



Devils Lake Water Improvement District
Budget Committee Meeting and
Regular Board Meeting
Taft Conference Hall
1206 SE 48th Place, Lincoln City, OR
and via zoom

May 9, 2024

MINUTES

1. **Budget Committee Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm** by Lake Manager Boone Marker
2. **Roll Call:**
Board members:, Keith Fowler, Dayton Mays, Susan Elworth in person; and Tina French (at 6:07) and Mitch Moore via zoom
Budget Committee members: Tom Rice, Miles Schlesinger, Bryan O'Doherty, Larry Rich, Roger Smith all in person

Members Absent: none

DLWID Staff Present: Boone Marker, Lake Manager
3. **2024-2025 budget committee meeting**
Boone went through the budget narrative. Tina asked about the LB 31 form re: the survey done by the engineer – under consulting or contracting – Boone said he will move that expense. Susan asked about incoming revenue vs. outgoing expenses. Boone talked about the state funds that were received during this current fiscal year. No comments from budget committee members.
4. **Public comment on proposed budget**
Jay Roelof asked about terms of directors listed in budget. Boone responded about the dates and open positions. Miles' term expires the end of this year. Randy Weldon asked about the line item on LB 30 for grants and donations – Boone listed the items included in that total. Jay Roelof asked about the \$569,000 balance due in November 2026 on the Blue Heron Landing note. Boone explained on the LB 1 form is an unappropriated ending balance. Mitch said it would not be an expense in the 2024-2025 or 2025-2026 fiscal year. Susan said that there is \$5,000 budgeted to hire a consultant.
5. **Budget Meeting Adjourned at 6:31 pm**

1. **Board Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm** by Chair Tina French
2. **Roll Call: Board Members Present:** Keith Fowler, Dayton Mays, Susan Elworth in person; Tina French and Mitch Moore via zoom

Board Members Absent: none

DLWID Staff Present: Boone Marker, Lake Manager

3. **Approval of May Consent Agenda and April 11, 2024 board meeting minutes and Approval of Monthly Financial Reports**

Discussion: Tina said that she had not had a chance to review the current month financial report, and asked about questions raised at last month's meeting. Boone said he has had trouble contacting Cameron, but will continue to follow up. It was suggested that Boone contact Jimmy or Spectrum about these charges. Susan also asked about internet and telephone charges. There should only be internet service at the marina. Susan suggested that Cameron check with Boone before paying bills. It was noted that there were high election expenses under office expenses. Boone talked about a bill from the County Clerk's office. Mitch explained about the cost of the board election and it was noted that there would have been an expense for the levy election. Boone said he will check with the County Clerk and share with board members what he learns.

MOTION: Moved by Dayton Mays, seconded by Keith Fowler, to approve the May consent agenda, including the minutes of the April 11, 2024 regular board meeting, and the April financial report, as presented. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

None at this time

6. **STAFF REPORT**

District Projects & Operations

A. Devil Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management

- Acquiring quotes for harvester operations for 2024 or extension of current contract.
- Schedule pre-season maintenance for harvester.
- Baseline e. Coli testing begins in May.

Discussion: Boone said he will put the boat in the water the next day and start taking samples for e. Coli testing. Tina asked that Boone keep track of reports from citizens and his own observations about weeds and locations. It was noted that it would be good to have more data for future years. Boone talked about a photo received by email that day. Boone said that he is interested in what will happen now that the sun is shining and wondering if the carp will

keep up with the new growth. Contract for harvester operation will be considered at the next meeting.

B. Blue Heron Landing/Marina

- Advertising early bird specials and pre-registration for summer. Save \$75 if signed up for 3-months. Spread the word!

Discussion: Boone is encouraging people to rent spaces at the marina. It was noted that there is no usable boat ramp at this time.

C. Devils Lake Flood Protection & Dredging Project

- Working with SDAO on RFP info in accordance with special district requirements for project bids.
 - Staff suggestion to file for exemption to award project to K&E.
- Dam installed on April 26

Discussion: Boone is looking into an exemption for RFP to the bidding process. He needs good information before going to the state for funds.

D. Communications Report

- Additional water level stations are being researched for reference points.
 - Quote for remote monitoring station - \$2,546; \$300/year
- New recreation info for the website is live.
- Boat slip rentals and June 1 fishing weekend are in Chamber's Friday flyers.
- Social media posts on upcoming events, open board positions, BHL project committee.
- Press release on open board position and Blue Heron Landing project committee.

Discussion: Dayton asked about whether Boone could get readings daily. Boone explained about the remote monitoring station at a location other than where the current monitor is. Tina asked about comparison of current system and a remote monitoring station. Cost is \$7000/year currently.

MOTION: Tina moved to change lake contractor contract to exclude the daily monitoring and purchase the monitoring devise for \$2546 and the monthly remote charge. Dayton seconded the motion, no further discussion – motion passed unanimously.

Boone reported on the new information on the website. He also talked about other social media posts. Applications due end of month for open board position, appointed in June, to begin in July. Susan asked about the "about us" section on the website – "current priorities" are from 2015 – need to schedule work session about priorities. Tina talked about mission statement and current priorities being updated since 2015. Tina will look for updated document.

E. Grants/Fundraising

- Received \$10K Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund (STCCF) grant for harvester operation. Attended reception on May 3rd.
- Additional grants for watershed enhancement and salmon habitat related to dredging project once RFP proposal is selected.

Discussion: Boone collected \$10,000 check from STCCF last week. Tina asked about consultant to help write grants; funding to protect salmon habitat and FEMA grants for flood mitigation. She explained that fee for consultant can be taken from grant, so no cost to district. It was mentioned that the district needs someone who knows where and how to go after grants. Susan suggested an organization that could help. Miles mentioned information from Mitch and Boone said he can reach Mitch with questions.

F. Budget Committee

- Budget draft is complete.
 - Proposed dates:
 - May 9 – Budget Committee Meeting & Approval
 - May 22 – Publish Budget Summary & Hearing Notice
 - June 13 – Adopt Budget and Resolutions

Discussion: Upcoming fiscal year budget will be published and considered on June 13 and submitted to County clerk by June 14th

G. Operations

- Filling Mitch Moore's Board of Director's seat – applications available on DLWID.org. Position would start July 1, 2024. Emails, FB, and press release.
 - Interested applicants should email applications by May 31st. Application available at DLWID.org.

Discussion: Positions are through 2027 – appointee for Mitch's position and Dayton's position (since he was appointed to fill Colin's position).

H. Events

- Free fishing weekend – June 1
 - Partnering with Lincoln County Sheriff's Dept., Lincoln City Parks & Rec, Oregon State Marine Board, and Audubon Society of Lincoln City - to host boat inspection and lake information day. Additionally, I am seeking volunteers/partners for free fishing help..

Discussion:

None

7. Public Comment – Larry Brown encouraged the Board to consider that the harvester should not be used on Elodia. He said that harvesting is effective against milfoil. He also said

he was contacted by a friend who told him the new ODF&W director will be appointed the next day. There were two applicants – one long time ODF&W employee. He will meet with new appointee about keeping enough fish in the lake to control the weeds.

Georgia Roelof asked about the strengths the board is looking for in a new board member. Tina replied that the ideal candidate would have budget skills, and project management experience for the Blue Heron Landing project, and pointed out that other board members may have other views. Keith said that he is looking for someone who wants to help preserve the lake for recreational use. Susan said she hopes the person is passionate about the lake.

Randy Weldon said he brought information to the board about removing the concrete structure and the dam. He did some more research about the location of bedrock under the concrete and shared it with the board. He talked about pilings under Kylo's and the old swimming hole in that end of the lake. He talked about e. Coli contamination from seagulls on the sand. He encouraged the board to think about removal of the dam. Tina said that bedrock is under the bridge. Over twenty years of ignoring the sand buildup has caused the problem. Discussion took place about the history of the lake and removal of sand on an annual basis – removed on the west side, needs to be removed from the east side too, every year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 13, 2024, following budget hearing at 6:00 pm

Submitted by Susan Wahlke