



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

May 11, 2023

MINUTES

1. Called to order at 6:00 pm

Roll Call: DLWID Directors Present: Mitch Moore, Tina French, Susan Elworth, Keith Fowler

DLWID Directors Absent: Colin Teem (excused)

DLWID Staff Present: Christina Dewey, Jim Dewey

2. Budget Committee Meeting, including discussion and public comment on proposed 2023-24 budget.

Budget committee meeting opened at 6:01 pm

Roll Call: Mitch Moore, Tina French, Susan Elworth, Keith Fowler, Tom Rice, Miles Schlesinger, Bryan O'Doherty, Larry Rich

Absent: Colin Teem, Roger Smith

MOTION to Appoint Mitch Moore as budget officer: Tina French moved to appoint Mitch Moore in place of Josh Brainard as budget officer, Susan Elworth seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion took place about the budget documents presented at last month's meeting: last year's figures and headings, LB forms did not include two funds. Mitch presented the budget message. Reserve funds: Improvement fund, Transportation fund (for truck and boat) 6 years ago got rid of truck, saving funds now for boat. Need a boat this year, \$20,000 allocated for capital expenditure. In

the past funds have been transferred to transportation fund. In order to restore fund, this year boat slip rentals will go to transportation fund at end of year. Worked with bookkeeper to determine beginning balance. Donations can be received outside of the budget.

STCCF has contributed money for grass carp (\$10,000). The board is hoping to receive donations from Lincoln City for work in the lake around City properties and DLNA is asking for donations for cost of harvesting.

Total resources just over \$1 million. Discussion took place about LB 30: Non-allocated General fund. Narrative regarding Blue Heron Landing and monthly payments were discussed.

It was pointed out that there is an error in the narrative (total expenditure \$20,000 high), which was corrected on the forms. Personnel services undetermined, so funds unchanged. LB 31, shows materials and services expenditures. Capital outlay narrative should be removed from narrative. This will be corrected next month. Budgeted amount for consulting services is unchanged from last year. Contracting amount may be high (expenses for Bill Sexton and Jim Dewey are contracted services). Equipment and facilities expenses listed. Moving office to meeting space in Taft expected. Mileage will be reimbursed instead of monthly amount to manager for use of vehicle.

Bids for harvesting have been received.

On June 7th 5,000 grass carp will arrive, they have been paid for. Mitch Moore and Susan Elworth gave some history about changes made so that grass carp can be brought back to the lake. The board will observe and see what happens. Herbicide will be used for the parrot feather.

Resolutions will be presented at June's meeting.

Public Comment: Mark Highland asked about expenses associated with Blue Heron Landing. New lake manager will be renting the boat slips, no longer looking for someone to do that.

MOTION: Tina French moved to accept the proposed budget, with suggested amendments, Mitch Moore seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget hearing closed at 6:32 pm

3. Approval of Minutes from April 13 regular Board meeting and April 28 special Board meeting

Discussion: It was mentioned that the board held two meetings in April.

MOTION: Moved by Mitch Moore, Seconded by Keith Fowler, to approve the minutes of April 13, 2023 regular board meeting and April 28, 2023 special board meeting. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. District Manager candidate statement and questions; Board discussion and vote on District Manager applicant.

Boone Marker, District Manager candidate, was interviewed. He has lived in Lincoln City since 2017, and worked for Lincoln City Parks and Recreation department. Said he is looking to work for the best recreational lake on the Oregon coast. Mitch Moore asked about Boone's comfort level with fundraising for Blue Heron Landing restoration. He said he rented paddleboards from the Blue Heron when he was young and came here on vacation with his parents. He has done some grant writing for the City and is familiar with special district grants. He said he is comfortable with social media marketing. Discussion took place about celebrating grass carp.

Public comment: Boone Marker was asked about communication with the public. Boone Marker said he has no wildlife or biology background. Tina French said that the board is looking for more of a project manager, aquatic science knowledge can be contracted. Discussion took place about looking for a person willing to get in the boat and go around the lake, getting to know the people who live on the lake.

Recess at 6:46 pm for executive session under ORS 192.660(2)(a) to discuss the candidate for District Manager, after hearing the candidate's statement and answers to questions.

Meeting reconvened at 7:15 pm

Discussion: No further discussion.

MOTION: Moved by Susan Elworth, Seconded by Keith Fowler, to approve Boone Marker as District Manager and delegate authority to negotiate employment to Board Chair Tina French. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and vote on harvester operator proposals for 2023

Tina French stated that since her company submitted a bid, she would not be voting on this matter. She said she was available to answer questions during discussion.

Proposals received from: Whisler Construction, KnottWorks Construction, and NextGen for operation of harvester, dumping weeds on shore, loading trailers and hauling it away, providing operator, excavator and trucks. A conveyor system may be available and it was reported that Bill Sexton said it is needed to dump a huge pile on land. Keith Fowler asked if there is a spot on the lake to unload into a drop box, which should allow removal of weeds more quickly. Bill Sexton will work with owner of harvester and conveyor, Tina French will work on transportation permits. Susan Elworth asked about Whisler's bid not including equipment. Mitch Moore said he looked at the bids, lowest is NextGen.

MOTION: Moved by Susan Elworth, Seconded by Keith Fowler, to approve Next Gen Inc to be operator for 2023 weed removal. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously (Mitch Moore, Keith Fowler, Susan Elworth voting yes, and Tina French abstaining).

It was reported that Bill Sexton will train two operators. Tina French said Blue Heron area now has weeds tall enough to reach by the harvester. First goal is to harvest NW finger of the lake because that is where carp will be put in. No growth yet at East Devils Lake Park. Randy Weldon said water was 66 degrees today and thanked board for having the canal cleaned out. He said that next to the State Park dock there is milfoil in the river (which he said is the worst water weed), but no Elodia.

6. Update on sterile grass carp stocking and transportation permit

Tina French thanked Susan Elworth for completing the permit and getting the grass carp back.

Discussion took place about transportation of fish, which will be by truck, and the water will be changed out half way through the trip. ODF&W will re-issue a transportation permit because it expires before mid-May.

7. Non-Agenda Items and Public Comment

Tina French said that there are piles of garbage at Blue Heron. She would like to organize a work party, and NLSS will provide a dumpster.

Tina French said the monitoring equipment was sent April 18th for calibration. It is needed back by Memorial Day.

Tina French said she talked to Don Williams about using his space in Taft for meetings and office space. He will rent the space for a monthly fee. Discussion took place about items in the space at the college. It was pointed out that some equipment was bought with grant money during Covid. The locks on that space have been changed. Christina Dewey and Jim Dewey were thanked for their help during this transition of lake managers.

Discussion took place about dock fees. Boone Marker was asked to start renting dock space. It was pointed out that a liability insurance form will be needed.

MOTION: Tina French moved, Susan Elworth seconded, to rent dock space for \$25/day; \$100/ week; \$275/month; motion passed unanimously.

Christina Dewey said she has names of three who want to rent dock space.

Susan Elworth asked that the NO WAKE buoy be put back up. It was pointed out that the County sheriff maintains and places that buoy. Further discussion took place about other buoys being placed on the lake.

Tina French said she would like DLWID to rent kayaks this summer.

Herbicide application was discussed. DLWID cannot do commercial application, but homeowners can apply. Further discussion took place about a person to apply herbicide.

Mitch Moore will notify DLNA about the fundraising barge on Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. Information will be on the website. Pelican will provide beer, there will also be cider available.

Miles Schlesinger asked that the sign be cleaned up and rental slips advertised there. Discussion about the gas pump took place. It was removed, and replacement is the long-term plan.

Discussion took place about dredging. There is a new person at ODF&W. Oregon Parks & Rec said no to putting sand on the beach. The board asked for something in writing, Tina French copied Representative Gomberg on the email, and is waiting to hear a response.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm

Submitted by Susan Wahlke