



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of March 20, 2012

APPROVAL DATE: 4-17-2012

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

2. ROLL CALL Present were: Chair Mike Stawnychy, Vice Chair Luke Michaud, Directors George St. Germain, Kevin Powers, Yale Norwick, Jane Harper, Sue Cernohous. A quorum was present. Recording secretary was Julie Yoho. Absent were Diane Longville, Mike Parenteau (both excused).

3. AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION # 2 (Stawnychy/Michaud) *Move to approve minutes of February. All aye, passed.*

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

John Waller, 1410 Homestead Ave, Hugo. Member of Rice Creek Watershed District for WA County .

Attended last mtg with usgs report. Gathered info regarding increasing watershed size/water flow into lake. Dr. Barnes calculations on water. Ramsey/Wa Co. ditch #1, also city project potential water sources. In 2015 RCWD is scheduled to do work on ditch. Suggest look at RCWD to help with water levels.

Norwick – could you put your proposal in writing?

Stawnychy – at least would like to contact RCWD and talk further if you think this is possible.

Michaud – WBLCD is not going to solve problem on our own.

St Germain – RCWD has authority/responsibility over area. Would think we could request help. One reason they stopped pumping way back was due to electric costs. Costs involved in changing drainage.

Waller – yes, can be expensive. Barnes answered how much area you need to recharge aquifer. Next is quality question – can be engineered. All comes at cost. Have to begin somewhere.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Nominations for officers.

Longville (Treasurer), Michaud (Vice Chair), Stawnychy (Chair). No additional nominations.

MOTION # 3 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to vote and approve slate of Diane Longville, Luke Michaud, Mike Stawnychy. All aye, passed.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

8. Reports/Action Items

8a. Lake Quality Committee

Ice went out on March 19, Monday 4:30 am.

8b. Lake Utilization Committee

8b1. BBYC racing schedule.

MOTION # 4 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve permit for 2012 schedule. All aye, passed.

8b2. WBYC racing schedule

MOTION # 5 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve permit for 2012. All aye, passed.

Coordinate with BBYC.

8b3. WB Township mooring

MOTION # 6 (Michaud/Powers) Move to approve. All aye, passed.

8b4. ESDA same as last year

MOTION # 7 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve ESDA 2012. All aye, passed.

8b5. Tally's additional information for 2012 permit

MOTION # 8 (Michaud/ Cernohous) Move to approve Tally's permit for 2012.

Norwick – gas tank information looks like reimbursement program, not insurance policy. State bailout program.

All aye, passed.

8b6. Docks of WB

MOTION # 9 (Michaud/Cernohous) Move to approve DWB same as last year.

Norwick- what is status of billing?

Powers – how much has he paid?

Stawnychy – we did not have authority to charge city for slips not used

Kantrud – legislature added to board authority, city didn't think they could pay for something of no value. Brian is saying he is paying for slips he used last year.

We agreed to disagree.

Michaud – we do have right to disagree if they pay what is applied for or what is used. Should be brought up at LUC meeting.

Kantrud – that is difficulty. Policy now is you pay what you apply for.

Stawnychy- pay for what is on permit.

Michaud – agree, that could be recommendation. In interest of not showing favoritism, have to be equal.

Kantrud – lake is low , no one wants to pay more than they have to. Treat all same.

McGoldrick – if lake levels come back wont be issue.

St Germain – LUC should take hardship consideration. Could still have strict policy, or find way to consider other factors.

Michaud – amend motion number of boats is down to 60, configuration same.

Harper – how do we verify what is being used?

St Germain – most people pay to guarantee and hold what they’ve had rather than go down

Harper – same struggle in Birchwood, people were asking for refunds, how to verify, etc.

MOTION Vote All aye, passed.

Michaud – also diagram on app

LUC will be doing draft findings of Park Ave issue dispute resolution.

8c. Lake Education Committee

Norwick – clean up happened 2 weeks ago, 98 volunteers, 500lbs of debris. Jim Shuster organized boy scouts. VFW provided food for all.

8d. Treasurer’s Report

MOTION # 10 (Michaud/Norwick) Move to approve treasurers report for march and pay checks. All aye, passed.

8e. Board Counsel Report

Kantrud - Have a couple ideas for ongoing permitting problems. Need some sort of amendment procedure. Will attend LUC meeting next month. Procedure for variance has changed in state law. Would use amendment, not variance procedure.

8f. Administrative Staff Report

Items included in packet this month:

- Agenda
- Feb draft minutes
- Dock permit applications – 3
- Permit Applications – 3
- Finance report
- 2011 Watercraft inspection report

- Dr. Barnes information on water flow

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION # 11 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve all aye, passed.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

nothing

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION # 12 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to adjourn. All aye, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date