



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of May 21, 2013

APPROVAL DATE: 6/18/13

1. CALL TO ORDER The May meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by Chair Mike Stawnychy at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL Present were: Chair Mike Stawnychy, Vice Chair Luke Michaud, Directors George St. Germain, Mike Parenteau, Suzanne Donnell, Pat McCann, Diane Longville, Jane Harper, Bryan DeSmet, Mark Ganz. A quorum was present.

3. AGENDA

Add item “swimmers itch” letters

MOTION # 1 (Parenteau/Michaud) Move to approve agenda with addition above. All aye passed

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review and correct statement under public comment time referring to the Army Corps of Engineers

MOTION # 2 (Parenteau/Michaud) Move to approve minutes of April with correction noted above. All aye passed.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

Perry Jones, USGS

The final report of the 2011-2012 study is available at:

<http://pubs.er.usgs.gov/publication/sir20135044>

Perry provided a summary of the study which looked at the groundwater and aquifers under White Bear Lake and measured water flow in & out. The conclusion is that increased pumping from the aquifers combined with lower precipitation over several years has resulted in the low lake levels.

For next steps, Perry will be working with Met Council to look at more regional geology and the feasibility of options.

MOTION #3 (Michaud/Ganz) Move to receive the final USGS report. All aye, passed.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

8. Reports/Action Items

8a. Lake Level Resolution Committee

DeSmet – The letters that were discussed last month were sent and are also posted on the website. The LLRC has been investigating options for information & handouts relating to water conservation and education. Next meetings will be May 22 & June 12.

8b. Lake Quality Committee

8b1. Lake Level 920.3

8b2. Lake Temp 63 degrees

8b3. EWM treatment procedure

Parenteau – would like to approve spending so that we can move forward with treatment on timely basis as needed.

MOTION # 4 (Parenteau/Michaud) Move to approve treatment and not exceed amount budgeted for milfoil control this summer.

Discussion

Donnell – How much will we be spending? Seems we should have the exact amount to approve.

Parenteau – we won't know for sure as the cost is per acre, and we don't know how many acres until all the surveys are complete. But we won't go over the total budgeted for this year.

Motion Vote

All Aye, Passed.

8b4. Swimmers Itch

Parenteau – We have the same budget and procedure for treatments as in the past. Will ask Julie to send letters out to the cities.

8c. Lake Utilization Committee

8c1. White Bear Township Mooring buoys. They are requesting two for the site this year due to water conditions. (down from 4)

MOTION #5 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to approve WB Township mooring buoys. All Aye, Passed.

Michaud – Wildwood Beach Condos came with a revised layout for their dock due to water. They will come next month with a variance application. The LUC will work with them to see what will fit the best.

8d. Lake Education Committee

none

8e. Treasurer's Report

MOTION #6 (Longville/Parenteau) Move to approve Treasurers report and pay checks 4170 - 4175. All aye, passed.

Longville – 2014 Budget worksheet is here, final needs to be approved at June meeting. There is an increase in spending for milfoil which is somewhat offset by less spending elsewhere. Overall there is \$883 more to be split by the cities.

8f. Board Counsel Report

Kantrud – A homeowner was cited for exceeding their DNR permit for shoreline vegetation mowing. Reminder that permits are needed. In this particular case the homeowner had a permit but allegedly mowed too much.

8g. Administrative Staff Report

Items included in packet this month:

- Agenda
- April draft minutes
- Permit applications – 1
- 2014 Budget Draft
- Finance report

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION # 7 (Parenteau/Ganz) Move to approve. all aye, passed.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION # 8 (Stawnychy/St Germain) Move to adjourn. All aye passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date