



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

June 13, 2024

MINUTES

1. **Budget Committee Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm** by Board President Tina French

2. **Roll Call:**

Board members:, Keith Fowler, Dayton Mays, Tina French and Mitch Moore

Budget Committee members: Tom Rice, Bryan O'Doherty (via zoom)

Members Absent: Susan Elworth, Miles Schlesinger, Bryan O'Doherty, Larry Rich, Roger Smith

DLWID Staff Present: Boone Marker, Lake Manager

3. **Public comment on proposed budget - none**

MOTION: Moved by Mitch Moore, Seconded by Dayton Mays to approve proposed 2024-2025 budget. Motion passed unanimously

4. **Budget Meeting Adjourned at 6:09 pm**

1. **Board Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm** by President Tina French

2. **Roll Call: Board Members Present:** Keith Fowler, Dayton Mays, Tina French and Mitch Moore

Board Members Absent: Susan Elworth

DLWID Staff Present: Boone Marker, Lake Manager

3. Approval of June Consent Agenda and May 9, 2024 budget committee and board meeting minutes

Discussion: Boone said that on page 4, under public comment, he said that the speaker was Larry Brown, not Larry Rich.

MOTION: Moved by Dayton Mays, seconded by Keith Fowler, to approve the June consent agenda as presented, and minutes of the May 9, 2024 budget committee and regular board meeting, as amended. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of May Financial Reports

Discussion: Pine Tavern entry appeared again, but it will be corrected.

MOTION: Moved by Tina French, seconded by Dayton Mays, to approve the May financial reports, as presented. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Board Member Applications Q&A

Bob Stolberg and Tim Peterson appeared in person. Jedd Fly, Doreen Wakefield also applied, but were not able to attend the meeting

Keith Fowler asked the candidates about their thoughts on the future of recreation on the lake. Bob said he sees huge improvement over the next year, and would like a cultural center at the Blue Heron Landing location on lake. Tim said he's been on the lake since the 70's – has seen lots of changes. His dad was on the PADL board. He thinks the lake could get more use, and thinks weeds will return in July. He would like to involve the Tribes, City, State. Mitch asked Bob about working with the Tribes, and he said he has worked with many Tribes, mostly doing utility work. Discussion took place about the process of getting the carp taking 5 years, and dredging sand and the impoundment structure. Tim talked about putting the sand at Regatta Park, Bob talked about leveraging with other projects, and working with the City and possibly FEMA. Dayton asked about environment protection vs. recreational uses. Bob talked about group consensus, and wants to keep the beauty of the lake and wants to use his boat on the lake, and said he needs education to decide. Tim said that septic tank mitigation and aeration have made improvements, and wants to hear from people. Tina said the district has a very small budget, all these projects cost money, and the projects are big and costs are rising. She pointed out that the district's levy proposal failed, and they only have enough money to keep doing maintenance. Funding is the big issue to decide which projects to pursue and what they will cost (\$250–300,000 at this point). Bob talked about long term funding for capital projects, and said he has experience getting funds for capital projects, and prioritizing capital and maintenance projects. Tim talked about State money and working with the Tribes and reaching out to the public.

The board recessed to Executive Session at 6:37 and reconvened at 6:53.

Tina announced that Bob Stolberg was selected to serve on the board and asked that both candidates stay involved with the district.

6. Board approval of 2024-2025 budget and resolutions signed.

Resolution 2024-04, Resolution 2024-05 approving budget, and resolution levying taxes were read by President Tina French.

MOTION to approve Resolution 2024-04 by Dayton Mays, seconded by Mitch Moore. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION to approve Resolution 2024-05 by Dayton Mays, seconded by Keith Fowler. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION to approve levying taxes was made by Mitch Moore, seconded by Tina French. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Bid award for harvester contractor

Two bids were received (from Whisler and NextGen) as the 2024 harvester contractor. Boone read details of the bids and both bids were discussed and compared. Next Gen's one-year experience was mentioned.

MOTION to award harvester work bid to NextGen by Mitch Moore. Keith Fowler seconded the motion. No further discussion. Tina French, as president of NextGen, abstained from voting. Dayton Mays declared that he is an employee of NextGen, but voted out of necessity. Motion passed with three votes.

8. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None at this time.

9. STAFF REPORT

District Projects & Operations

A. Devil Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management

- No reports of significant vegetation.
- Harvester maintenance is almost complete.
- Permit for DSL in draft format, due in September 2024 for aerators.

Discussion: Boone said that he goes out on the lake every Monday, has seen lily pads, but no weeds around. Harvester maintenance is in progress. Discussion took place about

replacement of teeth on the harvester. Working on DSL permit resubmittal for the aerator. Tina asked that it be submitted early.

B. Blue Heron Landing/Marina

- 1 slip for 4-months
- BHL wood sign
- Remote sensors for lake level and rainfall have been ordered.

Discussion: Boone said that one slip took advantage of his early bird discount. Heavy wind and rain damaged BHL sign, wooden part needs to be removed. Direction was given to Boone to hire someone to do that. Boone talked about remote sensors to monitor lake level. One person has volunteered for the committee.

C. Devils Lake Flood Protection & Dredging Project

- Working with SDAO on RFP info in accordance with special district requirements for project bids.
 - Staff suggestion to file for exemption to award project to K&E. Working on draft exemption petition. SDAO also recommends working with attorneys through this process.
- Met with Senator Anderson and Representative Gomberg about dredging project with Dayton

Discussion:

Anderson and Gomberg requested more work, Boone working on report. He is hoping to have K&E's work done under one permit.

D. Communications Report

- D-River was put on advisory notice on June 3 by OHA for high fecal matter.
 - Lake had higher e. Coli numbers following June 2 rain.

Discussion: Boone talked about e. Coli numbers that were high after heavy rains in early June, but back into green now. Discussion about alert from OHA and what that alert meant. Boone will get alerts directly now. K Street and Thompson Creek and D River were high. Discussion took place about the reasons for high levels.

Tina asked about Facebook and Instagram postings. She suggested photos when Boone is out on the lake and posting positive comments on social media.

E. Grants/Fundraising

- Seeking grant writer to assist with dredging funds.
- Additional grants for watershed enhancement and salmon habitat related to dredging project once RFP proposal is selected.

Discussion: Joan Prins was suggested as grant writer, but is not available. Adam Creighton also suggested and Boone will contact him. Tina suggested another person who she will try to reach.

F. Events

- Free Fishing Weekend recap
 - Special thanks to Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, Lincoln City Parks & Rec, Audubon Society of Lincoln City, Oregon State Marine Board, and ODFW for fishing poles.
 - 15 youth took part in fishing.
 - 65 Hot dogs
- Fireworks on the lake – July 5
- National Night Out – Aug. 6

Discussion: Boone talked about the Free Fishing Weekend event. Boone reached out to others for other events on the lake. Sheriff's department inspected a few boats. Discussion about timing of events right after lake is stocked. It was a fishing, not catching event! Boat parade on 4th beginning at 4:00 from Regatta Park, fireworks over lake on 5th. Mitch said about one-third of the funds for fireworks have been raised so far. Discussion took place about the boat parade.

G. Operations

- Boone on vacation June 20–July 2
 - Christina Dewey will take water samples.

Discussion: Boone met with Christina about water samples. Boone will take the new board member out on the lake after he returns from vacation.

Boone said he heard from Julie Sexton about water results signs, and is trying to resolve connection to results. Boone can post a sheet weekly. Tina and Dayton suggested fixes.

BHL meeting after next board meeting. Discussion took place about a contact at the casino.

10. Public Comment –

Discussion of two seaplanes landing on lake this weekend (if no rain) for emergency drill, or possibly next weekend.

Contact with new board member was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 11, 2024

Submitted by Susan Wahlke