

Lake DeSmet Advisory Board Meeting

June 2, 2021

4:00 PM

Board Members Present: Mike Whitaker, Jim Fennema, Paul Mavrakis, Joe Kalus, Nathan Lindsey
Operating Department Personnel Present: Commissioner Linda Greenough, Cheryl Benner,
Public in attendance: Deputy County Attorney Barry Crago, Clint Culliton, Dick Hall, Dennis
Lawrence, Kevin Michelena

The meeting was called to order at 4:03PM by Chairman Whitaker. Chairman Whitaker asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2021 meeting. Mr. Kalus moved and Mr. Lindsey seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Ms. Benner reported the following:

- The elevation of the lake June 1 was 4611.88.
- Tunnel was opened May 4. Will check elevation tomorrow and decide when to close. No seepage yet.
- Electrical at diversion dam caused issues again. A county employee who is an electrician fixed the issue.
- Work to resurface the flume at the outlet house has been completed. Clint calculated where to reinstall stream gauge.
- Budget submitted. Budget hearings were this afternoon. Ms. Benner applied for 1% funds to determine and mark the 4620 elevation around shoreline.
- 5-year petition submitted and granted. The State Engineer's Office would like to see more marketing efforts.

Chairman Whitaker opened the discussion on shoreline regulation revisions that were completed by the County Attorney's office. Deputy County Attorney Crago answered questions from the board. Mr. Mavrakis asked if it was necessary to have the definitions in the front if there were no regulations that referred to them. Mr. Kalus moved and Mr. Fennema seconded to delete the unnecessary definitions and approve the proposed regulations as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kalus asked for an update on the Moreland lawsuit. Deputy County Attorney Crago advised the board that Mr. Moreland agreed to work out the fence issue on the south dam, and had installed a 12-foot gate, which will allow equipment access if necessary and make public access easier. The lawsuit will be a lengthy process.

Mr. Michelena asked if it was okay to spray noxious weeds on Johnson County property below his property. Deputy County Attorney Crago suggested he notify the Lake DeSmet Operating Department when he sprays. He also stated he felt erosion control should not be disallowed by the regulations.

As there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM with a motion from Mr. Mavrakis and a second from Mr. Kalus. Motion carried.


Michael Whitaker, Chairman