



Devils Lake Water Improvement District
Special Board Meeting
Via zoom
April 28, 2023

MINUTES

1. Called to order at 3:00 pm by Chair Tina French

Roll Call:

DLWID Directors Present (all appearing by zoom): Mitch Moore , Tina French, Colin Teem, Susan Elworth, Keith Fowler

DLWID Staff Present: Eric Johnson

Also in attendance: David Waltz from DEQ, and 15 member of the public

2. Discussion and vote on termination of employment of current District Manager per Section 6, paragraph 1

Tina said that this meeting was called to formally terminate the current District Manager's employment agreement. She said that Board members met with the current District Manager on Tuesday and gave him the opportunity to resign and accept severance per his employment agreement. No written resignation has been received as of this time.

MOTION: Moved by Susan Elworth, seconded by Mitch Moore, to terminate the current District Manager's employment contract effective today and pay severance per his employment contract. Motion passed unanimously

3. Discussion and vote on new District Manager position description and process for hiring new District Manager

Tina said that the job description has been posted on the Special Districts Association of Oregon's website and will be posted for ten days. Résumés are due by May 7th, which will allow candidates to come to the May 11th board meeting. Susan and Tina will review the applicants for minimum qualifications, then ask the qualified applicants to be interviewed.

MOTION: Moved by Mitch Moore, seconded by Colin Teem to authorize the board to follow the procedure as discussed to hire a new District Manager. Motion passed unanimously.

Tina read the job description aloud.

MOTION: Moved by Mitch Moore, seconded by Keith Fowler, to approve the new District Manager position description as read. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment

Georgia Roelof asked about the grounds/reason for termination of the District Manager. Tina replied that this information was not appropriate for a public meeting. Susan replied that this was a no cause termination.

Miles Schlesinger asked who will be responsible for fish and water monitoring. Tina replied that operations will be maintained, and that monitoring will begin on Memorial Day. She also said that the budget has been completed by a budget committee member and a board member and is ready for the May 11th meeting. Miles asked whether the office has been moved yet. Tina is in contact with Don Williams (owner of the old fire hall) to complete the move. Miles asked about the cost of the meeting location. Tina replied that she felt the new location worked well at the last meeting.

Mark Highland asked if the job description is on the website. Tina replied that Jimmy will post it there, and there is a link on the SDAO website to the DLWID website.

Bill Hagmaier asked about information to the public about the schedule for the fish delivery and requested a summary in the newsletter. Tina replied that there are not yet any hard dates. The fish were ordered last week, and Mitch will post information on the Devils Lake Neighborhood Association website. There will be 5,000 fish for now, with 5 years of monitoring. When asked about harvesting, Tina replied that the weeds need to reach six feet below the water surface. Bill said that Leisure Bay Cove has turned orange this week and asked about more aerators. Tina replied that funds are being used for harvesting weeds and purchase of grass carp. She asked for mention of this in the DLNA newsletter and the board's ability to get things done in one season.

Som Prabhu asked about the fish. Tina said that ODFW determined the number. There was a suggestion of 15,000, but the commission's staff determination was "hard and fast" with the 5,000 number. There is the possibility of more fish, following more monitoring.

Miles Schlesinger asked about the budget committee meeting. He was hold that the budget committee meeting will take place on May 11th at 6:00 pm. When the new budget was requested, it was still incorrect and Brian O'Daughtry and Mitch Moore updated the budget, making it more explanatory regarding spending and prioritizing. Mitch said he sent it out to the budget committee and the board on Wednesday and it is posted on the website.

Clyde asked about harvesting – when and where. Tina explained that the harvester only reaches 4 to 6 feet down, and the weeds are not that high yet. It is understood that when the water reaches 60° the weeds will grow. Plans are to start at the northwest corner of the lake before the fish arrive, then harvesting will take place in the southern portion of the lake, away from the fish, around Regatta Park and Brown Bear State Park.

Tina asked that people contact her with questions.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm

Submitted by Susan Wahlke