions to maintain in-water lakefront property and structures. Updates can be viewed @ <https://www.dlakeoregon.com/>.

Devils Lake Flood Protection

A planning meeting between District Staff, Civil West, and Campbell Environmental took place this week. The permit is mostly complete. Next steps will be to obtain signatures from the 4 involved property owners prior to submittal of the Joint Permit Application (JPA).

Action Items

Obtain Signatures from property owners

Water Quality Briefing

1. Due to unusually high levels of visible algae the lake was sampled and tested for toxic algae last week. Results were received from OHA earlier this week and did NOT indicate any detectable toxic algae constituents.
2. For the first time since its installation, depressed oxygen levels have been observed at the southernmost sample point. The level was approximately 1 mg/l. Healthy O₂ levels for fish and wildlife range from 3-5 mg/L.
3. The D River has once again been issued a recreational advisory due to high levels of fecal coliform. Testing in the lake itself continues to show record low detections of E coli. The E coli sampling season for 2022 has concluded.

New Business

Updating Devils Lake Plan – Mitch Moore submitted an updated plan from 11 years ago plus making edits to the plan. He will continue to work on and then present a clean version for the next meeting.

Board applications -- Steve Brown reported that he was officially resigning from the DLWID Board of Directors as of this meeting, September 9, 2022. He will be retiring and moving closer to family.

The Board members thanked Steve for serving as a Board member and wished him well in his new adventures.

Tina French reported they had three applications to fill the position.

Tina French motioned, "To appoint Susan Elworth as a member of DLWID Board of Directors through January 25, 2023." **Robb Ellis** seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

DEQ Regional Solutions Team – Working with Governors office concerning regional problems such as permitting

Non-Agenda Items

No items presented

Adjournment

Tina French adjourned the Devils Lake Water Improvement District Regular Business meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Recorder
Joann Glass