



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

July 11, 2024

MINUTES

1. **Called to order at 6:00 pm** by Board President Tina French

2. **Roll Call:**

Board members:, Keith Fowler, Dayton Mays, Tina French, Susan Elworth, Bob Stolberg

Board members absent: none

Staff present: Boone Marker, Lake Manager

3. Approval of July Consent Agenda and June 13, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Discussion: Susan Wahlke said that Bob Stolberg's last name was misspelled in the draft minutes, and she will correct that spelling.

MOTION: Moved by Dayton Mays, seconded by Bob Stolberg, to approve the July consent agenda and June 13, 2024 board meeting minutes, as amended. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports

Discussion: June financial reports were only received by the board this afternoon, so June's financial reports will be considered with July's at the August meeting.

5. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Jay Roelof asked about the tax rate that was approved in June. Another member of the public asked about the status of dredging.

6. Work Session Recap

Tina said that the board had met this afternoon to update the 2022 strategic plan and went through documents on the website (current priorities), results of insurance review, board training, and 303(d) list re: oxygen deficient – will ask DEQ to be removed. Shoreline planting guide will be on website.

7. Staff Report

District Projects & Operations

Devil Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management

- No reports of significant vegetation.
- Harvester is ready.
- Permit for DSL in draft format, due in September 2024 for aerators. Will complete in July and submit.

Discussion: Discussion about possible reasons for no significant vegetation in the lake. Some of the old carp have been sighted – some 6 feet long. Keith has seen eel grass and lily pads, that he hasn't seen in years. Boone said someone has cut lily pads from a canal. Discussion took place about the current number of carp in the lake. About 250 were lost due to storm, the board would like to replace those. The plan is to wait five years to re-evaluate and possible re-stocking. Carp come from Arkansas, 250 not cost effective to transport, minimum order 5,000. Might be able to obtain 250 from a source in Washington state. Survey will be done in August, last one was in February.

Saving \$80,000 so far on not having to harvest. Boone will ask about minimum to pay owner of harvester, if no usage this year. Last year was the second year of harvesting, the first year using current harvester. Discussion took place about vegetation on lake now and in the future. 5,000 cubic yards of weeds have been removed. Dayton said harvester most useful end of season when mats can be collected and removed. Lease of harvester minimum of four years beginning in 2022. Discussion of harvester and reasons for using the current harvester. It is ready to be used when needed.

Boone will submit aerator permit this month. Susan reminded him that the Fish & Wildlife report about carp needs to be submitted. Boone submitted a report since the fish were stocked, and will check to see if another is needed.

Blue Heron Landing/Marina

- Remote sensors for lake level and rainfall are being installed.
- Meeting with SDAO at BHL on 7/9.
- Set meeting date for BHL committee.

Discussion: Received sensors on July 3rd, installed today, will program tomorrow. Rainfall measured, then calculates lake level and posted to website. Discussion that water temperature would be nice. Boone will need to order sensor needed for that function. Keith suggested temperature at Blue Heron Landing not indicative of entire lake. Temperature of lake at other areas was discussed. Benefits of data were discussed.

Tina, Bob and Boone met with insurance adjuster last week. Discussion took place about the habitability of the building and possible liability of renting dock space. Tina talked about possible future plans with the Blue Heron Landing property. Rental of boat slips will be discontinued. Revenue vs. liability does not make it possible.

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.

Discussion: Boone explained work session discussion about going through RFP process and not filing for an exemption. As of four years ago, there were 200,000 yards of sand that needed to be removed. Working with K&E will eliminate the need for the District to obtain a permit. The work can be done under the same permit as the City's work.

Communications

- Met with staff from ODFW invasive species (such as zebra mussels, etc). Attended their presentation at Devils Lake State Park on 7/5. They are interested in partnering in events in the future.

Discussion: Boone met with ODF&W staff at Devils Lake State Park and reported on the education to the public. He will continue to work with these people.

Grants/Fundraising

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

Discussion: Boone working with Maggie Chapman to assist with grant writing.

Events

- 4th of July Boat Parade
- National Night Out – Aug. 6 @ Lincoln City Community Center

Discussion: Boat parade was well attended, and Georgia Roelof asked for parade to go further south. Bob will lead parade next year and change the route. Discussion about disappearance of the island and need for warning buoy. Boone will contact Sheriff's office.

National Night Out in August – Boone will have booth.

Operations

- Budget submitted to county clerk's office.

Discussion: Budget submitted before end of June. Tina asked about audit, Boone said he is looking for documentation and working with Cameron.

Wabusha HOA meeting a couple of weeks ago, state of the lake report given. Boone said he went to Indian Shores meeting last November and would be happy to attend again.

Revitalization of Devils Lake Neighborhood Association meeting scheduled soon.

Other Business

Keith would like to revisit the possibility of obtaining 250 grass carp from closer than Arkansas. Boone will do the research. Discussion of possibilities.

8. Public Comment – Request to keep working on dredging. Summer of 2025 work is scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 6 pm

Submitted by Susan Wahlke