



Devils Lake Water Improvement District
Regular Board Meeting
Oregon Coast Community College, Community Room
3788 SE High School Drive, Lincoln City, OR
and via zoom

October 9, 2024

MINUTES

1. Called to order at 6:01 pm

2. Roll Call:

Board members present: Dayton Mays, Tina French, Bob Stolberg, Keith Fowler joined virtually at 6:10 pm

Board members absent: Susan Elworth

Staff present: Boone Marker, Lake Manager

3. Approval of October Consent Agenda and September Board Meeting and Work Session Minutes

Discussion: none

MOTION: Moved by Bob Stolberg, seconded by Dayton Mays, to approve the October consent agenda, September 16, 2024 board meeting minutes, and September 24, 2024 work session minutes, as presented. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports – September

Discussion: Boone reported that he contacted Cameron about the Spectrum charges. Both Spectrum and Century Link charges are correct, one phone, one internet. Tina questioned the budget to actual figures. Boone said he will ask Cameron about those amounts.

MOTION: Moved by Tina French, seconded by Dayton Mays, to approve the September financial report. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Officer Appointments

Discussion: Tina and Dayton have both attended SDOA training. Tina shared materials with Boone. An annual organizational meeting should be held every year in July, when officers are elected and determined when meetings will be held. Also insurance selected and attorney of record chosen from SDOA list, at that annual meeting.

The following slate of officers was presented.

Tina French – Chair

Bob Stolberg – Treasurer

Dayton Mays – Vice-Chair

MOTION: Tina French moved, and Dayton Mays seconded, to approve the slate of officers as presented. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob said that he will attend the training as soon as possible. It was noted that budget training is also available. Discussion took place about new board member packets, with duties and rights, basic public meetings law, meeting decorum included. Further discussion took place about supplemental budget requirements.

7. Increase of Bookkeeping Fees & Contract Update

Discussion: Contract has been reviewed, and it was agreed that it still needs more detail. Scope of work is good, but other contract elements are missing regarding how to terminate. Boone will send draft to Tina to vote on at next meeting.

8. Policy Approval & Adoption – Disposal of Surplus Policy

Discussion: Boone presented draft policy to board. Explanation of “surplus” – if something has value, it must be posted on government site to sell. Must be disposed of at most advantageous method to the district. Items can be donated to non-profits. Boone explained ways that things of value can be disposed of.

MOTION: Dayton Mays moved, seconded by Bob Stolberg, to approve and adopt disposal of surplus policy. Further discussion of kayaks being donated to Audubon. Boone talked about value of the surplus items. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Blue Heron Landing

Discussion: Boone talked about the need for a survey before listing of the property. It was agreed that wetland delineation should be done by purchaser. Dock access tied to entire property. Lease good through 2034.

MOTION: Bob Stolberg moved to sell the Blue Heron Landing property with final approval of sale by the board, seconded by Dayton Mays. After survey, lot line adjustment can be done.

Discussion of two equal lots, or three lots, then property can be listed. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Staff Report

District Projects & Operations

Devil Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management

- DSL easement permit submitted for aerators. Surveyor scheduling for floodplain permit a few weeks out
- Pacific Rim conducted its annual August vegetation survey. Report received 9/27.
 - No survey sites showed elodea at all.
 - As long as there are carp, elodea should be mitigated.
 - Primary vegetation – Eelgrass, minor amount of milfoil.
- OHA sample from 9/23 still above the education values for dog safety. Signs remain in place.
- Bill Sexton serviced the compressor and aerators last week of September

Discussion: Boone reported that the County fees have been paid, and the easement permit submitted to DSL. Discussion of needed paperwork. Schematics should exist. Boone and Tina will look. Bill or Julie Sexton might know. Boone said that it was an interesting process with the County.

Lake survey sent to board members. Discussion of various weeds in the lake this year. Boone was told that every other year should be good. Boone will ask ODF&W if they need more often. Discussion of replacing fish that were lost due to bad weather. At \$50 per box of 5 fish, it is too expensive to replace 250.

OHA said that signs should remain up for dog safety. Further discussion of algae in lake near Indian Shores.

Boone reported that the compressor and aerators have been serviced, and the dam is out now.

Blue Heron Landing/Marina

- Work session with realtor Dennis Regen.
 - Boat docks are tied to both tax lots. Commercial lease is valid through 2034.
- Kayaks and trailer will be auctioned off on surplus websites.

Some discussion of this agenda item took place earlier in the meeting.

Further Discussion: Boone will notify when items posted. Discussion about vandalism and police report. Dan Clanton has names of people involved. Consensus that some action should be taken.

Devils Lake Flood Protection & Dredging Project

- Met with DOWL (engineering firm) to coordinate engineering specifics for dredging project. Encouraged to submit permit once design and disposal location are identified. Permits could take 6 months to 2 years.
 - Need to confirm dewatering and disposal for permit.
 - Footprints of new plans – they can change after submitting permit application.
- Dam removed Oct. 7-11

Discussion: Boone was told that the application looks good so far, but needs more detail about how and where sand will be removed, possibly just piled up for dewatering, as has been done in the past. Permitting could take 6 months to 2 years. Boone will sign engagement letter with Eric Campbell. Temporary disposal location is needed. Preliminary plans can be changed. Morris still interested in acquiring sand. Discussion of Vivian's being closed permanently and property being for sale. Bob suggested getting cost from Campbell to complete engineering packet, not giving them the district's limit. Tina questioned using two separate engineering firms. Boone explained that he is trying to get DOWL to do all the work. Bob said he is willing to help convince DOWL to do all of the work. Campbell is the environmental engineer, DOWL are the civil engineers working with City, both firms may be needed.

Grants/Fundraising

- OWEB Restoration Grant – Open solicitation due Oct. 28, 2024. Will submit grant for dredging funds.
- Meeting with National Special District Coalition (10/9) for grant consultation about opportunities for dredging project.

Discussion: Boone reported that he is working on an OWEB grant for dredging funds. The grant will need matching funds, which will determine the amount requested in the grant.

Boone reported that he had a meeting today, a 30-minute consultation re: Federal funding,

There may possibly be state grants to supplement. Boone asked if the tax rate had ever been increased. It was agreed that there had never been an increased tax rate. It was attempted once, but did not pass.

Disadvantaged community grants may be possible. Hazard mitigation plan may be needed. Boone will check with Cassidy Boyle at the City.

Events

- Jet boat races – Oct. 11-13 (aerators will be turned off for the weekend)
- King Tides – Nov. 15-17
- Personal Day – Oct. 25 – back to work on Monday

Discussion: Tina asked about how much of the lake will be closed for the jet boat races. Discussion took place about when and where the lake would be closed. Boone will shut off the

aerators Friday morning. Best place to watch races will be at Sand Point. Boone talked about King Tides in November.

12. Public Comment – A member of the audience asked If Elodia is eradicated, what is the status of the harvester. Last summer's use has not yet been paid for, and it was not used this year (not even in the water this year). Discussion of lack of invoices, and methods of billing. Harvester currently on stand-by.

Boone's secondary review executive session could be held November 14th prior to regular meeting. 4:45 – 5:45. Possibly consider real property listing at same time.

Work sessions will be more training – other matters should be special meetings so decisions can be made.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm

Next Meeting Date: November 14, 2024 – 6:00 pm at Taft Hall

Submitted by Susan Wahlke