

Devils Lake Water Improvement District Regular Board Meeting

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

March 12, 2026

MINUTES

1. **Called to order at 6:00 pm** by President Tina French,
2. **Roll Call:**
Board members present: Dayton Mays, Susan Elworth, Tina French, Bob Stolberg; and Keith Fowler virtually at 6:06

Board members absent: none

Staff present: Boone Marker, Lake Manager

3. **Approval of March Consent Agenda and February 12, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes**

Discussion: It was pointed out that “Board Meeting” was repeated in the first motion.

MOTION: Moved by Dayton Mays, seconded by Susan Elworth, to approve the March Consent Agenda as presented, and minutes of the February 12, 2026 meeting as amended.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of Monthly Financial Report - February 2026**

Discussion: Bob said he didn’t see any discrepancies and Boone agreed

MOTION: Moved by Bob Stolberg, seconded by Dayton Mays, to approve the February 2026 financial report as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

None

6. **Budget Committee**

Discussion: No budget committee applications have been received. Boone placed a flyer on the Chamber’s Friday flyers. It was suggested that it be posted on the DLNA website. Susan said she will reach out. Tina suggested Facebook. Appointment to the committee is scheduled for the April meeting.

7. Blue Heron Landing

a. Buyer's loan extension request

Discussion: Boone listed the things buyer has done (listed below). Discussion took place about extending the financing contingency period.

MOTION: Moved by Susan Elworth, seconded by Tina French, to authorize the lake manager to sign the buyer's loan extension request.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

b. Agent contract extension

Discussion: The District's contract with the real estate agent expires end of this month, Bob suggested extending until sale closes.(closing date), since property is on the market until sale closes.

MOTION: Moved by Tina French, seconded by Bob Stolberg, to extend the real estate agent's contract until the closing date.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Dredging Project

Discussion: Boone talked about getting information from Morris Excavation. Tina suggested stopping by the office if he is unable to get a return call. Boone said he got information and passed it on to LEI. Now he can submit the sand and gravel permit

Boone said he talked to Stephanie at the city about their work getting done this year. She is optimistic, since theirs is a design-build, and doesn't need to go out to bid. It was mentioned that if K&E (who is doing the City's work) does the DLWID work, there may be cost savings for staging.

Boone is concerned with use of the parking lot, since both projects expect to use that space. Tina pointed out that it would be better environmentally if work is all done the same year. Discussion took place about work to be done and hopefully K&E can do everything. There was talk about funding for the project. Boone talked about the possibility of a DEQ loan, and other loans available. Boone talked about an organization that helps with grant applications. (PARC). Susan said they help small organizations. There was discussion of help from Maggie.

Tina asked about help from Representative Gomberg and Senator Anderson – possibly letters of support. Boone will send them a progress report and next steps.

Tina asked about the status of things that needed to be done for the Conditional Use Permit. Bob asked about timeline.

Boone talked about RFP process, Jamie will help him with submittal. He reached out to SDAO and hasn't heard back. Tina said that local contractors are looking for work.

Susan asked for scoring criteria from Boone at next meeting, and in-water work experience, and safety history are all important.

Susan asked Boone about discussion with Dennis about dock lease for DLWID boat. There was also discussion about impoundment date. Status of Bill Sexton's availability for lake work (impoundment and stones) was mentioned.

Dayton asked about the harvester, mentioning that the contract ends August or September. Possibility of returning harvester was discussed. Boone reports every June about grant fund usage. Bob asked about end date to use the grant funds, whether for aquatic vegetation management or specific to harvester use and carp. Discussion of whether or not weeds will return and use of harvester.

9. Staff Report

District Projects & Operation

Devil Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management & Water Quality

- Coordinating with the testing facility, Spheros Environmental, to start sending samples in July-August. Quoted for \$6,400-\$19,200 for 8 weeks to sample microcystin, anatoxin-a, and saxitoxin. These are the toxins OHA recommended for regular testing.
- Applying for STCCF to help offset these testing services.

Discussion: Boone talked about water testing this summer. More testing locations will result in increased cost. Discussion about locations, Brown Bear, Sand Point, and Regatta. Keith suggested Wabusha. Boone suggested middle of lake between BB Camp and Wabusha (Neotsu area), instead of Brown Bear. Boone will get contract for 3 samples per week for July and August. Boone will plan on two days/week during family leave.

Blue Heron Landing/Marina

- BHL Sale – Update
 - Buyer provided February update on 3/4/25.
 - Have a meeting scheduled with Lincoln City Planning Department.
 - Professional service providers have been determined, and conceptual materials are in progress.
 - Appraisal inspection has been completed, and a report is in progress.
 - Wetland delineation site visit has been completed, and a report is in progress.
 - Discussions with DSL regarding details of the submerged land lease.
 - Discussions with Urban Renewal.
 - Buyer requests to extend the financing contingency period, 30 days.

Discussion: Earlier in meeting.

Devils Lake Flood Protection & Dredging Project

- JPA permit application progress:
 - We have received approval from Department of State Lands. ✓
 - short term access agreement (STAA) is complete and waiting on review and signature from City of Lincoln City. Requires CUP to be approved.
 - Sand & Gravel Permit is pending submission with updated disposal site information. I received disposal site information today.
 - LEI submitting updated CUP pending submission with updated disposal site information.
 - USACE has approved our renewal of our no-test determination. ✓
 - DEQ 401 permit application has been submitted. This permit will be the last to be approved as it requires a CUP from the city, flood development permit, and natural resource development review.
- LEI Engineering with RFP once all permits/applications and final plans are complete. We should be able to prepare for bids in April/May. This will also help with the budgeting process if we can have a contractor approved before our budget hearing.
- City of Lincoln City has submitted their JPA and it is available for public comment. I spoke with Stephanie Reid about the timing of both jobs, and she believes they can be done in conjunction with each other. They will try to get theirs done this year, pending permit approval. It may take 6-9 months for their permits.
- DEQ Clean Water State Revolving Fund
 - This is a DEQ loan service for district led projects for restoration. I've submitted a request for more information. This loan also offers principal forgiveness.
- Meeting with Ann Williams on 4/7 to complete contract agreement.

Discussion: Boone said he talked to Ann about use of parking lot and she is still open to that.

Operations

- Career Day at Taft junior/senior class – 3/17
- Oregon HABs conference – 4/6m (online)
- Public Meetings Law training for board on Vector Solutions
- No applications for budget committee.

Discussion: Discussion of need for public meetings law training, which is needed once/term.

10. Public Comment: none

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 9, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm

Submitted by Susan Wahlke