



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL  
MINUTES of February 15, 2011

APPROVAL DATE: 3/15/11

**1. CALL TO ORDER** The February meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by Chair Mike Stawnychy at 7:00pm

**2. ROLL CALL** Present were: Chair Mike Stawnychy, Vice Chair Luke Michaud, Treasurer Diane Longville Directors John Steinworth, George St. Germain, Joe Allaben Sue Cernohous, Yale Norwick, Mike Parenteau. A quorum was present. Recording secretary was Julie Yoho. Absent was Debbie Harrod (excused).

**3. AGENDA**

Add item under New Business: "USGS study proposal"

**MOTION # 1 (Parenteau/Michaud) Move to approve agenda. All aye, passed.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME**

none

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

6a. Nomination of officers for 2011

Treasurer - no further nominations

**MOTION # 2 (Stawnychy /Michaud) Move to elect Diane for treasurer. All aye, passed - unanimous**

Vice Chair – no further nominations

**MOTION # 3 Move to elect Luke for Vice Chair. 8 aye 1 abstain**

Chair – 2 nominees: Norwick & Stawnychy

**Written vote: 4 for Norwick, 5 for Stawnychy. Mike Stawnychy elected Chair.**

Committee chairs will be appointed at next meeting

6b. USGS survey meeting update

Mike S, Mike P, Luke, Alan attended meeting last week.

Perry Jones from USGS is here to summarize what was discussed.

Jones- Proposed study would examine groundwater/surface water interaction, how much is flowing in, how much out. Previous studies found groundwater is a major component of WBL water levels.

Proposal is for a four part study:

1. Look at existing data for relationships between precipitation and water level.
2. Understand where groundwater is coming from. Synoptic study using wells in region.
3. Working with research team in Denver, use thermal imaging survey to find locations of groundwater influx.
4. Physical survey to confirm groundwater coming in. Delineate where groundwater is coming from.

Study would occur over a 2 yr period, with final report in Sept 2012.

St Germain – will it look at the aquifer?

Jones - Yes, would look at the aquifer

Michaud – thermal imagery shows infiltration based on temps

Norwick – will there be consideration to where water is leaving lake?

Jones – would be able to identify.

Stawnychy – all cities along lake, DNR, Watersheds, MPCA, Met Council, BWSR are all involved. Carol McFarlane organized. Trying to raise funds to match USGS.

Michaud – There is a specific time to act for grant money if project is to start.

Phase 1 would require \$8400 to get started.

Jones – study cost is \$200,000 total. \$105,000 is needed to match USGS money.

Need agreement within month or so or funds will be directed elsewhere.

Michaud – board would have to commit \$5,000 to move forward

St Germain – if committed without other agencies, does it end?

Jones – we could perform part of the tasks

Michaud – all cities were there. Felt we should go to ciites and ask if they were going to contribute. If all participate it is not a big number.

Norwick – who is following up? Is there point person to get acknowledgement from cities?

Stawnychy – There will be a follow-up meeting in Feb around the 23<sup>rd</sup>

Jones – get responses back at meeting.

Norwick – who will coordinate? Someone has to be in charge of being sure all players are in or not.

Jones – USGS will be inviting, at next meeting we'll form plan.

Parenteau – Tonight you are looking for opinion from this board that we are willing to go ahead?

Jones – yes

Parenteau – do we think its worthwhile?

Kantrud – USGS would be working with us, feel WBLCD is point, it's our project. Suggest a joint funding agreement with USGS directly. Local players fund thru joint powers agreement to pay USGS.

Allaben – are we voting on anything tonight?

Stawnychy – no

Allaben – funding has to be spent by when?

Jones – in proposal...

Norwick – sounds like we are point, need to take advantage of, unsure we have staff or funds to manage this . Need to ask for help from McFarlane...

Kantrud – her expectation was get people together and have them take over.

Would not look for support there.

Parenteau – 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will develop task force

Jones – and details on funding and management. Some cities felt they had a smaller role so would give smaller amount

Steinworth – you stated we are lead agency on this?

Jones – that is what USGS was hoping for, we would partner with WBLCD, be a conduit for funding.

St. Germain – all new to me, no idea what Dellwood did or did not say so don't want to say too much. If funds don't come thru, who is on hook?

Jones – if don't come thru, you are not liable.

Michaud – from us this evening, do we think its good idea? If all funds fall into place will we do it? We could look at allocation similar to assessments based on tax capacity. Also there is the Homeowners Association and others. As a group do we support if falls into place? Perry would like support of board.

Steinworth – We are a volunteer board , if we lead I have questions on how

Norwick – agree, we are under funded and understaffed but this is good idea. I have same concerns as John, but this is a good idea.

Steinworth – have not done anything this big before.

***Stawnychy – in favor of project vote: 8 yes, St Germain abstain.***

Jones – typically give ¼ reports

Michaud – Could you do a slideshow at our next meeting?

Stawnychy – could you present at our March meeting? Put on agenda

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7a. EWM & WBL Homeowners funds

Funds donated were to go for EWM control in lake for next year. Can we use it in 2011?

Kantrud – we have money gifted. Board accepted it by resolution which refers to management plan, not time specific.

Stawnychy – no end date?

Kantrud – no end date, keep until use for intended purpose

Steinworth – did resolution specifically mention 2010 plan?

Kantrud – refers to plan adopted in 2010, worst case would be to draft another resolution authorizing use in 2011 with same criteria. If management plan hasn't changed and you're treating milfoil, resolution and gift still stand.

***MOTION # 4 (Michaud/Parenteau) Move to approve January treasures report. All aye, passed.***

## **8. Reports/Action Items**

### **8a. Lake Quality Committee**

8a1. Steinworth - LQC meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month.

8a2. Included in packets is the 2010 watercraft inspection report. We participated half/half for inspection staff.

8a3. We've applied for 2011 inspection grant.

Michaud – project was additional inspection hours for \$3000, correct? Is grant going to come up for vote?

Steinworth – yes, applied for prior to deadline, will vote on expenditure if we receive grant.

Michaud – I'd like to know if board thinks this is valuable to spend \$3,000 on? I question the value.

Norwick – this is spent on boater education. I was shocked to see the number of craft that came from lakes with zebra mussels. Important education piece.

Michaud – I feel its inevitable that mussels will come.

Norwick – if we get the grant, then we can decide to accept or not

St Germain – 200 people got stickers and learned this past year.

Stawnychy – they are very informative and helpful

Steinworth – would like to make motion to approve spending ..

St Germain – don't we have to receive grant first?

Steinworth – yes, wait

8a4. Lake Vegetative Management Plan (LVMP)

Bids have come in, we are evaluating. Hope to have recommendation in March.

8a5. 2011 Milfoil management

Plan will be much the same as last year

Norwick – many people have put in lots of work on this, thank you

### **8b. Lake Utilization Committee**

8b1. Black Bear Yacht Club racing schedule.

***MOTION #5 (Michaud/Cernohous) Move to approve 2011 BBYC racing schedule. All aye, passed***

8b2. WBLCD clean up

***MOTION # 6 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve WBLCD clean up and waive fee. All aye passed.***

### **8c. Lake Education Committee**

Joe A will be leaving soon.

8c1. Lake Clean Up

Clean up is on March 5, 10 – 12:30. Expecting 3 boy scout troupes from Mahtomedi, 1 – 2 from other areas, guessing for 80 participants. VFW is donating lunch for participants. Count at 10:00, food will come to Bellaire beach. Ellen Richter coordinated with VFW. Need volunteers to help coordinate – those that know where fish houses were can be very helpful.

**8d. Treasurers report**

***MOTION #7 (Longville/ Parenteau) Move to accept February treasurers report and pay checks 4028 – 4031.***

St Germain – DNR inspection grant match payment was \$1680

*Vote*

*All aye, passed.*

**8e. Board Counsel Report**

If there are any questions regarding the USGS study let me know. Perry left some info with me regarding study.

**8f. Administrative Staff Report**

Items included in packet this month:

- Agenda
- January draft minutes
- LUC January meeting notes
- December Finance report
- 2011 Event Permit applications – 2
- 2010 Summary Report of Watercraft Inspection

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

***MOTION # 8 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve. All aye, passed***

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Longville – will be sending out bid requests for 2010 audit.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

***MOTION # 9 (St Germain/Parenteau) Move to adjourn. All aye, passed.***

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

ATTEST:

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Administrative Secretary

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Board Chairperson

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Date