



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of January 19, 2016

APPROVAL DATE: 2/16/16

1. CALL TO ORDER The January meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by Chair Jane Harper at 7:02 pm in the Council Chambers.

2. ROLL CALL Present were: Chair Jane Harper, Vice Chair Bryan DeSmet, Treasurer Diane Longville, Directors Mike Parenteau, Pat McCann, George St. Germain, Mark Ganz, Gene Altstatt, Scott Costello, Susie Mahoney. A quorum was present.

3. AGENDA add item 8b2. "Boat launch inspection grant"

MOTION #1 (Parenteau / DeSmet) Move to approve agenda with addition. All aye passed.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (Altstatt/Parenteau) Move to approve minutes of November. All aye passed.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Rep Peter Fisher provided a Legislative update. There is support to get bonding funds for an augmentation project. Reports from the DNR and USGS are due out in the next several weeks. Operating costs and community support are remaining questions. The WBLCD Board can facilitate discussions with the communities. Once session begins, things will move quickly - May 27 is the end of session. As for fiscal agent, one entity needs to handle the money and oversee or pass through. The WBLCD has unique authority with representatives from each community around the lake. Board members can contact Rep Fisher at 651-307-1625 with any questions.

Brian McGoldrick, Docks of WBL

Considering adding a dinner cruise boat at marina, end slip. 65 foot carrying 60 – 80 people on demand and on weekends. Would like to start this summer. Will be applying for permit.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6a. Nominations for officers for 2016. Chair, vice chair, treasurer.

MOTION #3 (Parenteau/ St Germain) Move to nominate current slate of Harper for Chair, DeSmet for Vice Chair, Longville for Treasurer. All Aye passed.

No further nominations.

Will take more nominations next month.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Lake Level Resolution Committee

Race 2 Reduce update

Toilet conversion kits have been installed in 10 homes. Students will begin analyzing data in spring.

Next LLRC meeting is April 12, 2016

8b. Lake Quality Committee

8b1. Water 921.83. Up 2” from November, up 8” from last year this time.

8b2. Boat launch inspection program. Grants again this year 50% match. DNR provides 375 hours, we match with 375 / \$3000. We budgeted for that amount.

MOTION # 4 (Parenteau/Ganz) Move to apply for grant using budgeted funds up to \$3000. All aye, passed.

8c. Lake Utilization Committee

8c1. Nelson ice fishing

MOTION #5 (Ganz/St. Germain) Move to approve and waive fee for 2016 Nelson ice fishing. All aye passed.

8c2. Ice kite race. Originally scheduled for Jan. 2, would like to move date to Jan 31 and also on Feb 27 due to poor ice conditions earlier this month. They are aware of other events on the lake on those dates. Amending original permit.

MOTION #6 (Ganz / St Germain) Move to approve date change. All aye passed.

8c3. Fletcher Driscoll. No change, these are the A boats on north side of peninsula

MOTION #7 (Ganz / St Germain) Move to approve Driscoll permit for 2016. All aye passed.

MOTION #8 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve WBYC permit for 2016. All aye passed.

MOTION #9 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve Alicia Heights Dock Association permit for 2016. All aye passed.

MOTION #10 (Ganz / St Germain) Move to approve McCartney Estates Dock Association permit for 2016. All aye passed.

8c7. Birchwood Dock Association. Kay beach is being run by the City, rather than the dock association. Still would like to review these all together. Kay beach change is extending swim dock by 2 sections.

MOTION # 11 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve Birchwood packet with both the Dock Association and Kay beach.

Discussion

Mahoney – will there be a swim buoy or platform?

Ganz - Swim buoy allowed, no platform in application

Motion vote: 9 aye, 1 nay (Mahoney) Passed.

MOTION # 12 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve VFW permit for 2016. All aye, passed.

MOTION # 13 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve Sampair Co Inc 2016 permit. All Aye, passed.

8c10. Tallys – Tabled, would like better diagram of docks.

8c11. Docks of White Bear – Last several years have had variance to original permit due to low water levels. This year asking for change. Will have to apply “same” and ask for this new variance. Would like to move dock right along ADUA line. City of WBL does this with their dock. Precedent set. Last year had section of dock there but with low levels did not use. This configuration may not get deeper water. Would like to see where 65ft boat would go if that’s going to be there. Originally permit was for 4 - 300 ft docks straight out. With low water, they went to “T” shape. This is just different variance on original.

Harper – how long?

Ganz - 450’ out with “T”. Similar layout to last year with moving of 1 dock to edge of ADUA

DeSmet - will that dock impact neighbors to north?

St Germain – yes, the gas dock. Currently boats using gas dock swing into his area. This “fence” dock makes it hard to get gas.

Ganz – It will limit the south side of gas dock.

Harper – Is the reason for the shift to limit boats using gas dock?.

McGoldrick – It negatively impacts business. There is a berm created by boat traffic going in to gas dock.

Ganz – up for discussion. Asked to have the application submitted as a variance so board can review.

Altstatt – is there 10’ between?

Ganz – in commercial bay and several other spots, no.

St Germain – currently city is on ADUA line, if they re-do docks, they need have to meet code.

Harper – would like comments from board on this to go to committee

Altstatt – This could be an opportunity to re-do commercial bay. Approve for 1 year.

DeSmet – would like to see better diagram to scale to see how they would interact.

Mahoney – seems like congestion at end

Parenteau – should be 5 feet off line.

Ganz – this will go back to committee. Get paperwork in, review in March. Need: better drawing more to scale. Also note where dinner cruise boat would go.

8d. Lake Education Committee

Website traffic up 14% over last year.

8e. Joint Powers Task Group

DeSmet – Group would like to develop a document outlining responsibilities for fiscal agent and get to board members for review in February. To date the chair has done the work needed. Now would like to have Alan spend time to develop short document available prior to Feb mtg. Board members can go back to their communities to update them and see how they feel about an augmentation project and how they feel about WBLCD being the fiscal agent.

St Germain – the cities will want to know more than what we know at this time to grant support. There are unknown costs, unknown funding.

DeSmet – the goal is to inform and get feedback. By Feb 1 the DNR should have cost estimate.

Harper – can identify concerns, by the time we get on the cities agendas we'll have report from DNR

McCann –cities need data. Maybe this is a better thing for board in March, need to get info and compile it for the cities.

Harper – would like document from Alan by February so we can be more refined on our duties as a board.

Altstatt – attended a meeting with chamber of commerce this morning. We have to be prepared in case bonding comes through. It will be different responsibilities from what WBLCD has done in past.

Harper – our cities need to be aware, we are their representatives.

Motion #14 (DeSmet / McCann) Move to ask Alan to research and prepare paper defining what the Boards responsibilities would be as a fiscal agent, spending up to \$2000 in this effort. Would like paper prepared within next 2 weeks. All, aye, passed.

8f. Treasurer's Report

MOTION #15 (Longville/Ganz) Move to approve December 2015 treasurers report and pay checks 4329 - 4334. All aye passed.

MOTION #16 (Longville / Ganz) Move to approve additional spending for Mr Kantrud's work on lake level issues.

Discussion

Harper – we did discuss at time but did not do formal motion

All aye passed.

MOTION #17 (Longville/ Ganz) Move to approve January 2016 treasurers report and pay checks 4335 – 4337. All aye passed.

8f. Board Counsel Report

none

8g. Administrative Staff Report

Items included in packet this month:

- Agenda
- November draft minutes
- Sheriff report
- Dock Permit applications : 9
- Event permit applications : 1

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #18 (Ganz / Parenteau) Move to approve. All aye passed.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #19 (Parenteau/Ganz) Move to adjourn. All aye passed

Meeting adjourned 8:32 pm

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date