



Devils Lake Water Improvement District  
Regular Board Meeting

Taft Hall  
1206 SE 48th St.  
Lincoln City, Oregon  
and via zoom

January 8, 2026

## MINUTES

- 1. Called to order at 6:00 pm** by President Tina French, who turned over the meeting to Vice-President Dayton Mays
- 2. Roll Call:**  
**Board members present:** In person: Dayton Mays; Virtual: Susan Elworth, Tina French, Bob Stolberg @ 6:12  
  
**Board members absent:** Keith Fowler  
  
**Staff present:** Boone Marker, Lake Manager
- 3. Approval of January Consent Agenda and December 11, 2025 Board Meeting, December 18 & 22, 2025 Emergency Board Meeting Minutes**

**Discussion:** Boone reminded the board members that there were three sets of minutes for the three meetings in December. It was agreed that they could be approved together.

**MOTION:** Moved by Dayton Mays, seconded Susan Elworth, to approve the January Consent Agenda as presented, and minutes of the December, 2025 meetings as presented.

Voting: Susan Elworth – yes; Dayton Mays – yes; Tina French – yes; Keith Fowler – absent; Bob Stolberg - absent

Motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports – December 2025 – TABLED until February meeting**

**Discussion:** It was agreed to table the financial reports until Bob joined the meeting.

- 5. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

No public comment at this time.

## 6. Blue Heron Landing

Executive session was held at 5 pm. Tina reported that buyer came back with counter offer to board's counter offer from last meeting. Buyer's counter offer was as follows: 120-day due diligence period with 90-day extension instead of three 30-day extensions, approved upon acceptance of offer vs. at end of due diligence period, with \$25,000 non-refundable fee, September 1<sup>st</sup> closing, declined to pay buyer's commission. Tina reported that she has learned that with a full-price offer, seller usually pays buyer's portion of commission.

**MOTION:** Moved by Tina French, seconded Dayton Mays, to approve Buyer's counter offer.

**Discussion:** Susan asked if this vote could wait until Bob joined the meeting. It was agreed to table the vote.

## 7. Dredging Project

**Discussion:** Boone reported that he met with both Eric and Jamie this week. Jamie has still not received the report from NW Hydrology that he was anticipating having it by the end of the year. Hopefully next week he will have the report. Boone talked to a City staff member who mentioned that the area beyond the impoundment structure and under the bridge is an issue and might be one of the reasons for not so much flow there. Tina asked for clarification that the area was west of the impoundment and asked if the issue was because it's getting sediment buildup. Boone replied that it may be higher than on the east side of the structure. Tina asked about the City's permit. Boone replied that it was a permit for emergency dredging, as he recalls it was last done in 2017. Tina asked about removing sediment down to the bedrock under the bridge, then the City could use their emergency permit to bring the west side down to that grade so that the water flows. Boone said that hopefully he will have more to report after chatting with Jamie next week

LEI working on some of the items on the conditional use permit. DEQ requested that DLWID get an extension or renewal for the no test determination. Boone was talking with Army Corps today about their letter which expires this month. The letter mentioned dredging two to three times in the next ten years, and that has not happened, and Boone is working to get that extended. One of Eric's concerns was getting this done because testing for contaminants could take two years.

At this time Bob joined the meeting remotely.

Discussion took place about DSL permit comment period and comments that were received.

Mark Lowen offered his assistance to work with the engineers. Boone thanked him and will reach out if needed.

### **Return to tabled items:**

At this time Dayton asked Bob about the financial reports and Bob said that he had not had a chance to review them, it was agreed to table the December financial reports until the February meeting.

Dayton then told Bob that the board had received a report from Dennis Regan in executive session and reviewed the details of the counter offer. Bob replied that he had reviewed the report and understood it, and agreed that it should be approved at this meeting.

**MOTION:** Moved by Tina French, seconded Dayton Mays, to approve Buyer's counter offer.

Voting: Susan Elworth – yes; Dayton Mays – yes; Tina French – yes; Bob Stolberg – yes; Keith Fowler – absent

Motion passed unanimously.

Boone will notify Dennis that counter offer was approved, and will send documents to Dennis. Tina will contact Noel Walker about the note.

## 8. Staff Report

### District Projects & Operation

#### Devil Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management & Water Quality

- Water pump station at Holmes continues to be worked on.

**Discussion:** Boone reported that the pump station at Holmes Road is still being worked on. He had no response from public works today regarding the expected completion. Applying for Oregon Water Resources restoration grant for extra funding for restoration at D River.

Tina asked about help for the RFP. Boone said he asked Jamie about help with the offer to bid and possibly Eric to assist. Susan said that she will forward the name of an organization to Boone that helps special districts with grant applications. Boone may need letters of support and might reach out to Mark.

Boone talked about work City is doing at Regatta Park and they may be making changes to the docks. Gazebo at Regatta Park may need informational signs updated. He may work with Nora Sherwood for illustrations. ADA accessible kayak launch is being explored. Boone talked about life jacket stations around the lake and he is encouraging a station at Sand Point. New sign has been installed about life jacket safety with grant from Oregon State Marine Board at Regatta Park. Boone would like similar station at Sand Point.

Tina asked about aerators, Boone reported that they seem to be running full-time and power bill reflects that. Tina asked about annual maintenance on compressor. Dayton said the maintenance people may be able to come here, Portland Compressor should do the work.

#### Blue Heron Landing/Marina

- BHL Sale – Update
  - Additional unsolicited offer

**Discussion:** Earlier in the meeting

### **Devils Lake Flood Protection & Dredging Project**

- JPA permit application has been submitted.
- DEQ 404 permit application as been submitted. Both applications have gone through the 30 day public comment period.
- Additional application to DSL - short term access agreement (STAA) - \$750
- NW Hydrology provided report to LEI that confirmed there is “no rise”. The report hasn’t officially been completed – I haven’t received a copy.
- Conditional use permits were submitted to the City on 11/9.
  - Our permit was not accepted due to it being incomplete. We have until May 9th to make amendments. I’ve asked LEI about the official report from NW Hydrology as this was lacking in the permit. Report has not been provided by NW Hydrology
  - LEI is working through the bullet points provided by the city for re-submission.
  - DEQ requested we get an extension for our No Test Determination from the USACE. I have put in a request to extend or renew this exemption. The previous No Test Determination stated, “contaminants are unlikely to be resident in project area sediments.”
- Lease agreement has been delivered to Ann Williams, still waiting for signatures.

**Discussion:** Earlier in the meeting

### **Operations**

- Grants to help fund this project.
  - 2026 Oregon Water Resources Department – Restoration Grant –In progress - Due January 2026.
- LEI Engineering & SDAO helping with RFP once all permits/applications and final plans are complete.
- Met with LCPR December 17th for partnership on grants that impact Holmes Rd., Regatta, and Sandpoint parks – replacing signage and installing lifejacket stations and new kiosks. LCPR is trying to add ADA kayak launch at Regatta Park and DLWID is a supporter for this grant.
  - LCPR is not going to replace the gazebo, but we discussed updating the signage with new artwork and information.
- Public Meeting on Proposed Dredging Project – Beach Club Event Center – January 15
  - Will include presentation on proposed project and engineering plans, timeline, and Q&A.
- Budget season is here. We will approve the budget schedule in February.

**Discussion:** Boone said he has reserved a room at Beach Club for a public meeting about the dredging project. At least two board members should be available. Board members reported their availability.

In February Boone will present the budget schedule, then meet with Cameron before preparing budget.

Boone reported that he created a You Tube channel for the District with meeting videos.

SDAO conference next month, but Boone doesn't plan to attend because most sessions don't relate to DLWID. If board members see something he should attend, he asked them to let him know.

It was confirmed that Boone can sign the acceptance offer.

**9. Public Comment:**

Mark asked about Boone's carp suit and Boone modeled it for everyone.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 12, 2026

**Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm**

Submitted by Susan Wahlke

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