



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

August 10, 2023

MINUTES

Called to Order at 6:02 pm by President Tina French.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Tina French, Susan Elworth, Dayton Mays, Mitch Moore;
Keith Fowler arrived at 6:03 pm

Board Members Absent: none

DLWID Staff Present: Boone Marker, Christina Dewey via zoom

Approval of Consent Agenda and July 13, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Discussion:

Discussion took place regarding a Facebook posting about a previous meeting, and the DLWID website. Further discussion took place about minutes on the website that need to be updated.

MOTION: Moved by Mitch Moore, Seconded by Dayton Mays, to approve the consent agenda and minutes of the July 13, 2023 regular board meeting as presented. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Monthly Financial Reports

Discussion:

Tina reported that at the last meeting the financial report contained charges in Bend that were questionable, but it was determined that the charges were correct.

Discussion took place about issues with Spectrum that Jimmy Dewey is working on. Goal is to get the agenda packet out to the board and posted on the website prior to meetings.

Further discussion about contract employees' expenses, accounting and bookkeeping expenses, budget vs. actual expenses, and harvesting expenses.

MOTION: Moved by Susan Elworth, Seconded by Dayton Mays, to approve the monthly financial reports as presented. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Harvesting Report – Bill Sexton and Tom Johns

The harvester has been pulled out of the water again. One issue was solved. The owner was contacted about another issue, who suggested a couple of ways to resolve the problem. The requirements for the harvester are: Minimum 1 foot in front, 6 feet deep, but every pond is different. One part was replaced and another part needs to be purchased. Tina asked about approximate cost. Some parts were bent, but not broken. Issues need to be addressed, but no major damage in the last 6 weeks Tina suggested that a motion is not needed, since these expenses have been budgeted. Keith asked about whether the broken teeth are causing the weeds to be pulled, not cut. Mitch made suggestions Tina said that 99% of the weeds that are being harvested are either elodea or parrot feather, and that at the state park not as much eulodia is there as last year. Discussion took place about weeds in the lake this year compared to past years. Further discussion about location of carp. It was pointed out that it is not just the harvester chopping the weeds, lots of power boats in the last few weeks are also chopping the weeds.

Further discussion took place about the use and cost of using drop boxes vs. cost and efficiency of removing cut weeds from the lake and from the shore. Dayton agreed to get an approximate cost of using the harvester for two more years. Use of the conveyor would save man hours of using an excavator, but would require using a drop box or dump truck.

Discussion took place about needed repairs and getting the harvester back in the water. It was agreed that minor repairs are needed to maintain the machine. Bill will give Boone the phone number of the person to contact.

Jimmy and Bill were thanked for providing fuel for the boat. Bill agreed to provide a check list of procedures.

Staff Report:

District Projects & Operations

Devil Lake Aquatic Vegetation Management

- New location – Regatta Park
- Seals in Devils Lake
- Carp mortality
- HB5202 Grant report due 7/31/23.
 - Grant was submitted 7/28/23.

Discussion:

The harvester has been moving from the north end of lake, to Regatta Park area. Discussion took place about seals or otters in the lake and a video was shared. No recent reports of carp mortality. Boone reported that the old dead carp don't need to be saved. Discussion took place about the number of carp put in the lake this year. Boone said the report has been submitted, and needs to be done annually.

Discussion took place about the possibility of future carp and a survey of weeds being removed by harvester vs. weed removal by the carp. The plan is to ask on an annual basis for more fish and with reporting it may be possible to have ODF&W approve that. They think harvesting can happen continuously, but it is not financially feasible.

Water Quality Briefing

- Met with two previous volunteers who helped with water sampling and testing. Will assist with next few water sampling/testing.
- Purchased a new incubator. Current incubators are not holding temp for water sampling.

Discussion:

Boone reported that he has completed water testing and will post results on the website.

Marina

- Boat slip rental agreement and application are available on DLWID website.
 - Three slips have been rented for at least 1 month.
- Additional security cameras are installed on parking lot and marina.
- Lincoln County Sheriffs have replaced many 5mph buoys around the lake.
- Working on cleaning up BHL building. Setting up a workstation for water testing in basement.
- SDAO assessor visited on 8/3 for a property appraisal.

Discussion:

There were three boat slips rented, but one boat was removed, and should be back in.

Video should be available soon on the website. Discussion took place about maps and buoys. Boone is working on clean up and moving items from the marina. Special Districts sent an appraiser last week. Boone reported that he put out rat poison.

Devils Lake Flood Protection

- No approved permit currently. OPRD has requested additional alternatives prior to their consideration of the permit approval. Permit needs revising to meet ORPD needs, as well as consideration for disposal.
 - Setting meeting for key stakeholders/board members to identify additional work that needs to be completed to resume permit.
- Obtain remaining private property owner signature for hotel property. Email/Voicemail left with info provided by LC Planning Dept.

Discussion:

Boone contacted state agencies about dredging. Tina suggested that Civil West and the dredging specialist need to be contacted. Boone has contacted city planning about the adjacent property owner and sent an email. He has a phone number for the property owner.

Communications Report

- Jim Dewey working with internet providers at the marina. Once online, we'll be able to have a live camera view on the DLWID website.
- Signs for Carp have been ordered.
- Boat slip rentals in Friday Flyers from the Chamber of Commerce.

Discussion:

There has been an ongoing battle with the internet provider, and Jim Dewey is working with them.

Boone is working on signs saying you can't fish for or take carp out of the lake, and has posted temporary signs.

Grants/Fundraising

- HB5202 Grant report due 7/31/23.
 - Report Submitted 7/28/23. Next report – 7/31/24.

Discussion:

No further discussion about the HB5202 grant.

Community Events

- National Night Out – Aug. 1 @ Lincoln City Community Center – 5-7pm
 - National Night Out Update
- Guest speaker at Kiwanis Lunch on 8/24 and will provide updates on lake projects.

Discussion:

Mitch and Boone spoke with lots of people at National Night Out. They gave out DLNA signs and had lots of fun. 350 hot dogs given out, huge turnout for the event.

Boone talked about his future coaching commitments and was told that as long as work gets done, his schedule can be flexible.

Tina asked about the audit and Boone said he will send an engagement letter.

Boone reported that the adopted budget has been submitted to the county and the state, as required.

It was confirmed that questions from last month's financial statement have been resolved.

New Business

Mitch suggested reaching out about the marina building. He pointed out that this is an asset to Lincoln City, and there needs to be a committee to work on the project. Boone said he has reached out to the woman who has experience with this sort of project. Mitch suggested someone. Discussion took place about possible assistance from SBDC. Further discussion took place concerning possible committee members. Tina suggested possibly someone from the cultural center board who worked on their capital campaign. Also, Senator Anderson and Representative Gomberg should be approached about possible state funding. It was agreed that this will have a positive impact on the city.

Public Comment

It was suggested that drone footage during harvesting season would be good on the website. Boone said he can take the test to operate a drone, he has studied for it. Testing centers in the area were discussed, along with discussion of cost.

Discussion took place about the property that has changed hands and needs approval by current owners, but there has been no response from the owner of record. Boone will continue to call owner. Discussion took place about the assumption that this was the last hurdle to jump before issuance of the dredging permit, but that is not true. There are many more steps needed before the permit can be issued.

There was a question about carp mortality. Boone said information is on the website. Carp have fallen from trees where birds/osprey have taken them. Discussion took place about reporting. It was pointed out that there are 6 active osprey nests in the area. There was further discussion about reporting to ODF&W. Susan suggested information on the Facebook page and flyers distributed with information about reporting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm; Next Meeting: Thurs. Sept. 14, 6:00 pm

Submitted by Susan Wahlke