



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of May 16, 2006

APPROVAL DATE: 6/20/06

1. CALL TO ORDER The May 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, Directors Greg Donovan, Mike Parenteau, George St. Germain, John Steinworth, Tom Alvarez, Scott St. Martin. Absent was Thomas Hoffman (excused). A quorum was present. Recording secretary was Julie Yoho.

3. AGENDA

Add item 8b2. "Hwy 96 dock dispute"

MOTION #1 (Michaud/Parenteau) Move to approve agenda as amended. ALL AYE, Passed.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (Parenteau/Donovan) Move to approve minutes from April. ALL AYE, Passed.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Diane Swanson

- question regarding WBLCD policy on responding to letters of inquiry. She sent letter repeatedly with questions regarding the East Shore Dock Association permit.

Michaud – apologized for the delay, response letter is in the mail

6. NEW BUSINESS

Budget for 2007:

LEC - use same amounts as last year until we hear other from Tom.

LUC budget – possible civil officer position. Will email budget request.

LQC – projects/amounts noted on spreadsheet .

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7a. Work plan updates.

LQC committee discussed the work plan. Would like to post signs with information on Zebra mussels at access points (in co-op with LEC).

Donovan – DNR was at Ramsey beach, will be there for weekends in summer providing info to boaters.

Parenteau - Halls Marsh – Would like to use weevils to control purple loosestrife.

Donovan – Birchwood has scout project doing weevil control this summer.
Parenteau will coordinate with city/scout.

Storm sewer off Hwy 120. Will check with WB Township on status and resources.

Discussed buoys and no wake zone within 100 ft of docks. Will discuss other locations near bridge with sheriffs dept. To date no problems in this area according to patrol.

Cox – would like to be involved in discussing the bridge buoy issue in future.

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Lake Quality Committee

8a. Swimmers itch

MOTION # 3 (Parenteau/Michaud) Move to spend up to \$3000 on swimmers itch control for 2006.

Discussion:

Parenteau - Will send letter out to the cities informing of our policy for the year.

Steinworth – ineffective treatment

Cox – Some cities like to treat even though the experts say it is ineffective for more than one day. Also specific conditions need to be present in order for treatment to take place.

Parenteau – good public relations. WBLCD can help control the treatment or possible over treatment by being involved.

Steinworth – waste of money on treatment that doesn't work

Motion Vote: 7 AYE, 2 NAY (Cox, Steinworth). Passed.

8b. Lake Utilization Committee

8b1. Permit request from White Bear Lake Fireworks Committee

MOTION #4 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to approve 2006 permit for White Bear Lake 4th of July fireworks display. ALL, AYE, Passed

8b2. Hwy 96 dock dispute

- This dispute came before the committee & board last May/June (2005) regarding dock placement issues. A letter was sent ordering them where to place docks for 2006. Two properties are in compliance, one dock is not out yet, one is in the same place as last year on west end of property – not compliant.

- Committee recommends sending letter ordering them to comply.

MOTION #5 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to send letter to affected parties reminding them of the 2005 decision regarding dock placement and notifying them that they have 10 days to comply or they will be cited.

Discussion:

Cox – board spent a lot of time on this last year, many members went to site.

Bob Mordancy, here tonight for Jeff Plaisted, the owner of site.

- Letter sent last year talked more about lots K,L,M,N. O & P were not involved dispute last year. Confusing on what had to be done in 2006.

Michaud – Mr. Plaisted was at the meetings last year. He was allowed to stay were he was in 2005, but it was made clear that the dock needed to be moved in 2006.

Bob – difficulty placing dock due to shallow waster and rocks on one side.

Michaud – recommends we go ahead with action giving 10 days to comply so that a compromise can be reached soon.

St Martin – went to site. Doesn't recall seeing this letter from 2005

Cox – Board knew we had problem at this location last year and committee worked hard to have solution for 2006

Bob – move wouldn't make difference due to shallow water and where the boats dock.

Michaud – will go to site and find compromise

Motion vote – ALL AYE, Passed.

8c. Lake Education Committee report

no report

8d. Treasurers report

MOTION #6 (Longville/Donovan) Move to approve May Treasurers report and pay checks 3674 – 3683. ALL AYE, Passed.

8e. Board Counsel report

no report

8f. Administrative staff report

office update – will have revised proposal for June meeting

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION # 7 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to approve consent agenda . ALL AYE, passed.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #8 (Donovan/St. Germain) Move to adjourn. ALL AYE, Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date