

Lake Level Resolution Committee (LLRC) Meeting
Expansion Room, City Hall, White Bear Lake, Minnesota
Wednesday, October 9, 2013
7:06 - 8:25 P.M.

Members Present: Margaret Behrens, Paul Bolstad, Bryan DeSmet (chair), Suzanne Donnell, Mike Downing, Bill Foussard, Janice Hallman, and Terry O'Loughlin

Members Absent: Tom Alvarez, Ali Elhassan, Scott Mueller, Todd Stutz

Agenda:

Update on water conservation activities.

There was nothing new to report in this area.

Discussion of strategic communications plan.

Mike Downing handed out a revised communications plan. The objective of the plan would be to restore the White Bear Lake water level to a certain elevation, or elevation range. Mike would like input from the LLRC regarding this level. Suzanne suggested that there is a prescriptive level stated in the White Bear Lake Conservation District Ordinance 6. The ordinance is provided below and pertains to pumping water out of WBL.

Paul Bolstad said he would review data to try to project a range for the lake level.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 6

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE APPROPRIATION AND USE OF WATER FROM WHITE BEAR LAKE
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT DOES ORDAIN:**

Section 1. Appropriation of Water Prohibited. No person may pump or otherwise appropriate water from White Bear Lake at any time when the lake level is below an elevation of 923.5 feet above mean sea level.

Section 2. Exception. Section 1 of this ordinance shall not apply to the emergency pumping or appropriation of water by a municipal fire department for emergency fire-fighting purposes.

Section 3. Criminal Penalties. A violation of this ordinance is a petty misdemeanor. A second violation that occurs in the same calendar year is a misdemeanor.

Section 4. Other Remedies. In addition to the penalties in Section 3 of this ordinance, the White Bear Lake Conservation District may institute any proper action or procedure to enforce this ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective on the date of its publication.

Phil Bonin, Chairman
Attest:

Stephanie McNamara, Secretary

The foregoing ordinance was enacted by a majority vote of all members of the Board of Directors at a regular meeting held on April 24, 1990, and was published in the White Bear Press newspaper on May 3, 1990.

The foregoing is a retype of the original Ordinance #6 on file in the District office. Retyped 8/18/99 only for the purpose of improving readability. To be reviewed by Lake Utilization Committee and Board in '99-'00.

Communications Plan Outline:

1. Reduce domestic and corporate water consumption through water conservation.
2. Augment White Bear Lake with surface water from the St. Paul Water Services.
3. Convert metropolitan drinking water back to the historical ratio of 70% surface water and 30% municipal well.

Mike Downing said the MinnPost article he sent to LLRC members represents a good communication effort by Ali Elhassan and the Met Council.

Mike encouraged LLRC members to view www.whitebearlake.org to look at the future communications work that will appear on this web site. An interesting resource he recently used was Google Earth to see historical lake levels.

Update on DNR, Met Council, and City of White Bear Lake

Bryan said that the boundaries for the Groundwater Management Area will be set soon by the DNR. Stakeholder meetings continue to be held. Bryan will forward an update provided by Paul Putzier on the north and east metro groundwater management work.

The City of White Bear Lake did not utilize their existing Mt. Simon well this summer during the critical July/August period. The LLRC will continue to request the support of the City in 2014.

Bryan said the Metropolitan Council is planning to approve a contract for the Feasibility Study for the northeast metro area, and it could happen as early as this week. Draft information from the Feasibility Study is proposed to be available in the middle of January 2014.

The next LLRC meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the White Bear Lake City Hall Expansion Room.