



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL  
MINUTES of May 20, 2008

APPROVAL DATE: 6/17/08

**1. CALL TO ORDER** The May meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by Chair Tom Hoffman at 7:05 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL** Present were: Chair Tom Hoffman, Secretary Diane Longville, Directors Greg Donovan, George St. Germain, John Steinworth, Mike Parenteau, Mike Stawnychy. Absent were Luke Michaud, Sue Cernohous (both excused). A quorum was present. Recording secretary was Julie Yoho.

**3. AGENDA**

**MOTION #1 (Parenteau / St. Germain) Move to approve agenda. All Aye, PASSED.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION # 2(Parenteau/St German) Move to approve minutes of April 2008. All aye, PASSED.**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME**

none

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

6a. Mini Lake Use Study

Mini Lake Use study due for 2008. Will include shoreline inventory, boat count, dock measurement for less than \$3600.00 by Steve McComas. Funds from account 6071.

**MOTION # 3 (Donovan/Stawnychy) Move to approve spending \$3600 for mini lake use study/ inventory for 2008.**

St Germain – clarify what this

Donovan – shoreline inventory for 2008. Will not include multi-day traffic counts and usage numbers. Will have sampling of dock types

Steinworth – would rest of survey be done next year? We're budgeting now, we shouldn't put off. Only gets more expensive.

**Motion vote**

**All Aye, PASSED**

## 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

## 8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

### 8a. Lake Quality Committee

#### 8a1. Swimmers Itch

Letters will be sent to communities, same policy as in past. Money is in budget.

***MOTION # 4 (Parenteau/Stawnychy) Move to send out letters for 1 treatment per community.***

#### Discussion

Mike – cold start, may not even need treatment this year  
Steinworth – complaint driven, not effective to treat, only works for limited time. Good item to look at if money is short.

#### **Motion vote**

***All aye, 1 no (Steinworth), PASSED***

#### 8a2. Water level.

921.87 Nov. 20, 2007

922.3 today 5/20/08

923.5 level for watering ban

#### 8a3. Aquatic Plant survey

Quote for survey this summer from McComas \$6600. We can eliminate the weevil survey portion and bring cost down to \$6100. Estimate is lower than in previous years.

***MOTION #5 (Parenteau/ St. Germain). Move to accept Steve's quote for \$6100 and eliminate weevil survey and allow him to being scouting for milfoil in June.***

#### Discussion

Parenteau - Waiting for information from DNR on grant. Steve would identify areas if treatment is needed.

Hoffman – spending for this leaves little in account for milfoil control

Steinworth – money for survey is budgeted and should not used for treatment. That is why we have fund balance.

St. Germain - this account is used for milfoil, survey, etc. Survey important to track growth

#### **Motion vote**

***All aye, PASSED***

Parenteau – if we do identify problem area before next board meeting, how do we handle that? Do we need approval to have a treatment done?

Donovan – what does management plan say?

Parenteau – funding is dependant DNR grant

Stawnychy – should know how much it costs before it's done  
Parenteau – Steve will come back with recommendation , also likely DNR will come look  
Hoffman – does lake management plan authorize treatment?  
St Germain – doesn't give direction. does it come back to board, is someone given authority ?  
Parenteau – could be short window of time  
Hoffman – need clarity on authorization to move forward with treatment if needed  
Donovan – executive board should be notified  
Alan – don't grant authority to one person, without board approval.  
Unless eminent emergency, call special meeting in 3 days.  
Hoffman – special meeting if needed will be called. 3 days notice

### **8b. Lake Utilization Committee**

8b1. Nicholson water ski course – no changes, temporary course, committee recommends approval. No complaints on this course.

***MOTION #6 (St Germain / Donovan) Move to approve Nicholson water-ski course. All aye, PASSED.***

8b2. Metro Muskie tournament  
Committee recommended approval of permit. All requirements met.

***MOTION # 7 (St Germain/ Donovan) Move to approve Metro Muskie Tournament permit. All Aye, PASSED***

### **8c. Lake Education Committee**

boat cruise date to be announced

### **8d. Treasurers report**

8d1. Treasurers report

***MOTION #8 (Longville/ Parenteau) Move to approve and pay checks 3834 – 3837. All Aye, PASSED***

8d2. Budget 2009

St. Germain – legislature wont allow local governments to increase taxes more than 3.9%

Parenteau – we are not taxing, assessing. However perceptions are that 3.9 is right thing, not 6% city increase. \$735 to our budget

Steinworth – We've given deal for many years. We've already looked at budget line by line. Let's not balance budget. Our items are important, we still have some contingency

Kantrud - does not apply to WBLCD, this will affect cities thru 2010. Police /enforcement is exempt.

Donovan – stay at 6% increase. Looking at dollars, its \$36 for Birchwood.

Hoffman – agree, stay at 6% increase. We have \$500 gap as it stands. Rare we spend entire budget.

Longville – not comfortable spending down fund balance any more. Would like budget to balance.

Hoffman – lets have recommendation next month to accept 500 differences or to find the cut.

Longville – is there agreement to stay at 6% increase?

All are ok.

Mike s – why not spend reserve?

St Germain – there is reserve for problems that may come up.

Crisis in past resulted in problems treating milfoil. No cities gave any money expect White Bear Township. We were in trouble for no contingency fund.

#### **8e. Board Counsel report**

2 court items. No wake zone violation. Dismissed.

#### **8f. Administrative staff report**

none

### **9. CONSENT AGENDA**

***MOTION # 9 (Parenteau / St. Germain) Move to approve . All aye, PASSED***

### **10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Hoffman – will be gone at June meeting

Tom Alvarez – will be leaving board due to medical issues. We wish him well.

Hoffman – Committee member application was received. What is procedure?

Kantrud – up to chair. Usually have candidate come in and meet board.

Hoffman – we’ll have him come next month.

Steinworth – recommended by chair, confirmed by board.

Hoffman - Mailing of meeting minutes seems redundant since they are posted on website.

***MOTION # 10 (Hoffman/ Longville) Move to approve not sending approved minutes out to board members if they can be posted in .pdf format so are secure on website. All aye , PASSED.***

Kantrud – Put issue on agenda for next month under unfinished business.

### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

***MOTION # 11(St Germain/Parenteau) Move to adjourn. All Aye, PASSED.***

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

ATTEST:

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Administrative Secretary

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Date

APPROVED:

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Board Chairperson

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Date