



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL  
MINUTES of April 18, 2017

APPROVAL DATE: 5/16/17

**1. CALL TO ORDER** The April meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by Chair Bryan DeSmet at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

**2. ROLL CALL** Present were: Chair Bryan DeSmet, Vice Chair Mark Ganz, Treasurer Diane Longville, Directors: Mike Parenteau, Gene Altstatt, George St. Germain, Scott Costello, Susie Mahoney, Paul Steinhauser, Pat McCann. A quorum was present.

**3. AGENDA**

*MOTION #1 (DeSmet/Parenteau) Move to approve with addition of item 8db. All aye passed*

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTION # 2 (DeSmet / Parenteau) Move to approve minutes with correction on page 2. All aye, passed*

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME**

Larry Mahoney, Birchwood

Concern over lack of enforcement over Harrods dock placement. Would like Harrods to have a survey done of their property; dispute over how much frontage Harrods have. Would like it to be on record that he disagrees with Marks conclusion

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

6a. Watercraft inspections grant

We have the opportunity to apply for grant for watercraft inspections during the summer. Discussion was held over the program.

*MOTION #3 (DeSmet/Ganz) Move to allocate up to \$3000 for matching the DNR watercraft inspection grant out of reserves. 7 Aye, 2 Opposed (St. Germain, Altstatt)*

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS**

**8a. Executive Committee**

Met last week. Mike Parenteau will take lead on the Commercial Bay task group

**8b. Lake Level Resolution Committee**

McCann – will meet when there is a need

### **8c. Lake Quality Committee**

8c1. Lake Level is 923.04. That's 4 feet higher than the all-time low in 2013. 1 foot higher than last year this time.

8c2. Water temperature 52 degrees

8c3. McComas survey bid – \$3100, budget is for \$3200. This is to survey milfoil prior to treatment and study after treatment, presentation to board in the fall

***MOTION # 4 (Parenteau/St Germain) Move to accept bid from McComas for 2017 milfoil survey work. All aye passed.***

8c4. EWM application bid request. Send request for bids to Lake Management and Lake Restoration for 2017 treatment

### **8d. Lake Utilization Committee**

8d1. Ramsey Co. Sheriff water patrol contract. We can increase hours if need be.

It will cost \$41/hr. No change from last year. Next year costs will increase

***MOTION #5 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve 2017 Ramsey Co Water Patrol contract. All aye, passed***

8d2. Redpath waterski course

***MOTION #6 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve 2017 permit for Redpath waterski course. All aye passed***

8d3. White Bear Township mooring buoys

***MOTION #7 (Ganz/ St Germain) Move to approve permit contingent on them providing distance from shoreline to buoys to confirm that they are within the ADUA. All aye, passed.***

8d4. Andrew Kruse

***MOTION #8 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve permit pending full payment. All aye passed.***

8d5. Water Patrol meeting

Meeting was held today with water patrol from both counties. Would like to post lake etiquette rules and put out notice that there will be enhanced patrols and surveillance on the lake this summer. Ganz will put together a notice draft and review in May.

### **8e. Lake Education Committee**

Website traffic up

LEC met tonight and is working on list of ideas for website updates.

### **8f. Treasurer's Report**

***MOTION #9 (Longville/Parenteau) Move to approve and pay checks 4407 – 4411. All aye passed.***

8f2. Budget planning for 2018. Think of numbers, draft for review next month. Vote on final in June.

### **8g. Board Counsel Report**

Update on the Court of appeals. DNR has to create an administrative record. Will meet with DNR representatives on Friday to see if we can resolve.

DeSmet – could you talk about expenses on this item

Kantrud – started process in January; about \$5000 worth of time in over last few months. If we can resolve, it will end. If it keeps going they get another month, would be done by early summer.

Costello – concern by city of costs of lawsuit against DNR.

Kantrud – if cities have issue with then board needs to discuss. Our appeal is questioning process. The other lawsuit is looking for a cure for problem.  
DeSmet – meeting on Friday to hopefully agree to public meeting for member communities... work could be done. Otherwise they keep getting their data together by May 4 to produce information on how they determined the elevation number. Then we review.

Steinhauser – why is there friction with city hall?

Costello – city seemed surprised and concerned over costs.

DeSmet – concern board would keep pushing for higher elevation, puts communities in position of being impacted with lawn watering and use by residents. We really just want to have a better understand how they came to that level and have public meeting.

Kantrud – this is an appeal of an administrative order

DeSmet – we are not paying full cost for attorney expenses

Altstatt – did DNR ask for a meeting or did we?

Kantrud – we did

McCann – what is desired outcome?

Kantrud – if we can resolve short of continuing with appeal; public hearing

#### **8h. Administrative Staff Report**

Items included in packet this month:

- Agenda
- March draft minutes
- Dock applications - 1
- Permit applications - 2
- March Financial statements
- Copy of Mahoney letter
- Ramsey Co Water Patrol contract

#### **9. CONSENT AGENDA**

***MOTION # 10 (Longville / Parenteau) Move to approve. All aye passed.***

#### **10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

DeSmet – a meeting was held last Thursday where the DNR provided design / build proposals for augmentation. Legislature approved funds to do study. SEH prepared proposal. The study is on the DNR website. \$40 million range for costs; majority of discussion was on water quality impacts – still many outstanding questions. Costs were just for screening, no water treatment.

Shallow water buoys are out, installed by Mike.

#### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

***MOTION #11 (St Germain / Parenteau) Move to adjourn. All aye, passed***

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

ATTEST:

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Administrative Secretary

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Date

APPROVED:

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Board Chairperson

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Date