



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

July 13, 2023

MINUTES

Called to Order at 6:01 pm by President Tina French.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Tina French, Keith Fowler, Susan Elworth, Dayton Mays

Board Members Absent: Mitch Moore joined virtually at 6:48.

DLWID Staff Present: Boone Marker

Approval of Consent Agenda and June 8, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Susan Elworth, Seconded by Dayton Mays, to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2023 regular board meeting as presented. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Monthly Financial Reports

Tina complemented the new format. She will contact Cameron and set up a meeting with the three of them (Cameron, Boone and Tina) to discuss payment of bills. She said she doesn't necessarily want to be contacted about bills to be paid. She welcomes any additional changes to the financial report. Tina also thanked Boone for getting the meeting packet out early.

Susan asked about the \$300 charge on June 25th at Pines Tavern in Bend, and also a purchase at Fred Meyer in Bend. Discussion took place about the date, possibly when the charge was posted. Josh Brainerd and Eric Johnson were in Bend in April for convention. Some other purchases were made by Jim Dewey and some auto pays were listed. Tina said she will check on these charges.

MOTION: Moved by Tina French, Seconded by Keith Fowler, to approve the monthly financial reports as presented, but will check on some questionable charges with the bookkeeper. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Report:

District Projects & Operations

Devil Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management

- Harvester being utilized multiple days per week.
- Carp mortality
 - If found, report to lake.manager@dlwid.org with a photo. If possible, collect, freeze, and coordinate a pick-up with the District Manager.
 - Report form on DLWID website.
 - Website info and social media posts about “what to do” if carp found.

Discussion:

Lots of kudos were expressed to the harvesting team. Weeds are almost gone around Holmes Road. The process is much more efficient with more people. Total of 132 hours harvesting in June. Boone will submit invoice to Cameron for payment. Discussion took place about ways to keep track of yards of weeds taken from lake to report to ODFW.

Boone reported on the way to report mortality of carp (approximately around 20 so far). He is asking people to report. He picked up one of the large (old) fish. Discussion took place about harvesting around the Blue Heron location, and location of carp in the lake (alive and dead). Further discussion took place about reporting of dead carp.

Water Quality Briefing

- Equipment has been returned from maintenance. Water testing is underway and testing will resume weekly.
- Results can be found on the DLWID.org website

Discussion:

Boone reported on water testing. He is trying to find historical data. Dissolved oxygen (DO) should be measured and reported, and tested at different locations on the lake. He will figure out E Coli testing and testing materials and equipment. He will reach out to the Watershed Council or Noah Lambie, science teacher at the high school. Links on the website need to be fixed.

Marina

- Boat slip rental agreement and application are available on DLWID website.
 - Received multiple inquiries, but no rentals at this time.
 - New boat slip numbers installed.
 - Additional cleats ordered and being installed by Bill Sexton.

- 2004 Alumaweld purchased for DLWID. Permits/Bill of Sale have been submitted to OSMB.
- Ordered new reader board letters to advertise marina use.
- Additional security cameras are being installed on parking lot and marina.
- Lincoln County Sheriff's office has replaced many 5 mph buoys around the lake.

Discussion:

Boone reported that he has had lots of inquiries about slip rentals, but no follow through yet. Discussion took place about rental pricing. A boat has been purchased and it has been working well. Boone found the letters for the marina reader board and has changed the message. Jim installed two new cameras. New buoys have been placed by the Sheriff's office. Discussion took place about several cameras on site, one affixed to the building that shows the lake. Boone said there have been internet connection issues at the site. Further discussion took place about buoys that may not have been placed by the Sheriff's office and who should be contacted. Another buoy is half under water and should also be reported.

Devils Lake Flood Protection

- No approved permit currently. OPRD has requested additional alternatives prior to their consideration of the permit approval. Permit needs revising to meet ORPD needs, as well as consideration for disposal.
- Obtain remaining private property owner signature for hotel property.

Discussion:

Discussion took place about the area near Hostetler Park. Emails have been found to former lake manager Josh Brainerd about the 12 items that need to be done before a permit will be granted. Boone has mentioned to Senator Anderson the issues with the permit. Tina suggested contacting Civil West in Newport, and another subcontractor (permit specialist) who was involved. Susan would like to see the email with the items that need to be done. Eric Campbell with Campbell Environmental could possibly help. No luck yet contacting hotel property owner, but Tina said she may be able to find a phone number. Discussion took place about mailing a letter certified mail, return receipt requested, to that property owner.

Communications Report

- Waiting on reader board letters for Blue Heron Landing (marina site).
- Facebook admin has been added for District Manager. Ongoing FB posts about carp, water quality, and harvesting.
- Working with Board Member Mitch Moore for DLNA info, as well as carp mortality tracking/reporting.

Discussion:

Explore Lincoln City posted on social media about Devils Lake, so Boone shared that on the DLWID page. Tina talked to Bill Sexton about location of the barge for fireworks.

Discussion took place about the best viewing location for the barge in the future, in the widest portion of the lake, near Regatta Park, for safety. Discussion took place about giving back to the community with the 3rd of July fireworks. Further discussion took place about the boat parade, including timing.

House Bill 5202 report is due this month. Tina said she could help Boone with that report on the progress of harvesting. Vegetation management expenses should be used, herbicide spraying cost of \$312,000, expenses of carp, and harvesting. Boone said he may be missing information and would like to explore different methods of obtaining needed information.

Boone suggested DLWID participate in National Night Out on August 1st at the Community Center. Susan suggested distributing a flyer with a recreational map, interesting things about the lake, and information about DLWID. A tri-fold was suggested. Boone said he found an old display, and suggested maybe stickers, and a coloring page. This could be an opportunity to rent boat slips. Boone asked about a representative from DLNA attending. Mitch said he could probably do that. Boone suggested they chat later.

Boone thanked Dayton for his help. Susan suggested a few additions to Boone's report: Outreach, grants, ideas for work this fall, and plans for the marina (2026 is right around the corner). Discussion took place that even if a permit to dredge is obtained, there still needs to be funding (\$2M). How long the permit will last was also discussed. Susan said she has contacts to share with Boone and Mitch and ideas about getting the marina project underway. Tina suggested efforts should begin in the next 90 days. Discussion took place about use of the lake and the algae bloom and whether people know about navigability. Discussion also took place about information regarding algae on social media, and normal vs. harmful (HABs). Further discussion took place about signage about algae and carp, and the need to check with ODFW for permanent signage. Discussion also took place about sign makers in the area.

Public Comment

None

New Business

None

Non-Agenda Items

Boone on vacation next week, back on the 24th.

Next Meeting: Thursday August 10, 6:00pm

Meeting was adjourned at 6:59

Submitted by Susan Wahlke