

Lake DeSmet Advisory Board Meeting
July 23, 2104
3PM

Board Members Present: Mike Whitaker, Jim Fennema, Commissioner Bob Rolston, Dave Belus, Bert Jellison, Paul Mavrakis
Operating Department Personnel Present: Rande Money, Harvey, Crowe, Cheryl Benner
Public in attendance: Dick Hall, Shannon Anderson, Jill Morrison
Press also present

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 by Chairman Whitaker. After brief opening remarks, Chairman Whitaker asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Chairman Whitaker asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Rolston moved and Mr. Belus seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Mr. Money updated the Board on activities that had occurred since the last meeting. Updates included:

1. As of meeting time, there had been no big calls for water release. Most of the orders to date have been released through the south end, which Sasol controls.
2. Mr. Money is working on getting all permits for enlargement for recreation for the 5 water rights leased to the Wyoming Game and Fish. This is a condition of the lease. Permits should be completed by mid-August.
3. The lake filled early. Elevation on July 1, 2014 was .04 feet higher than when the diversion dam was closed.
4. Additional monitoring will be done before too much water is released from the dam.
5. Mr. Hall expressed concern about an area on the east dam that appeared to be sloughing off. Mr. Money and Mr. Crowe inspected it last year and the area appears to be fine.
6. The State of Wyoming Engineer's office inspects the dam every 5 years. The inspection was done in June and everything went well.

Chairman Whitaker opened the discussion regarding the shoreline management plan. After a lengthy discussion, edits were made. Mr. Belus moved to extent the period for review of the document until the next meeting. Commissioner Rolston seconded the motion which carried.

During open discussion, Mr. Hall discussed his request for a jet ski pad for his personal watercraft. It would sit on the shore and was designed to winch or drive small watercraft onto. After discussing the matter, it was decided that the first order of business was to complete the shoreline management plan. After the plan is approved, these issues can be addressed. Ms. Morrison stated she wanted to make sure that the public has an opportunity to comment on the regulations and how they may affect public access. Mr. Money stated that the matter would be advertised to advise the public that the regulations were being considered. Discussion was also held regarding a request for a mooring in Barkey Draw. This request will also be addressed after the shoreline management plan is adopted.

Chairman Whitaker presented a draft mission statement which is:

“To provide advice and recommendations to the Johnson County Commissioners on all matters relating to the operation and maintenance of Lake DeSmet Reservoir, while insuring the continued present and future uses for the benefit of Johnson County.

In carrying out this mission the LDAB will consider the present contracts, agreements, marketing opportunities, fishing and recreation benefits, neighboring landowners and will strive to enhance the benefit and value of Lake DeSmet.”

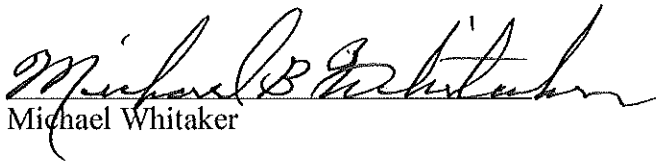
After input from the board, Mr. Belus moved and Mr. Fennema seconded that the mission statement be accepted as written. Motion carried.

Discussion then moved to the strategic plan. Chairman Whitaker will draft an outline for the board to review. Board members will research a template for bylaws for the LDAB.

Mr. Fennema advised the Board that the Lower Clear Creek Irrigation District (LCCID) has a premeeting scoping meeting on August 14th regarding the Leiter ditch enhancement.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 20 at 3PM at the Johnson County Road and Bridge meeting room.

As there was no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Rolston moved the meeting be adjourned at 4:55. After a second by Mr. Belus the motion carried.


Michael Whitaker