



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of May 18, 2010

APPROVAL DATE: 6/15/10

1. CALL TO ORDER The May meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by Chair Mike Stawnychy at 7:08 pm.

2. ROLL CALL Present were: Chair Mike Stawnychy, Vice Chair Luke Michaud, Directors Mike Parenteau, Diane Longville, John Steinworth, George St. Germain, Yale Norwick, Sue Cernohous, Joe Allaben. A quorum was present. Absent was Doug Danks (excused). Recording secretary was Julie Yoho.

3. AGENDA

Add items: 8a7 lake level, 8a8 swimmers itch, add “WLHOA” under “resolution”. Remove 7a and move to July. Add law enforcement update 8b6.

MOTION #1 (Parenteau/Michaud) Move to approve agenda as amended. All aye, passed.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (Parenteau / Cernohous) move to accept minutes of April. All aye, passed
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5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Dick Glana, Birchwood

Was here to discuss Ord 5, since removed will come back in July. Are you all aware of Senator Chaudhary’s bill to repeal legislative authority for the 2 conservation districts?

Ken Pritch, Mahtomedi

Concerns over treating milfoil. Feels it is unnecessary and is welfare for lakeshore residents. Concern over effects.

Steinworth – treatment is targeted approach, in middle of the lake. Milfoil was worse in these areas last year than ever before.

Ken – if you treat that big of an area, you’re upsetting balance of lake in that area.

Steinworth – the target areas are 95% or more EWM stands.

Ken – will grow back, always will be there. Did not have problem last year.

Steinworth – can provide map and other info

6. NEW BUSINESS

none

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

moved to July

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Lake Quality Committee

8a1. LQC meetings. Will meet every Tuesday. Next meeting is 5/25 at 7.

8a2. DNR watercraft inspection grant. Grant was approved, contract signed.

8a3. DNR EWM control grant. App. has been applied for and is under review. \$11,000 anticipated.

8a4. EWM spring survey. May 6 observation: many plants had signs of disease, varying opinions on what the black means. DNR reserved in opinion. Steve thought black stuff may make it fall down. Would not predict. Will be out again this week. McComas will begin his survey this or next week depending on water temp. Steve will delineate 95% or better monoculture areas. Potentially treat before Memorial Day dependent on what plants are doing.

Stawnychy – survey, then decide when to proceed?

Steinworth – Steve will map active beds, could change from last year.

Will identify the 95% patches. Map will be presented to DNR for permit.

Stawnychy – trying to do treatment in May?

Steinworth – trying for early season treatment. Dictated by growing conditions. Want to treat new growth while still low

Stawnychy – trichlopyr targets broadleaf's? Does it affect the Cabbage plants?

Steinworth – has a spreadsheet listing species at home.

Allaben – at what temperature?

Steinworth – 54 to 55 degrees for growth to start.

Norwick – I've had great concern over using chemicals in past. After examining data available and low lake levels, and seeing matting... concerned with collateral damage.. these locations are monoculture milfoil. I'm supportive of this. Committee has used caution

8a5. bids for treatment are in. Under \$500 per acre. Committee will make final determination next Tuesday.

8a6. WBLHOA resolution authorizing gift to district

MOTION # 3 (Steinworth / Parenteau) Move to authorize the White Bear Lake Homeowners association resolution to accept funds from the public for the treatment of milfoil.

Norwick – This only requires approval by board?

Steinworth – yes.

Kantrud – read resolution, if accepted by board, show in minutes next month.

Mike Crary, WBL Homeowners association

(Handout with statement) Already have raised \$10,000.

Michaud – are you ok with the resolution?

Crary – it allows you to accept our funds. Once you contract with an applicator, the other questions will be answered. I believe we can raise more money.

Stawnychy – do we need the funds to start?...

Steinworth – need the money now, when applying for permit to determine and apply for amount we can treat. Steve will delineate what we have, then we have to apply for permit based on what we plan to treat. Need funds from you to know lump sum on how many acres and total dollar amount we have to work with.

Crary – We've had numerous discussions on this issue. Could have the first 10k committed to you for site 1 asap. To move to next site, requires more money. We're going to send out mailing asking for more funds after meeting tonight. Apply for permit to do sites 1 and 2, modify for less if needed. Will try to get funds for all 3 sites.

Steinworth – early season treatment is going to be on 95% or better monoculture sites. We won't know size of stands until survey is done. Each area was and is going to be different. Don't think we'll have a problem finding acreage of stands to treat, no matter how much money you raise. Won't know with any certainty until we get in the water this year.

Crary – basing what we need to raise on last years assessment.

Michaud – why not apply for largest number of acres available on DNR permit? We may not use it all, but would have the permit to treat. Last month seems to have answered Mike's questions, wheels are moving. If board is in agreement, how many acres can be treated?

Callahan - 197 acres can be treated

Michaud – so apply for all 197

Steinworth – We have to fill in acres that Steve finds

Michaud – be aggressive, can always treat less.

Steinworth – have to put what he finds, the DNR checks before issuing the permit.

Crary – 20 acres per year are treated by private homeowners, commercial bay.

Motion vote.

All aye, passed. Unanimous vote.

8a7. Swimmers itch letter. Time to send out.

St Germain – thought we were using that money for deficit.

Parenteau – board passed resolution to send out every spring... board can change

Stawnychy – would like to research that and have board decide if we need to follow dictates by prior board. Copper sulfate application o treat swimmers itch is ineffective, by the time it hits, it is already peaking. Keeps people out by putting signs up. Feel good measure. White Bear Township has requested these funds nearly every year. Will be speaking to board.

Parenteau – letter will go out this year, will look up resolution

8a8. Lake level today, 5/18/10 is 920.22. Last Oct 919.89. Up slightly.

8b. Lake Utilization Committee

8b1. Park Ave dock placement. Have not had opportunity to go to site with equipment due to weather. Committee has discussed, some want to have professional survey done.

Norwick – fine with that, keep future survey in mind.

St. Germain – if we do have to go to next step, can we bill people involved for the cost of survey?

Michaud – would require a permit for area

St Germain – want to know if we can or cant

Michaud – will look into it. Committee also discussed eliminating Ts, L's.

8b2. Alstatt mooring buoy

MOTION #4 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve mooring buoy permit. All aye, passed.

8b3. Mark Tippler bass tournament

MOTION #5 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve permit for tournament and waive fee.

Steinworth – Is this bassmasters?

Michaud – no

Steinworth – concern over speed limit of 35mph. How will that be communicated to participants?

Michaud – signs at launch. If ticketed they are disqualified.

Steinworth – they will all be racing in at end time

Norwick – specifically mentioned it to applicant. Can tell sheriffs dept ahead of time.

Steinworth – let sheriff know about event

All aye, passed.

8b4. Sampair dock extension

Michaud - asked for 4 tie offs, LUC will allow 2 tie offs, keep number of boats the same (note in file)

MOTION # 6 (Michaud/Cernohous) Move to approve extension variance. All aye, passed.

8b5. Docks of White Bear dock platform construction. See diagram.
Leg of dock

MOTION # 7 (Michaud / St Germain) Move to approve Docks of WB dock.

Allaben – are we adding footing?

Michaud – footing at ohm, one at end

Steinworth – so it's not past the ohm? Above ohm on ground?

Michaud – yes

Steinworth – how high above water? What is function?

Michaud – will be at patio level. Purpose for entertainment. Cantilever over. Leg in lake bed beyond ohm. Like dock pole.

Steinworth – this drawing shows dock is adjacent to existing patio. Is this one contiguous thing?

Stawnychy – will there be rail for safety?

McGoldrick – last month did not submit drawing of this as dock permit.

Wanted to bring it to board so that everyone knows what is going on.

Have gone above and beyond in terms of safety.

Steinworth – so adjacent to existing patio?

McGoldrick – correct

Steinworth – purpose for band?

McGoldrick – neighbors in Cottage Park complained about noise. This is a temporary dock.

Norwick – there are other wood structures right now in commercial bay beyond ohm. Not inconsistent with commercial bay.

Steinworth – construction of that building was controversial. My recollection was that the retaining wall was too close to lake.

Stawnychy – focus on this issue

McGoldrick – permit had to be approved by DNR, Rice Creek Watershed.

Steinworth – retaining wall is not beyond ohm?

McGoldrick – no

Parenteau – not for seating? Will it come out in winter? What direction will speakers face?

McGoldrick – not planned for seating. Did not remove any docks last winter. Speakers aimed toward shopping center.

Michaud – amendment to dock permit

Stawnychy – if we allow this, others will request.

Steinworth – Michaud do we have any guidelines to go on?

Michaud – no one has requested permit for this before. Not different than dock that starts on shore, goes out. For commercial need stronger footings, it is removable. Not beyond ohm.

Steinworth – DNR is not involved?....

McGoldrick – has had multiple conversations. As long as not over 178 sq. feet beyond ohm, DNR does not have to approve permit.

Michaud – needs building permit

Parenteau – this is an annual permit

Steinworth – hard to make someone pull something they have invested in.

Stawnychy – if there is a problem we will

MOTION Vote

8 aye, 1 no (Steinworth). Passed.

8b6. Water patrol update

Norwick – would like to form a small committee to hold conversations with both counties for budget planning. Washington county plans to put permanent patrol boat at WBYC. They have asked if we would reimburse for materials for dock construction of their roll-in dock. Approximately \$2000 for materials. County shop has designed it. City of WB will waive dock fee for the Ramsey Co patrol boat (at marina).

Stawnychy – would like volunteers to meet for a month or two so Yale has help to iron this out.

Michaud – would be happy to help

Stawnychy – would help also if can as chair.

Allaben – can help out too

Kantrud – You can form an ad-hoc committee as needed. No more than 3 members or has to be posted as official meeting.

MOTION #8 (Stawnychy/ Michaud) Move to form committee to meet with sheriff's departments. All aye, passed.

St Germain – is Wa Co going to patrol both sides of lake? (yes).

Kantrud – if there is a violation, they can enforce the law anywhere on lake. Jurisdiction challenges happen on shore.

St Germain – but Ramsey Co is hired by us

Norwick – this is one of the first things to do when we meet

St Germain – just have had problems in the past getting enough patrol

Kantrud – a joint powers agreement could resolve any issues. I can draft if needed.

Michaud – As for the dock, is WBYC is ok with construction? If so, then I'm ok with reimbursement.

Kantrud – who is going to own, maintain, if we are paying for? Ongoing cost? Insurance?

Longville – Ramsey Co has always used whatever slip was available, why cant they?

Stawnychy – city of WBL granted slip to Ramsey co. WBYC is allowing space, but they don't have slip.

Norwick will set up meeting time.

8b6. There is one additional event on the WBYC racing schedule, the "White Bear Lake Area High School Invitational" regatta to be held Sept. 18 – 19. Amendment to schedule. Note in File

8b7. City of White Bear July 4 fireworks permit

MOTION #9 (Michaud / Cernohous) Move to approve permit for 2010 fireworks display. All aye, passed.

Steinworth – not on agenda

Michaud – correct, motion stands

Friendly amendment (Michaud/Steinworth) To allow event permit approval not on agenda. All aye, passed.

MOTION #10 (Stawnychy/St Germain) Move to approve committee spending up to \$2300 for Washington County Sheriffs dock construction pending no large issues are identified in meeting.

Norwick – year to date, we are under budget in spending with Ramsey patrol

Michaud – have not committed spending for committee very often. Is it consensus that it is good idea, the dock? ***If so, friendly amendment to move forward with plan but require final approval of board.***

Michaud – ultimate goal is that our enforcement spending go for extra coverage of special events, etc. Regular taxes should cover routine patrol of lake.

St Germain – get commitment for Wa co that they will patrol 40 or more hours

Allaben – would like to sort some of this out at the committee meeting.

Norwick – The County understands the process

Vote : all aye, passed.

St Germain – So there will be elimination of some of Ramsey co hours? In the past we could not get a commitment on how many hours they would be on the lake.

Norwick – Sgt. Bradt has said they have a responsibility to patrol. If we approach in a positive way, we will get coverage we need for less spending,

St Germain – concern on authorization for small groups of people to spend money. In past his was a problem, had to come back to board.

Michaud – friendly amendment covers that

St Germain – just wanted to note

Norwick – you said Wa co would never come out to WBL

St Germain – occasionally wrong

8c. Lake Education Committee

Annual Lake cruise date has been set. Communication will be going out asap.

8d. Treasurers report

8d1. All of the Cities have paid their apportionment.

MOTION # 11 (Longville/ Parenteau) Move to approve and pay checks 3976 – 3980. All aye, passed.

8d2. 2011 budget planning

Stawnychy – would like to meet June 1, at 7:00 to work on budget.

Chairman please get numbers to Julie prior.

8e. Board Counsel Report

Waiting for court decision

8f. Administrative Staff Report

Items included in packet this month:

- Agenda
- April draft minutes
- April LUC draft notes
- 2011 budget – history of actual spending sheet
- Permit applications – 3
- Finance report
- Admiral D dock construction detail
- Resolution draft authorizing gift to district

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION # 12 (Michaud/Parenteau) Move to approve consent agenda. All aye, passed.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #13 (Stawnychy/St Germain) Move to adjourn. All aye passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm.

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date