

Lake DeSmet Advisory Board Meeting
April 20, 2022
1:00 PM

Board Members Present: Mike Whitaker, Jim Fennema, Bob Rolston, Paul Mavrakis
Operating Department Personnel Present: Cheryl Benner, Linda Greenough
Public in attendance: Dick Hall, Dennis Lawrence, Dayton Alsaker - DOWL

The meeting was called to order at 1:01PM by Chairman Whitaker. Chairman Whitaker asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2022 meeting. Mr. Rolston moved and Mr. Mavrakis seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Ms. Benner reported the following:

- The elevation of the lake April 1 was 4608.74.
- Work is progressing on the new EAP and the final draft should be available soon.
- Lake DeSmet informational meeting was held January 19. Approximately 20 members of the public were in attendance. Mr. Mavrakis attended and offered the Game and Fish perspective of Lake DeSmet.
- As of 4-20-22 stream flow was only 19 cfs, so tunnel has not been opened. Ms. Benner will work with SEO and LCCID to determine when to begin filling.
- No updates on ongoing litigation.
- Mr. Whitaker, Mr. Fennema, Mr. Belus and Mr. Mavrakis were all reappointed to the board.
- Ms. Benner will retire on June 30. No applications were received to fill the position.

The consensus of the board was to keep the same slate of offices for the current year.

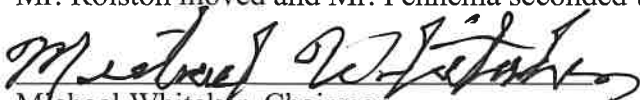
There were questions regarding shoreline improvements from the public. Ms. Benner explained that all documents necessary have yet to be reviewed by the County Attorney's office, but the process is progressing. Application for shoreline improvement or use was approved by the Commissioners on April 19.

The group discussed the status of the pickup that fell through the ice on the lake in early April. Ms. Benner reported that the person that would remove the vehicle had not yet found a diver to attach the cable to the vehicle.

Mr. Alsaker advised the group that the Sheridan Area Water Supply board and the City of Sheridan will be doing a level II study for water supply for Sheridan and surrounding areas. Lake DeSmet has been identified as a long-term source, but it will take many years to design and plan. He suggested that Johnson County join in the study. Mr. Whitaker asked if lowering the pipeline on the south end of Lake DeSmet to flow water to Buffalo would be included in the study.

Next meeting was set for September 21 at 1PM at the Johnson County Commissioners chambers.

Mr. Rolston moved and Mr. Fennema seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:40PM. Motion carried.


Michael Whitaker, Chairman