



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of May 17, 2016

APPROVAL DATE: 6/21/16

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

2. ROLL CALL Present were: Vice Chair Bryan DeSmet, Directors Mike Parenteau, Pat McCann, Diane Longville, George St. Germain, Gene Altstatt, Scott Costello. A quorum was present. Absent were Mark Ganz, Susie Mahoney & Jane Harper (all excused).

3. AGENDA

Add item 8f3. MMKR official paperwork.

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (Parenteau/St Germain) move to approve minutes of April. 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

City of WBL Environmental Festival was May 7. Had approx. 30 – 40 people stop by our table. Good event.

8b. Lake Quality Committee

8b1. Water level: 922.07 (11.5 inches higher than last year at this time and 3 ft higher than all-time low)

8b2. Temp: 58 degrees

8b3. Lake Management bid \$433/acre triclopyr. DMA4 for \$341/acre. Triclopyr has been out for 10 years. Maybe best not to use same product over but so far has been working well. DMA4 contains 2-4D as active ingredient; concerning in past. St Germain – Do not use 2-4d unless nothing else available

DeSmet – how many acres?

Parenteau – likely similar to last year, 80 acres. No DNR grant money this year.

MOTION #3 (Parenteau/St Germain) Move to accept bid from Lake Management for triclopyr treatment. All aye passed.

8b4. Shallow water buoy purchase
Need to replace 2 pencil buoys

MOTION #4 (Parenteau/St Germain) Move to approve purchase of 2 new buoys. All aye passed.

8c. Lake Utilization Committee

8c1. WB Township mooring buoy

MOTION #5 (St Germain/Altstatt) Move to approve permit for WB Township. All aye passed.

8c2. Kruse dock permit at 605 Park

MOTION #6 (St Germain / Altstatt) Move to approve Kruse permit. All aye passed.

8c3. Dellwood peninsula dock

There is a homeowner with 4 docks on one property, WBLCD ordinance allows for 1 dock. Would like to issue order/letter for removal which would give 10 days to come to compliance.

Costello – Is it a navigation hazard?

St Germain – allowed 1 dock, it is a clear violation of ordinance by having the multiple docks.

Parenteau – owner could apply for permit for multiple docks

St Germain – yes, but board would have to approve

DeSmet – ever more than 1 before?

St Germain – we've had multiple properties go together, but don't recall a single owner other than WBYC and marinas, not private properties

Altstatt – DNR vegetation concerns also?

St Germain – DNR inspected. Willows and cottonwood were mostly what were taken out.

Public comment

Alex Carter, 22 75th street, WBL - Concerns over 4 docks and vegetation removal. Had encounter with landowner.

Travis Herbert, Birchwood – How is this enforced?

Kantrud – if ignoring order Sherriff issues citation, misdemeanor. \$1000 for every day of violation. Can also go to court to have removed.

St Germain – owner has ADUA. In past volleyball net has been out there, which you cannot do without permission. Also be aware land is private property.

Understand the homeowners concerns about noise, etc. keep in mind when out there.

Ryan Connelly, WBL - Understand owners concerns about noise, etc. We do everything we can to clean up garbage etc. want our family to be able to enjoy the area. Currently best area for people to congregate.

MOTION # 7 (St Germain/Parenteau) Move to approve issuing letter & order for removal of docks. All aye, passed

8d. Lake Education Committee

Website usage lower last month, coming up

8e. Joint Powers Task Group

None, has not met

8f. Treasurer’s Report

MOTION # 8 (Longville/Parenteau) Move to approve May treasurers report and pay checks 4352-4355. All aye passed

Budget planning

The 2017 budget was discussed. It was noted that Ramsey Co Water Patrol costs will increase due to change in their part-time structure.

Final budget will be reviewed & approved at June meeting. St. Germain will try to get more accurate numbers for sheriff.

DeSmet – have heard concerns from Township and City of WBL regarding reserve

Parenteau – Will attend City Council meeting next week. Balance sheet explanation:

Total assets are not fund balance. Total assets minus budget = fund balance. Will change monthly. Julie draft letter of explanation of true fund balance and how we arrive at it.

MOTION #9 (Parenteau / Longville) Move to draft letter better explaining the fund balance.

Discussion

Costello – be sure we understand it and can explain to cities.

Longville – Change term to total assets on spreadsheet.

DeSmet – how can we draft policy regarding the fund balance?

Parenteau – could predict amount or percentage of budget.

Longville – what is typical amount cities keep in reserve, how would we draft policy?

Kantrud – depends on size of budget. 38% in reserve for larger city. Smaller entity would keep more.

McCann – not in favor of boxing us in with an amount

Vote: all aye passed.

Julie will draft letter

8g. Board Counsel Report

8h. Administrative Staff Report

Items included in packet this month:

- Agenda
- April draft minutes
- Dock Permit applications : 1
- permit applications : 1
- Finance report
- 2017 Budget worksheet
- EWM control proposal

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #10 (Parenteau / St Germain) Move to approve. All aye passed.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned 8:13 pm.

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date