



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of March 18, 2008

APPROVAL DATE: 4/15/08

1. CALL TO ORDER The March meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by vice chair Luke Michaud at 7:10 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL Present were: Vice Chair Luke Michaud, Directors Greg Donovan, John Steinworth, Sue Cernohous, Mike Parenteau. A quorum was present since we currently have only 9 appointed Board members. Recording secretary was Julie Yoho. Absent were Diane Longville, Thomas Hoffman, George St. Germain, Tom Alvarez – all excused.

3. AGENDA

Add item 6c under new business: “EAW resolution for DWB”

MOTION #1 (Parenteau /Donovan) Move to approve agenda with addition noted above. All Aye, PASSED.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (Parenteau/Cernohous) Move to approve minutes of February. All aye, PASSED.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

none

6. NEW BUSINESS

6a. Committee appointments – tabled until next month

6b. milfoil – Fletcher Driscoll, Dellwood resident & water resources specialist.

Also Lawrie Yearsly (BB racing), Gloria Drake (WB sailing school)

-would like to address the issue of milfoil growth and how it's been affecting the racing and sailing in WBL in the past couple years.

-Has become cumbersome and some are not racing because of it.

-Differences in approach from WBLCD consultant.

-realizes the Board has been busy struggling with dock issues.

-Key area is missed in study – north of peninsula (see maps)

-Question is what is acceptable level of nuisance? It is impairing recreational boating.

-WBYC & Black Bear Racing want to work together on this problem

Q&A w/ Board

Michaud – ongoing struggle with aquatic vegetation. Board decided it would concern itself with the navigable water area. Low water levels are spiking growth and creating issue now

Steve McComas, Blue Water Science

-Milfoil has been in lake for 20 yrs now. How can we work together to benefit the lake.

- With high water, plants were still 2 – 3 feet below surface. Last year there were spots where plants were closer to surface. We had large number of native weeds growing up, mixed with a little milfoil. If you treat milfoil in these areas, the other plants would still be up and impact boats. Stronger herbicide produces longer term ecological effects.

Steinworth – have you seen mats of milfoil with nothing else?

Steve – only in parts of the marsh

Janet Calahan, resident

When the plant is cut, does it regenerate quickly?

Michaud – nature of WBL contains it in certain areas due to bottom composition. Similar conditions as in early '90s. Everything green is not milfoil. Nearly all other plants are good and are best defense against milfoil spread. Treated with 24d in early 90s had some problems & more damage than wanted. Areas of dead zones. The following year milfoil spread in areas. Harvesting may be good choice if goal is keeping plants down for recreational use. Dynamic natural system, let lake be lake.

Driscoll – There is a grant available thru the MN DNR.

Michaud – refer to lake quality committee for action

Parenteau – LQC will look at possibilities. Steve McComas will be back in April to do presentation on the Aquatic Plant Survey.

6c. EAW resolution. Docks of White Bear has requested an EAW for possible expansion of docking. WBLCD is LGU (Local Government Unit)

Alan – Resolution recognizes WBLCD as the LGU and by authorizing this means they put info in, we check for completeness, any copying or publishing costs will be covered by requestor.

MOTION # 3 (Donovan/Cernohous) Move to approve resolution to authorize EAW.

Discussion

Alan - EAW determines if there is significant enough impact to trigger further environmental study. EAW shows impact only. Board can still approve or deny based on other criteria.

Brian McGoldrick – want to start this to explore their options. EAW is first step for any changes or expansion.

Alan – as sponsoring agency, we hold public hearing, distribute copies, facilitate process.

BREAK to work on language in the resolution

Motion on table for EAW

Wording on resolution has been restated

Friendly amendment to Motion # 3 – change to (see copy)

Amendment accepted (Cernohous/Donovan)

Steinworth – do we know what our responsibilities are in that role?

Alan – agency that has to distribute the EAW to public.

Steinworth – comes back to us for checking of accuracy/completeness?

Alan – we decide if it needs full EIS or not. They can hire consultants, etc. Vote

MOTION Vote

All aye, passed. Resolution signed.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Lake Quality Committee

Steve McComas will attend next month with his full report

8b. Lake Utilization Committee

8b1. dock applications

McCartney Estates

MOTION # 4 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to approve McCartney Estates 2008 dock application. All aye, PASSED

8b2. Matoska park

MOTION #5 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to approve Matoska Park application and waive canoe rack fee. All aye, PASSED.

8b3. City of Birchwood applications (5 total)

MOTION # 6 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to approve Birchwood applications: Ash Dock, Birch Beach, Dellwood Street, Elm Beach Club, Kay Beach Associations. All aye, PASSED

8c. Lake Education Committee report

none

8d. Treasurers report

*MOTION #7 (Michaud / Cernohous) Move to approve and pay checks 3821 - 3826.
All aye, PASSED.*

8e. Board Counsel report

none

8f. Administrative staff report

none

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #8 (Michaud/Parenteau) Move to approve. All aye, PASSED.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to all who showed up for the lake clean up.

2008 permit for Docks of White Bear – missed looking at this application earlier.

*MOTION # 9 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to approve Docks of WBL permit with no
change from last year. All aye, PASSED.*

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #10 (Donovan/Cernohous) Move to adjourn. All aye, PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date