



**MINUTES
DEVILS LAKE WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING**

**DLWID OFFICE
December 6, 2007
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Otis Winchester
Jack Strayer
Smokey Aschenbrenner
David Juenke

ABSENT: Brian Green

AUDIENCE: Raylene Erickson
Ursula Sperry
Don Sell
Jeff Oxford
Pat Payne
Signe Grimstad
Doug Pirie

STAFF: Paul Robertson

MEDIA: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Winchester.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Aschenbrenner moved and Strayer seconded approving the minutes from November.

Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Robertson answered a couple of minor questions about last month's expenditures.

Audit Review: Signe Grimstad

Signe said the audit was straightforward and that the cash account is earning interest and the profit increased the net assets by \$60,000. The budgets are in line. She said she basically had no comments. Strayer asked about compliance issues and Signe said everything was in compliance. In the future, the manager will need to produce the financial statements, which she said should be fairly simple with the templates she will provide. She will complete the field work and download the templates and Robertson can e-mail the few pages of figures to her to download for presentation.

Discussion then ensued regarding modified-accrued vs. accrued accounting, to which DLWID accounting has been switched. Robertson and Signe will coordinate for next year's accounting procedures.

Public Comment

None

Unfinished Business**11th & EDLR**

Robertson met with DSL's Carrie Landrum and the property owners on November 13. DSL made the decision to place an enforcement action on this property. The owner must remove all fill material and return the wetlands to the original condition by August 30 (when the earth will be dry), plus pay a \$600 fine. The property owners had relied on their contractor, who was using a 1996 wetlands gross inventory map that did not include their property. A permit is required for fill or removal in any waters of the state, including rivers, lakes, ocean, wetlands and/or ponds, if the activity exceeds 50 cubic yards. A permit is also required if any removal or fill is done in waters of the state that are hydrologically connected to Essential Salmon Habitat.

Aschenbrenner had suggested previously that a letter should be sent to all contractors informing them of these policies. Robertson said that a joint letter from DSL and DLWID will be the preferred method for information dissemination since education is more feasible than enforcement. Doug Pirie asked if a recommendation could be made that land owners not perform work during the "birding" season.

Boat House/Docks

No update at this time.

Native Revegetation: Jack Strayer

Strayer talked to Scott Bonar from the University of Arizona, who performed research on Devils Lake in the 1990's, and is an expert on grass carp. Strayer presented to him the ten native grass species previously recommended for other fish. Bonar said that grass carp will eat all of them down to the roots, with the exception of one similar to a lily pad. He suggested removing the grass carp and increasing woody and brush piles. He claims that approximately 40 percent of the lake would need to be covered with vegetation.

Gary Galovich, an ODFW warm water biologist, performed shocking around the lake shore in November. He discovered an abundance of large-mouth bass, some of which were over ten inches long and some were larger. He found blue gill, small yellow perch, sculpin and stickleback. He thought bass were feeding on sculpin. He found juvenile cutthroat. He was impressed with the amount of woody cover and the lily pads that provide habitat for fish. It appears there are a good number of fish of different species, but none desirable for fishing. Landhuis had once suggested installing an enclosure of gabion, such as that used by ODOT as retaining walls. These could be used under water and the plants and small fish could grow within their confines. Strayer said they are manufactured in sections—3 x 3 x 6 feet—and cost about \$60 to \$80 for small sections.

ODFW created a fairly new pamphlet that includes 18 lakes and their fish—Devils Lake is the largest; Cullaby Lake was second in size. Devils Lake received an “L” rating for low fishing activity. Strayer said that he thinks a plan needs to be formulated to promote fishing. Robertson responded that Devils Lake was once a good lake for fishing. He said it depends on the type of fish one wishes to catch. He feels that Coho is pretty important to the lake and that Bob Buckman, a fish biologist, is not in favor of “warm water fish” inhabiting the lake. Robertson said he would lean toward Mr. Buckman’s recommendations.

Robertson continued that the lake will soon be without the grass carp and weeds will return. Many residents feel that weed presence is a real a nuisance. Robertson added that it is important to regulate human activity rather than that of fish.

Chinook Winds Water Rights

Paul Katen and Robertson met with Chinook Winds staff on November 9. They are moving forward with their goal to obtain the existing water rights for Neotsu Creek and are looking at obtaining water rights for Thompson Creek instead of utilizing ground water which feeds the wetlands or city water. They will seek to add a Point of Diversion to Devils Lake. There is a law against removing water from the lake for irrigation; however, water rights flowing into the lake may be eligible for removal from the lake with the added Point of Diversion. The golf course would remove the water at the flow rate that is available from the creek—a flow meter would be used to monitor their water usage. If the POD and additional water rights do not go forward, taking water out of the hillside is more favorable than taking treated drinking water from a salmon bearing stream.

New Business

Boat Launch Signage

Raylene Erickson sent some comments and direction to Robertson regarding verbiage for the boat launch signage. Robertson asked Steve Hoover to draft plans for a sign board to replace the one at Regatta Grounds. The goal is to create a more coordinated appearance to the signage. Cost estimates are under \$200, and Robertson has authorized him to begin construction in his home workshop for installation in the spring.

Network of Watershed Council Meeting Summary

Robertson said this group has organized as a network and they have held their third bi-annual meeting. Robertson attended and feels that it was valuable for information on funding entities. He then attended the regular conference meetings, which he felt was very beneficial and great for networking. Robertson met the Director of State Lands, who hosted a board panel with the Director of Oregon Watershed Funds. There were four or five people from DEQ and EPA and many others. Robertson learned about quite a few available resources.

Rental Discussions: Bruce Polvi

Winchester and Aschenbrenner met with Bruce Polvi and discussed options for the office. They discussed retaining the existing office and expanding slightly on the north wall, adding a sink for a lab, and paying an increase of \$225 to \$250 more for rent. Polvi said that he would come to the board meeting with a proposal; however, he was not successful in obtaining a contractor's bid estimate, so he will report to the board at a later date.

D River Bridge Graffiti

Robertson suggested that DLWID could get some volunteers and paint over the D River Bridge Graffiti. Robertson requested that the board approve up to \$100 in supplies for painting. Robertson suggested it would be nice to consider a mural in the future.

Vacation Request

Robertson requested and received approval for three days of vacation.

DSL Representative: Kevin Moynahan

Ursula Sperry said she would report on the meeting to Kevin, since he had been unable to attend.

Non-Agenda Items

None

Public Comment

None

Announcements

Robertson will speak on KBCH 1400 am at 7:00 a.m. next Tuesday, December 11, 2007

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Burt