

Lake DeSmet Advisory Board Meeting
August 20, 2104
3PM

Board Members Present: Mike Whitaker, Commissioner Bob Rolston, Dave Belus, Bert Jellison, Joe Kalus

Operating Department Personnel Present: Commissioner Jim Hicks, Cheryl Benner

Public in attendance: Anthony Randall, Ken Reid, Randy Bratton, Kevin Michelena
Press also present

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 by Chairman Whitaker.

Chairman Whitaker asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2014 meeting. Mr. Belus moved and Mr. Kalus seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hicks updated the Board on activities that had occurred since the last meeting. Updates included:

1. Minimal releases from the lake this year due to the wet weather.
2. WWDC board and Select Water Committee will be meeting at the north dam at 3:45 PM on Thursday to tour the dam and see the results of the \$1.4 million water development grant that was given to LDCC.
3. Commissioners working with Sasol for an updated operating agreement.
4. Wyoming Game and Fish lease has been completed and Johnson County has billed them for the first payment. Trying to work with Legislators to set up a special account so the funds received from the lease can earn better interest rates.
5. Operations of the Mikesell-Potts recreation area is now being managed by the Road and Bridge Department.

Chairman Whitaker opened the discussion regarding the shoreline management plan. Mr. Reid asked if there would be an opportunity for public comment, and it was explained the public comment period would be advertised once the draft regulations were forwarded to the Johnson County Commissioners. After a lengthy discussion and comments from the public present at the meeting, Commissioner Rolston moved to carry over the review to the next meeting. Mr. Belus seconded the motion, which carried.


Chairman Whitaker presented a draft strategic plan. Commissioner Rolston moved and Mr. Belus seconded that all members of the board to review the draft, consider goals and objectives, and be prepared to discuss it at the September 17 meeting.

Commissioner Hicks asked if the advisory board members would be willing to review and comment on the draft Sasol agreement. The agreement will be made available to all members.

Mr. Belus commended all the property owners adjoining the lake on how well they have maintained their property.

Commissioner Hicks informed the board that AVI of Cheyenne was working with the Lower Clear Creek Irrigation District for the Leiter Ditch upgrade, and asked if they would like to be on the list for updates. Mr. Jellison will be added to the list and keep the rest of the board members informed.

As there was no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Rolston moved the meeting be adjourned at 4:50. After a second by Mr. Belus the motion carried.


Michael Whitaker