



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of May 17, 2005

APPROVAL DATE: 6/21/05

1. CALL TO ORDER The May 17, 2005 regular meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by chair Gary Cox at 7:15 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL Present were: Chair Gary Cox, Vice Chair Luke Michaud, Secretary/Treasurer Diane Longville; Directors George St. Germain, Greg Donovan, Mike Parenteau, Tom Alvarez, Scott St. Martin, John Steinworth, Thomas Hoffman. A quorum was present. Recording secretary was Julie Yoho.

3. AGENDA

Add item 8b2. Forest Heights #2 easement mooring buoy
Add item 8b3 Lake use study

MOTION #1 (St. Germain/Parenteau) Move to approve agenda as amended. All Aye, Passed

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (Hoffman/St Germain) Move to approve minutes of April 2005. All aye, Passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

none

5. NEW BUSINESS:

None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Lake Quality Committee

8a1. Storm sewer outlet off Hwy120 and South Shore Blvd. Site is having sediment build up issues. A letter was sent to WB Township requesting help improving the area.

8a2 . Swimmers itch: A letter was sent to the communities informing them of our policy for 2005. Bid requests were sent out to DNR approved applicators.

MOTION #3 (Parenteau/Michaud) Move to approve allocating funds up to \$2500.00 for swimmers itch control from milfoil line item in 2005 budget.

Discussion:

- Swimmers itch is controversial as treatment is not always effective. Action is consistent with the policy the Board established even though some may not agree. John – no need for it, never used it last year. Why allocate funds? Should have been in 2005 budget. Why wasn't it important for 2005?
- Issue is time specific tonight; perhaps policy should be re addressed in future
- Board's understanding was if it was needed we would spend out of reserve during 2005

Motion Vote : 9 Ayes, 1 No (Steinworth), motion passed

8b. Lake Utilization Committee

8b1. Hickory Street Dock Association permit for 2005. Dock has been out for years. Last year they had 5 boats with no permit. This year permit originally had included a mooring buoy. Mooring has been withdrawn from application. Permit is for 5 boats on dock for 2005.

MOTION #4 (Donovan/St. Germain) Move to approve permit conditional to proof of ownership/easement/access. All aye, passed

Recommend insurance for them as well.

8b2. Board has received letters from neighbors of Forest Heights #2 Association. Easement has been there for years, no permit in the past. Buoy has been put in ADUA. Sheriff does not think it is hazard. Board members will be looking at to see how many total boats are there, and if a multiple boat permit is needed. Committee will report back next month.

Mike Norstrem, Deputy, Ramsey County Water Patrol

- Measured buoy location, it was 220 – 225 feet out from shore.
- Mooring buoy does not appear to be a navigational hazard in this area. Another mooring buoy is present to the north.

Mike Nightingale, 103 Wildwood Beach Rd

- Met with LUC tonight, his issues were addressed
- Has lived on lake for 5 yrs, owns 2 properties with easements to lake. Feels WBLCD rules are loose, and pressure is going to increase on lake use. Is concerned thses Associations could get large number of boats out there.
- Would like Board to tour the lake and check for permit violations. Need more than education, need to enforce the rules.

8b3. Lake Use Study

- Amount projected in budget was short. Should we go ahead with survey and omit certain parts such as the home owners survey and the exit surveys?
- We shouldn't change parts of the survey now, but keep duplicating them to use them as a base in order to track trends.
- Survey was helpful and worth doing again.
- Debate over if items are expendable to save money.

MOTION #5 (Cox/St. Germain) Move to approve spending funds for 2005 summer lake use study, up to \$23,800.00. All aye, passed.

Friendly amendment to let Greg and consultants decide what if anything to leave out to stay within spending limit.

8c. Lake Education Committee report

8c1. Website: Board please review new website design, get feedback to Thomas

8c2. Market Fest: LEC is considering having a booth at market fest. Work involved would be staffing booth, along with set-up and take-down each week.
Discussion:

-Cost would be approximately \$200. Table would include information and board members staffing. We would need to have one person in charge every week to ensure consistent presence.

- In past, LEC members staffed the booth.

- Any approach is possible. Are any board members willing to commit to a Thursday night during market fest run?

8c3. Storm sewer painting. LEC will be doing sometime this summer

8d. Treasurers report

8d1.

MOTION #6 (Longville/Hoffman) Move to approve May Treasurers Report and pay checks 3573 – 3578. All aye, passed

8d2. 2006 budget proposal

MOTION #7 (Longville/Parenteau) Move to accept and approve 2006 budget.

Discussion

- City assessments have not been calculated yet, but will be similar to last year.

- Draft budget should be run past communities and finalized in June.

Motion withdrawn

This is budget we intend to pass, any comments are due prior to June 21 meeting.

8e. Board Counsel report

no report

8f. Administrative staff report

updated Board contact list – please review for any changes

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #8 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to approve consent agenda. All AYE, PASSED

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Luke was asked last month to contact the Mayor of Birchwood regarding some dock issues. The Mayor felt issue had been addressed already this year and would not address it again in 2005.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION#9 (St. Germain/Michaud) Move to adjourn. ALL AYE, PASSED
Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date _____

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date _____