



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of April 21, 2015

APPROVAL DATE: May 19, 2015

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

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

3. AGENDA

Move item 8a to review after item 8d.

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (Parenteau/Ganz) Move to approve March 17 meeting minutes. All aye passed

MOTION #3 (Parenteau/McCann) Move to approve April 1 special meeting minutes. All aye passed

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

none

6. NEW BUSINESS

none

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Lake Level Resolution Committee

LLRC held a meeting last week. Looking at what a reasonable lake level range would be. The climate stations will be going out in the next several weeks. We'll have a booth at MarketFest again.

Altstatt – meeting was held with Alan, Pat, Gene, Jane, Bryan and some local legislators again regarding the joint powers and responsibilities. Would like to have task force set up from board to more easily meet and move forward.

MOTION #4 (Altstatt/Costello) Move to form task group to explore and determine steps needed for WBLCD to act on legislative action regarding the joint powers board and fiscal

agent responsibilities. Members being Altstatt, DeSmet, Harper, McCann, with Kantrud as advisor.

Discussion

Harper – task group would bring items to the board for action. Perhaps add 1 more member so WBL has a representative.

Kantrud – there is interest at the capital for finding possible solution to the water level. WBLCD was approached to try to help arrange a group that can work on this. Idea is to be ready if funding comes. Framework is to be advisory to legislature.

Harper – several ways this could go. They want to know what we need to move forward with a possible project. What does it take to form a joint powers board. Facilitator? RFP? Would legislative authority changes be needed for WBLCD role?

St Germain – are we qualified to do this?

Kantrud – beginning of the process, smaller group could go forward. Legislators thought this would be appropriate group to move forward

Motion #4 vote - All aye, passed

8b. Lake Quality Committee

8b1. Milfoil treatment bids requested, received 1 bid from Lake Management

8b2. Bid from McComas for survey.

Not much can be done with the zebra mussels right now, mostly monitoring
Harper – can public help inform us if they find some on their docks or structure
Parenteau – yes would be what we want to know. Steve suspects it will be a couple years before we really start seeing them widespread.

8b3. Water level 921.09. Last year on this date lake was still frozen. In 2013 920.30. last year 920.57 so now is 6” higher than last year this time.

8b4. Temperature: 50 degrees. 2013 63 degrees.

8c. Lake Utilization Committee

MOTION #5 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve Redpath waterski course, moving it two times per month. All aye passed

MOTION #6 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve WB Township mooring buoys. All aye passed

MOTION #7 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve Manitou sprint triathlon. All aye passed

MOTION #8 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve Altstatt mooring buoy. All aye passed (Altstatt abstain)

MOTION #9 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve BBYRA racing schedule. All aye passed

MOTION #10 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve City of WBL Matoska marina. All aye passed

MOTION # 11 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve City of WBL veterans pier. All aye passed

MOTION # 12 (Ganz/St Germain) City WBL Municipal marina. All aye passed

Change occurred last year with header dock. Sheriff boat and fishing group boat are not charged for slip.

8d. Lake Education Committee

Website usage is up

Logo w/ website ad – ask to put in local newsletters for all of the communities. Gene can send electronic version.

May 2 City of WBL event on water conservation from 9 – 12 in parking lot of city hall.

8e. Treasurer’s Report

MOTION # 13 (Longville/Ganz) Move to accept and pay April checks 4283 - 4287. All aye passed

2016 budget planning. Let us know numbers for review next month. Need to approve in June.

8f. Board Counsel Report

No litigation, slow time.

8g. Administrative Staff Report

Items included in packet this month:

- Agenda
- March draft minutes
- March Finance report
- Dock applications
- Permit applications

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION # 14 (Longville/Harper) Move to approve consent agenda. All aye passed

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shallow water buoys are in around the lake

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION # 15 (St Germain/Ganz) Move to adjourn. All aye passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date