



Devils Lake Water Improvement District
Regular Board Meeting

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

April 10, 2025

MINUTES

1. **Called to order at 5:59 pm** by Chair Tina French
2. **Roll Call:**
Board members present: Tina French, Dayton Mays, Susan Elworth, Bob Stolberg, Keith Fowler

Board members absent: none

Staff present: Boone Marker, Lake Manager

3. **Approval of April Consent Agenda**

Discussion: none

MOTION: Moved by Bob Stolberg, seconded by Susan Elworth, to approve the April consent agenda.

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

4. **February 13, 2025 and March 13, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**

Discussion: It was noted that the minutes of the March meeting stated that the minutes of the February meeting were approved, but there were only two “yes” votes, so not a quorum. Therefore, the February meeting minutes were brought forth in April for approval.

MOTION: Moved by Bob Stolberg, seconded by Susan Elworth, to approve the February 13, 2025 meeting minutes.

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

MOTION: Moved by Susan Elworth, seconded by Tina French, to approve the March meeting minutes as presented.

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

5. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports – February and March

Discussion: Tina reported that she and Bob visited the bank. As Bob is the new treasurer, he is now on the account. They transferred funds to the local improvement accounts.

MOTION: Bob Stolberg moved, Dayton Mays seconded, to approve February and March financial reports.

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

6. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

7. 2025-26 Budget Committee Applications

Discussion: There has been an application from Mark Lowen for the budget committee.

MOTION: Moved by Tina French, seconded by Bob Stolberg to appoint Mark Lowen to the 2025-26 budget committee.

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

8. Staff Report

District Projects & Operations

Devils Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management & Water Quality

- Oregon Coast Today article
- Aerator control panel installation complete.
- Sexton performed oil change and maintenance
- 3 reports of algae near Wabusha and Johns Loop.
 - No tests from OHA
 - Sourcing outside testing facilities (City of Salem, Seaside)

Discussion: Discussion of Oregon Coast Today April Fool's article about draining Devils Lake. It brought lots of attention to the lake.

Aerator is back up and operating. Bill Sexton suggested that a covering might be removed to keep the motor from overheating. Fan may not be working. It was agreed that if the fan is not working, it should be fixed. Boone said he is still looking at a solar power option. Concern about rodents and wires, an exterminator might be needed. Cayenne pepper was suggested to keep the rodents away from the wires.

Some blue green algae was reported at Indian Shores, Wabusha, and Johns Loop, possibly caused by aerators being down and warm weather. When rain and wind returned, the algae disappeared. No algae was seen at public accesses, so OHA didn't want to come visit the site. Looking mainly for cyno bacteria, lab in Seaside will identify type of algae. When Boone was at a meeting he talked to other water testers about lake water testing. OHA has list of testers.

Discussion took place about cost of testing and available sites. It was mentioned that the City of Salem tests Detroit Lake water (their drinking water source). Discussion took place about Lake Oswego, which is now a public lake.

Blue Heron Landing/Marina

- BHL sale update – multiple showings, no offers.
- Brownfields assessment at BHL
 - On-property decommissioned heating oil tank
 - Off-property decommissioned gasoline underground storage tank
 - Mold, asbestos-containing material, and lead based paint
- Moving forward with Phase II of assessment, this includes:
 - Mold and hazardous building materials survey
 - Sub-slab soil vapor sampling
 - Phase 2 will take approximately 4 months to complete.

Discussion: Boone reported that Dennis has shown the property to people from Bend. They planned to go to the City to see about the possibilities for the property. Discussion took place about who else Dennis has shown the property. Tina said she would like more feedback from Dennis. The possibility of looking to change the price at some point was mentioned. It was agreed that listing in May is good for this area. Susan talked about her conversation with Dennis about the listing. She will follow up with him.

Phase II of Brownfields assessment not yet started.

Discussion of K&E's progress on City's project. Boone has meeting planned with Campbell Environmental.

Discussion about timing of permit and funding. Susan said that once design is done, then grants can be explored. Boone said that property tax revenue exceeds budgeted amount. Susan suggested calendar of times to apply for grants from list that Boone has and which grants would be appropriate.

Past conversations with Senator Dick Anderson and Representative David Gomberg were discussed; Tina said that historically there were not funds available for dredging.

Boone said he will follow up about City's flooding study.

Mark Lowen commented about the permit process, and encouraged board members to keep working on it. He volunteered to call and help follow up, and also said that the board should be looking forward.

Devils Lake Flood Protection & Dredging Project

- LEI Engineering: progress with design and will meet in the next couple of weeks.
- Dams can be installed after April 15, once the water level drops to 10ft below.

Discussion: Lake level is at 10 ½ feet now. Discussion of when dam boards can be installed. Tina suggested 9.8, under 10 ft.

Budget/Grants/Fundraising

- The first budget hearing is May 8th, second is June 12th
- \$10K from STCCF will be returned.
- Draft budget will be distributed next week.

Discussion: Budget hearing on May 8th

Discussion of harvester maintenance invoices. Boone will look for payments for harvester maintenance in 2024. Timing of steel bottom installation was discussed. Tina said there should be billings from NextGen.

Operations

- Career Parade @ Oceanlake Elem – April 25
- Board Elections May 20, 2025 – 4 seats up for election
- June 7 – Free Fishing weekend event at Regatta Park

Discussion: Boone was asked to participate in the career parade at Oceanlake Elementary.

Three have filed for re-election. One open seat – Bob needs write-ins.

Boone talked about the free fishing weekend. He has requested boat inspections and equipment from Fish and Wildlife. The lack of fish from the local hatchery was discussed.

Discussion of lack of weeds in lake at this time.

Boone said he will be gone in July to Thailand. Discussion of possible other meeting date, or meeting without Boone, or zoom meeting only.

Public Comment:

Karen Dummer talked about her lots and dock on the lake and problems with weeds last year.

It was mentioned that the worst year on the lake, weeds didn't show up until July. Discussion of harvester use and herbicide that property owners can use. In 2021 and 2022 commercial herbicide was used. Discussion of reasons for no weeds last year. Still a few of the original carp in the lake, and they are huge.

June 12th, at 5:00, executive session for Boone's review.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

Next Meeting: May 8, 2025 6:00 pm – Budget Hearing & Board Meeting

Submitted by Susan Wahlke