



Quick Look:

- Budget Hearing
- Erosion Study
- Devils Lake Summer Festival
- Contract Review

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AGENDA 2011 June 2
Regular Meeting: 6 pm, DLWID Office

- I. Budget Hearing** 6:00 pm
- a. Budget Committee Recommendation
 - b. Board of Directors Questions & Comments
 - c. Public Comment
 - d. Board Discussion
 - e. Resolutions Adopting the Budget
- II. Minutes of the Previous Meetings**
- III. Financial Report**
- IV. Public Comment** (Agenda Items, Please limit comments to 5 minutes per person)
- V. Unfinished Business** (Agenda Support Item A)
- a. The Devils Lake Plan
 - i. Septic Tank Revitalization Program (Seth Lenaerts)
 - ii. Save our Shoreline Campaign (Seth Lenaerts)
 - iii. Vegetation Management
 - iv. Sewer (Brian Green)
 - v. The Café --- Union 50 (Brian Green & Joe Barnes)
 - b. Communications Report (Seth Lenaerts)
 - c. Safety Report
 - d. Thompson Creek
 - e. Erosion Study
 - f. Water Quality Monitoring
 - g. Neotsu Public Beach – K Street
- VI. New Business** (Agenda Support Item B)
- a. Devils Lake Summer Festival
 - b. Contract reviews/renewals
- VII. Non-agenda Items**
- VIII. Public Comment** (Non-agenda Items, Please limit comments to 5 minutes per person)
- IX. Board Comments & Announcements**
- X. Adjournment**

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Unfinished Business

The Devils Lake Plan

i. Septic Tank Revitalization Program (Seth Lenaerts)

State Action: Paul and I went to Salem to testify in favor of Senate Bill 83, which would create a revolving loan program to assist individuals to repair and replace failing septic systems. The fund would also be used for educational materials regarding septic system operation and maintenance.

The bill is currently still in the Natural Resources subcommittee. Committee members were not sure if it would be allotted a workshop, which is its next step in the process. If it does not get a hearing the bill would die.

HB 5022, which is the DEQ budget and includes Policy Package #120 has been added to the DEQ budget. It has also received a recommendation to pass by the Legislative Fiscal Office. Based on that recommendation and the recommendation from the Natural Resources subcommittee, it has a good chance of passing.

ii. Save our Shoreline Campaign (Seth Lenaerts)

Regatta Grounds: Project installation was completed on May 26. I will continue to weed the planting on a weekly basis and water as necessary. The garden is working well and as designed..

East Devils Lake State Park: Black plastic was placed over the current vegetation at East Devils Lake State Recreation Area on May 17. The plastic is being held down by sand bags and rock. The rock can later be used as a part of the planting. Although we were initially concerned about the amount of wind and the mobility of the black plastic, after a few rounds of rock and sand bags, the plastic has been secure the past couple of weeks. OPRD and DLWID will continue to monitor the site, especially after strong wind events.

The plastic will remain on the site until October or November. The plastic and the dead vegetation will then be removed. After that the site will be turned into a Save our Shoreline native planting project.

The contract was adjusted and now includes language stating that ORPD will assume responsibility of the planting, in October 2013.

- iii. Vegetation Management:** I have been dedicating as much time as possible to research on Chinese Grass Carp by visiting the Hatfield Marine Science Center's Guin Library. By being onsite, we have access to a wide variety of periodicals and online journals otherwise not afforded from our office. Sadly this has not been anywhere near the amount of time I had hoped to have had available this last month, so progress has been slower than hoped. It is a large time commitment just for travel, and thus it only has made sense on a couple of occasions thus far to make a visit. None-the-less I have surveyed over 200 articles associated with Grass Carp just in the few days I have had. Of those deemed potentially applicable I have saved the articles and begun to compile a bibliography. I will provide an outline of the work completed thus far at our next meeting as requested.

iv. **Sewer (Brian Green)**

v. **The Café --- Union 50 (Brian Green & Joe Barnes):**

b. **Communications Report: (Seth Lenaerts)**

Skier down flags: Skier down flags were received last week and are now at the printers. Estimated finish time is the week of June 6-10. The flags were \$3.95 and the printing is estimated at \$3.50 each.

Recreation Brochure: The recreation brochure is printed and has been delivered to 50+ lodging and restaurant locations. We had 10,000 printed and have delivered approximately 2,500. If we do a drop like this every year we can expect to print new brochures every 3 years, which is a good time for updates or other necessary changes.

- c. **Safety Report:** No incidents to report. Upcoming training for the intern will include a full review of the Sampling and Analysis Plans and our Safety Policy. I also intend to have her complete a boaters safety course online.
- d. **Thompson Creek:** The ongoing saga of trying to pay OSU continues....I have called, emailed and even faxed Dr. Field in an attempt to get an invoice. Last month you may remember I actually got her on the phone and she promised to have the invoice sent by that next Friday. At this rate we may have this bill hanging on well into next fiscal year.
- e. **Erosion Study:** Tetra Tech is scheduled to be in the field/lake beginning Tuesday, June 14, 2011. Three staffers in total will be here, through different parts of the week. It is my understanding that they will be finished with their fieldwork by Friday the 17th allowing the District to fully install the dam. We have had a three inquires about the lake level from property owners concerned about not being able to fully access their boats/boat lifts. I have relayed to all of them the reason for not installing the boards at this time. The board committed to reevaluating the dam at this June Meeting.

I have also been working closely with Tetra Tech in developing a method to best make available the digital photos to the public. After a number of suggestions, the best tool still seems to be PowerPoint converting to movie files and now also to an interactive PDF they are developing.

Board Decision: Are we going to continue to leave the boards out until the Erosion Study is complete?

- f. **Water Quality Monitoring:** We completed the first week of bacteria monitoring. The results showed the Thompson Creek had exceeded the state's limits, and that Sandpoint was in the yellow zone. The website was updated, the listserv sent out, and the posting put out in the field. I also had our lake contractor change out all the plastic sign holders in the field and generally clean up the sign boards for the beginning of the season. As to reagents, I have ordered the materials we were out of or nearly out of stock relative to the E.coli and the Physical monitoring program. The Cyanobacteria reagents will be evaluated in the next weeks as the season approaches.

As to the Cyano-Watch program, we did get notice from the Oregon Health Authority (formerly Department of Health and Human Services) that they have updated their lifting criteria for advisories. Depending on the type of cyanobacteria present, a separate toxin analysis will be required for Anatoxin, the highly poisonous neurotoxin. Currently there are not any testing kits for this toxin available to allow us to do this in-house which would be relatively inexpensive. I did contact our vendor for the Microcystin ELISA Kits, and they are in the process of developing an ELISA kit for Anatoxin, but just have yet to be able to get it to the market. As a result samples will have to be sent to an outside lab which would use High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC). I haven't fully priced this out, but tests would probably cost upwards of \$350 per sample. As a result to lift an advisory we will send in a sample when we are confident the bloom had subsided, typically 1-2 weeks after the visual indicators were gone. The reason the state gave as to requiring the Anatoxin tests is that they are the toxins which have caused the dog deaths reported last year down on Elk

Creek, and are the toxins related to most serious poisonings/deaths of other animals globally. These toxins are fast acting and as has been shown, potentially lethal. As a result of its toxicity, if we had the capacity to test for these toxins, we would be already and not just for the liver toxin, Microcystin.

- g. **Neotsu Public Beach – K Street:** I spent a couple of hours tracking down documentation on the property, with nothing bearing full conclusiveness or certainty on access. According to the assessor and the original plat, the area has always been called a Public Beach. It is their opinion then that the public is welcome to use the area, and that no one group or individual is responsible for maintaining it. Given some additional details I was able to track down three documents relative to the parcel being partially vacated to a property owner to the west. Back in 1988 a series of lot line adjustments were made which included this parcel. It was at the time deemed a Public Beach. What hasn't been fully vetted is whether that it is only for those with deeded access. I spoke with Wayne Belmont, County Counsel about this and he is and was already looking into this based on inquires from those in the neighborhood. We will await their final findings on this matter before proceeding much further. I was told that we should submit to Jim Buisman, County Public Works Director any plans we might have for placement of a sign, etc as the next step to move this forward.

Sign Placement: I have been in contact with a number of individuals in the area regarding where a sign would be best placed allowing the least hindrance to views of adjacent neighbors. There was some lack of inclusiveness of all potentially affected neighbors by those organizing the original meeting I attended last month. I have spoken to that party and have vowed to avoid impacts to the view corridors they enjoy through the property. Another neighbor is in the process of obtaining a "Neighborhood Watch" sign which I said I thought it would be appropriate to mount on whatever sign board we develop. There have reportedly been incidents in the area. Providing notice that the area is being monitored hopefully will detract further mischief.

a. **Devils Lake Summer Festival:** Paul and I have been mulling the idea of having a community event to celebrate Devils Lake at Regatta Grounds this summer. It would be a nice and fun opportunity to draw residents and visitors attention to Devils Lake and the water improvement district. I could lead the planning of the event and it would be a project that Lisa could tap into when she arrives. This first year the event would be small, with the possibility of growing larger in future years. The concept at this point includes:

- Information and educational booths
- Food, perhaps done by a local social club or caterer
- Music
- Additional entertainment even (during the carp festival they had canoe races, that might be something to consider)

We are open to suggestions or changes but at this point are proposing holding the event on the afternoon of Sunday, July 17.

Costs at this point are difficult to estimate, but I think if we keep it minimal it would not cost more than \$3,000. I have tried to put together a budget below; items with asterisk are close to what we can really expect. Music is probably pretty close and the others are just guesses or may not even be necessary.

Known and estimated costs:

Band: \$800

*Space Rental: \$50-\$100

*Promotion: \$800 (100 posters, design, advert in 2 newspapers for 2 weeks, add \$300 for each additional week)

Equipment rental: \$500 (Just a guess, could be tables, tents, power needs)

Additional event: \$500 (Another guess)

Board Action: Would the board like to proceed with a Devils Lake Summer Festival?

b. **Contract reviews/renewals:** The District has five contracts that are expiring June 30, 2011 that require review. They are as follows: Lake Manager, Project Manager, Legal Services, Minute Recording, and Payroll Specialist. I will forward on to the board a copy of prospective changes for making renewals of those contracts next week once I have heard back from all the current contractors.