



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of April 15, 2014

APPROVAL DATE: 5-20-14

1. CALL TO ORDER The April meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by vice chair Bryan DeSmet at 7:02pm

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

3. AGENDA

MOTION # 1 (Altstatt/Parenteau) Move to approve agenda. All aye passed

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

none

6. NEW BUSINESS

6a. Forum with DNR.

Kantrud – The DNR will have 1-3 representative here at 7:00 on the next meeting date. They will discuss lake management, violations, philosophy of shore vegetation management.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

8. Reports/Action Items

8a. Lake Level Resolution Committee

DeSmet – LLRC met last wed April 9. Tom Snell reported on the 800k senate bill. No house bill. LLRC is looking at installing weather stations around lake to define better evaporation and other characteristics.

Altstatt – question over 800k status

DeSmet – understanding is if bill passes the funds need to be spent by 2016

Altstatt – for the lake monitoring stations, the DNR has so many grant programs maybe something could match for funding through one of their programs. (Bryan will check)

McCann – regarding funds, is there any way to find out more? Is it a grant? Is it a bond? Details?

DeSmet – senator Wiger may be meeting this week, I will try to attend to find out what is going on or contact his office

8b. Lake Quality Committee

EWM treatment bids

Parenteau – We've received bids from Lake Management & Lake Restoration. Lake Management same price as last year. Lake Restoration lower per acre but extra charge for depth. After calculating out, Lake Management is less by \$900. Will choose Lake Management, good working relationship in the past. Budgeted expense.

Permit has been received. Grant received for \$100 per treated acre/\$426 cost per acre McComas will do survey when growth begins.

The waterski course people will be doing a Zebra mussel check on pvc tubing used in their course. They will be checking when they move the course.

Longville - does DNR need to approve our treatment areas again?

Parenteau – in past they have. This year if areas are the same as past, they won't check. Only will check new areas. Should speed things up.

Altstatt – what is used?

Parenteau – triclopyr, as approved by DNR

8c. Lake Utilization Committee

Manitou Sprint Triathlon June 22 swim at 8am

MOTION # 3 (Ganz/Parenteau) Move to approve Triathlon permit for 2014. all aye, passed.

John Redpath waterski course. Moves 2 times per month, no change.

MOTION #4 (Ganz/Parenteau) Move to approve Redpath waterski course. All aye, passed.

BBYC racing schedule

MOTION #5 (Ganz/Parenteau) Move to approve BBYC racing schedule. All aye, passed.

WB township mooring buoys – need insurance cert.

MOTION #6 (Ganz/Parenteau) Move to approve WB Township mooring buoys pending receiving insurance information. All aye passed.

Ganz - City of WBL update: No application for their docks due to construction. They are looking at putting in a header dock in due to water level. Same configuration, have to get approval from DNR for header dock. Application will be in for next meeting.

8d. Lake Education Committee

Altstatt – Would like to run an ad in WB Press 2 weeks prior to May meeting highlighting fact that the DNR will be here to answer questions about vegetation control. Will put it together and have Alan and DNR review. \$400 for ad.

June 1 the new website launch. Will work on all browsers. Will have many past articles relating to lake issues from WB Press and Star Trib. Lake level readings, etc. Twitter account to get info out. Irina has done redesign free of charge.

Would like to run ad 7 times for \$1400. Would like approval up to \$2800 to run for 14 weeks to match potential DNR grant promoting invasive species education. DeSmet – can we approve \$1400 and apply for grant?

Altstatt – yes.

DeSmet – LEC did not have much of budget for this year

Longville – there are funds in their account, not enough to cover this. Can we look into paper doing list of events around town rather than separate ad?

Parenteau – question over funds left in account 6039

Longville – board has option to deficit spend on item. Line 6039 is for milfoil – boat launch inspection

Parenteau – deficit spending would not be a big deal

DeSmet – so there is \$850 remaining, we would deficit spend for balance. \$950 deficit spending.

MOTION # 7 (Altstatt/McCann) Move to spend \$400 for DNR ad, and \$1400 for 7 weekly ads in the WB Press promoting website. All aye passed.

Recordings of past meetings will be able to be watched via the new website.

8e. Treasurer's Report

MOTION # 8 (Longville/Parenteau) Move to approve treasurers report and pay checks 4226 – 4229. All aye passed.

2015 budget planning worksheet

Longville - Board needs to review in next month. Committees and chairs get some numbers together for next year's activities. Review in May, approve in June.

8f. Board Counsel Report

Kantrud - One case from last summer got resolved as a plea. Chasing geese was determined to be valid reason to pull over a boat, which was then charged with BWI.

Altstatt – how many BWI's are typically issued?

Kantrud – I'm not equipped to answer, only get involved if it turns into large case.

8g. Administrative Staff Report

Items included in packet this month:

- Agenda
- March draft minutes
- Finance reports
- Permit applications – 4

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #9 (Parenteau/Ganz) Move to approve consent agenda. All aye, passed

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION # 10 (Altstatt/McCann) Move to adjourn. All aye passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date