



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of January 21, 2014

APPROVAL DATE: 2/18/14

1. CALL TO ORDER The January meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by Chair Jane Harper at 7:03pm

2. ROLL CALL Present were: Chair Jane Harper, Vice Chair Bryan DeSmet, Directors George St. Germain, Mike Parenteau, Mark Ganz, Gene Altstatt, Suzanne Donnell. Absent were Diane Longville (excused), Pat McCann (unexcused). A quorum was present. Recording Secretary was Julie Yoho.

3. AGENDA

Motion #1 (Parenteau/St Germain) Move to approve agenda. All Aye, passed.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (Parenteau/Ganz) Move to approve minutes. All aye, passed.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Dick Galena, Birchwood

Thank you to all the Board members for your work in 2013.

Question over when meeting is broadcast on cable. Some cities get live broadcast. Can Birchwood?

Irina Harrington, Webmaster.

Recently has been upgrading site. Has hosted the WBLCD site for 15 years. We are currently moving back to WBL from Nebraska.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6a. Nominations for officers 2014

Parenteau – nominate present slate for 2014 of Jane Harper for Chair, Bryan DeSmet for Vice Chair and Diane Longville for Treasurer. St Germain second.

No other nominations.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

8. Reports/Action Items

8a. Lake Level Resolution Committee

DNR has strategic plan for GMA. Met Council feasibility study. Update was provided this a.m. – progress report. Schedule is draft report by June, final by Oct.

LLRC may get table at Bearly Open to answer questions. Board members are welcome to come.

Request made to board regarding maximum we can assess to communities.

Parenteau – anything outside our bylaws we can't assess for? Or can we?

Kantrud – statutory authority question. Need to clarify what that number is. Nothing to do with bylaws.

DeSmet – very preliminary. If construction, portions would come from multiple places.

St Germain – my impression is that the formula is clear

Kantrud – not clear.

Parenteau – based on tax capacity

St Germain – does LMCD have similar?

Harper – wanted to bring it up so that board knows, Alan will be clarifying

St Germain – conversations with cities would have to occur

Kantrud – not assessing – board can only put together budget and present to cities for verification. .02418% of taxable market value of property inside district.

8b. Lake Quality Committee

Quiet time

Buoys have arrived.

8c. Lake Utilization Committee

2014 Dock applications

Birchwood docks no change. Asked them to present better drawings in future.

MOTION # 3 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve Birchwood application. All aye, passed.

MOTION # 4 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve City of WBL - Matoska. All aye, passed

MOTION # 5 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve City of WBL – Veterans Pier. All aye passed.

MOTION # 6 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve VFW. all aye passed.

MOTION # 7 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve Sampair. All aye passed

MOTION # 8 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve Tallys. All aye passed.

MOTION # 9 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve Hoseshoe on Ice event. all aye passed

MOTION # 10 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve Softball on Ice. All aye passed.

MOTION # 11 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve Hoffman ice fishing. All aye passed

8d. Lake Education Committee

8d1. Annual lake clean up. March 8

8d2. Watercraft inspections for 2014. Cut back request to \$1500 instead of 3000.

Altstatt – feels it's not worth spending – put \$ toward other programs

Parenteau – want to deter zebra mussels as long as we can. Would take \$ out of LQC budget to put toward. Don't want to be held accountable for not doing everything possible to keep out as long as possible. Only defense right now
Harper – This is a process question if budget was approved for program
Parenteau & Altstatt will talk.

Harper – can application be amended at DNR level? Lets have these 2 talk and bring final recommendation

DeSmet – lowering amount spent on boat inspection is wrong direction – prefer discussion

Harper – also don't like to reduce inspections

8d3. Website redesign

Proposed redesign was demonstrated. Will include a search feature, more user friendly. Links to other resource sites. Printable version on web. Twitter an option to add but need to think about how we would use it. Logo could be different.

Board contact info – maybe /personal info you want to have posted. Would like to go live in April. Board review in meantime.

Donnell – mission statement? Maybe update

Costello – nearly unlimited projects here

Harper – maintenance?

Altstatt – haven't done yet. Knows some citizen members who may join LEC committee that would be willing to do maintenance.

Costello – twitter ?

Altstatt – could unapproved minutes be posted sooner?

Kantrud – as long as they are clearly marked draft / unapproved it's ok to post.

Harper – City of Birchwood – meeting can be streamed live now on-line, can fast forward, etc.

Ganz – calendar of events?

Kantrud – support calendar of approved items, not advertiser for others.

Harper – events could be helpful

Ganz – webcam for live feed and weather station

Parenteau – there used to be one at the Boat Works. Had viewership

Altstatt – no charge yet for redesign. Currently nothing out of the ordinary in redesign

Harper – provide updates prior to going live

Altstatt – everyone please give feedback prior

8e. Treasurer's Report

MOTION # 12 (Parenteau/Ganz) Move to approve December Treasurers report and pay checks 4208 – 4214. All aye passed

MOTION # 13 (Parenteau/Ganz) Move to approve January Treasurers report and pay checks 4215 – 4217. All aye passed

8f. Board Counsel Report

Kantrud – Mr. Handy was cited for not applying for \$35 permit that tells you what you can do in regards to vegetation. Talked to him about resolving his case.

There are only 2 cases like this in system. Advised him to get the permit. Would like to have the DNR come and provide info to board. Maybe in May.

8g. Administrative Staff Report

Items included in packet this month:

- Agenda
- Dock applications
- Event permit applications

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION # 14 (Parenteau/St Germain) Move to approve. All aye passed.

10. ANNOUNCEMENT

none

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION # 15 (St Germain/Parenteau) Move to adjourn. All aye, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23.

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date