



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

August 8, 2024

MINUTES

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

Board members absent: Keith Fowler

Staff present: Boone Marker, Lake Manager

3. **Approval of July 11, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes and work session minutes.**

Discussion: none

MOTION: Moved by Susan Elworth, seconded by Dayton Mays, to approve the August consent agenda and July 11, 2024 work session and board meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of Monthly Financial Reports – June and July**

Discussion: Boone noted that the last page of July had no comparison since it is the first month of the fiscal year. Also, some items mis-line-itemed and Boone said he would work with Cameron to clear this up in the future.

MOTION: Moved by Tina French, seconded by Bob Stolberg, to approve the June and July financial reports, with changes to three credit card descriptions. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Jay Roelof talked about blue-green algae. He said that he and Georgia have read articles about other lakes with blue-green algae and they saw what they thought was blue-green algae

in Devils Lake. Tina said that when the lake had blue-green algae and HABs it was different, what she has seen this year is normal algae, and samples are sent periodically to be tested. Dissolved oxygen is still really high and generally speaking HABs occur in lakes with little oxygen. Boone asked Jay to send him photos if he sees something that is of concern and he will have it tested.

There was a question about the grass carp. Boone reported that some (about 125) were lost, but 5,000 were put in the lake a year ago, and those now look pretty big.

6. Staff Report

District Projects & Operations

Devil Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management

- DSL – must submit an easement permit request for aerators. The special use permit has reached its maximum renewals. Draft in progress.
- No visible elodea throughout Devils Lake. Eel grass and other vegetation are growing at a regular and healthy rate.
- Algae is present in the lake in July, but no blue-green or HABs have been reported.
- At the end of August, Pacific Rim will conduct another survey for vegetation. Results are available later in September.
- WA state not authorized to sell carp in OR – they get their carp from Keo Fish Farms.
 - Keo has no Oregon orders scheduled. Keo can ship, but cost \$30+ shipping (5 fish per box = approx. 50 boxes). Would need a new permit and approval from ODFW.
- Met with DEQ to discuss removal of 303(d) list. Feb. 2025 is a call for data where DLWID can submit data that shows our levels are within acceptable limits and get them removed (dissolved oxygen, pH, e. Coli, fecal matter, and chlorophyll) Last time data was submitted – 2010.
 - DEQ uses D-River (west) as a primary station, and it doesn't correlate to the lake. Staff were looking into this so hopefully DLWID can be detached from D-River.
- Shoreline planting guide is available on DLWID website

Discussion: Boone talked with DSL staff about the easement permit for the aerators. This needed permit is a little more detailed than previously. No timeframe. About 20 aerators in lake. Tina explained that they are basically in the deepest water of the lake, and may need to move them closer together to reduce the footprint. DSL owns bottom of the lake. Boat launch on Loop Drive is where the control panel is. Susan volunteered to help with DSL if Boone needs it.

Boone said that clarity of water has been much better.

Pacific Rim will do another survey end of this month, results a few weeks later. Agreed that survey only in August in the future.

Boone explained Keo Fish Farms can send them by plane at \$30+ per box (5 fish per box) to replace fish lost in winter. Agreement of board members to not order more fish if weeds are under control.

Boone had a zoom meeting with DEQ re: 303 (d) list, and was told that the last data submitted was in 2010. DEQ will look into readings at different place than west side of bridge to determine lake's status. Boone will follow up with DEQ staff.

Blue Heron Landing/Marina

- Met with realtor to discuss options for BHL.
 - Sell, build, or parcel land for use.
- Water level, rain fall meter is installed and active. Link on website for live data. Current sensors monitor temp, barometric pressure, lake level, rainfall.

Discussion: Boone recapped discussion with Special Districts re: liability of property.

Bob, Tina and Boone talked with a realtor about possibilities with property moving forward. District boat is moored at BHL, no future advertising for boat slip rentals. Comments from member of public about possible uses of property and need to sell property. Property is zoned residential/ commercial. Susan asked about next steps. Bob will contact someone at CTSI after Board decides what to do with property. Susan said she would like more extensive meeting re: future of property. After discussion the board agreed on three options: Develop the property; Sell it in its entirety; or Sell two parcels and keep one to develop with proceeds of sale. It was agreed that any listing would include a right to refuse any offer. Timing of balloon payment needs to be considered. Discussion from members of public about how to move forward. 200 sq. ft. office would be preferred for lab equipment, no need for meeting space. Tina pointed out that office space in condo might be a problem with zoning. Discussion of board member and staff available time to move forward with development of property. SDAO needs plan for property from board. Board members were not sure that special districts can legally contract with a vendor to use property, and a longer discussion is needed.

Boone will schedule work session to discuss options to move forward with Blue Heron Landing property. Tina asked that a survey be sent for board member availability.

Devils Lake Flood Protection & Dredging Project

- RFP in draft form and need to narrow the scope of work.
 - Sent RFP to SDAO advisors for evaluation.
 - Met with City regarding partnering for this project.

Discussion: Boone said that SDAO recommended review by legal counsel, Susan said she was willing to review. The RFP should be back by Monday and get posted within the next month. Dayton asked about minimum time needed to post.

Tina reported on meeting with Stephanie Reid and Terry Chamberlain from the City. Stephanie said that City budgeted for flood study to hire hydrologist to determine why lake is flooding. If sand is causing flooding, then it needs to be fixed. DSL owns lake, not DLWID. Tina suggested education to City and County staff and electeds about what DLWID's scope is. Boone reported on a previous conversation with Stephanie about future plans for the area. Lack of partnership with County and City has been frustrating. Boone reported about DSL's unwillingness to help with cleanup of the lake. Discussion of \$1.17 / cubic yard for sand removal.

Boone said that direction is clear now. DLWID has some studies that can be shared with City for their dredging permit. \$350-500,000 approximate cost of work by K&E.

Grants/Fundraising

- M. Chapman researching grants applicable to DLWID dredging and BHL project. Will provide information on what she found and how she can assist us with grant writing/proposals.

Discussion: Boone said that Maggie Chapman is working on finding grants. Tina asked whether the cost of the grant-writer is included in the grant, and was told that DLWID won't owe any money for her research. Susan has a list of grants that might work for the dredging.

Events

- National Night Out – Aug. 6 @ Lincoln City Community Center

Discussion: Boone reported on great turn out at National Night Out and information he gave out. Boone will be attending SDAO training and will arrange training for board members. Insurance discount possible after training.

7. Board Comments

Susan asked about money from STCCF (\$10,000) if not spent on harvesting. Discussion about minimum payment on harvester if not used, and lack of invoice to pay. Susan asked if survey could be paid by grant if it is for vegetation management. \$310,000 from state, about half spent. Boone will find answers for next meeting.

Susan said that Boone took one day off last week. Discussion of bereavement days.

MOTION: Susan Elworth moved to add a day to Boone's compensation package to grant an additional personal leave day for last week. Seconded by Dayton Mays, no further discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Susan asked about fixing buoys that hold swim line at Sand Point. Boone can ask Bill Sexton to fix it. Boone will follow up with Parks & Rec director again. Discussion took place about the three-sided swim area. Further discussion took place about how involved the fix would be, but consensus was that it needs to be fixed.

Boone thanked Bob for his help with water testing, and said that the DLWID boat needs some maintenance.

Tina brought up discussion of the strategic plan.

MOTION: Tina French moved to accept the July 2024 revised DLWID strategic plan and get it on the website, seconded by Susan Elworth. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of future meetings due to Boone's coaching on Thursdays. Bob and Susan gone September 11th. Wednesdays not good for Keith. Monday September 16th was agreed upon.

Public Comment

N No further comments.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm

Next Meetings:

- Monday, Sept. 16, 2024 @ 6pm
- Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024 @ 6pm

Submitted by Susan Wahlke