



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of June 21, 2011

APPROVAL DATE: 7/19/11

1. CALL TO ORDER The June meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by Chair Mike Stawnychy at 7:03pm

2. ROLL CALL Present were: Chair Mike Stawnychy, Vice Chair Luke Michaud, Treasurer Diane Longville, Directors George St. Germain, Yale Norwick, Mike Parenteau, Kevin Powers, Sue Cernohous. A quorum was present. Absent were: Debbie Harrod, (not excused). Recording secretary was Julie Yoho.

3. AGENDA

Add item 8b3 “WBYC racing schedule”, Add 6b “barrel in lake”

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (Parenteau/Michaud) Move to approve minutes of May. All aye, passed

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

none

6. NEW BUSINESS

6a. LEC appointments – wait until Birchwood reps are present. Appoint Kevin Powers to Lake Quality Committee with Parenteau.

MOTION #3 (Michaud/Parenteau) Move to appoint Kevin Powers to LAC. All aye, passed

6b. Parenteau - There is a barrel near Dr. Gulden’s - a 55 gallon drum partially submerged in muck, hazard. Suggest Ken Johnson go remove it. In Wa co.

Norwick – maybe have sheriff mark and move

Kantrud – let Wa co know and they can do as safety hazard

Stawnychy – agree, mark it and tell them

MOTION #4 (Norwick / Michaud) Move to Contact county sheriff to remove barrel and if that fails, spend up to \$200 to remove.

St. Germain – where will funds come from?

MOTION #5 (Stawnychy / Cernohous) Move to spend up to \$ 200 from LQC budget to remove if sheriff does not. All aye passed

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

8. Reports/Action Items

8a. Lake Quality Committee

8a1. Grant update. Matching grant for boat inspection was approved. A special meeting was held to accept grant. Not to exceed \$2999. EWM grant was applied for .

8a2. Survey update: state shutdown potentially will impact. Counting on DNR doing. Weather this year has delayed growth.

8a3. Contract applicator: received 2 bids. Lake Management preferred. Will finalize in July.

MOTION # 6 (Norwick / Michaud) Move to select Lake Management as applicator.

All aye, passed.

MOTION #7 (Stawnychy / Norwick) Move to authorize LQC to commit funds available up to budgeted amount for milfoil treatment.

St Germain – email board if action occurs prior to next meeting. If additional acreage, ?

Parenteau – has had assurances from homeowners association that they will gather additional funds if needed. Maybe hold special meeting if needed.

Norwick – limit to budgeted amount for now.

St Germain – total?

Parenteau – \$38,600.

Norwick/Parenteau – amend motion to include items in budget for survey, aquatic plant management, EWM, #s 6021, 6030, 6034, 6036a, 6045 .

St Germain – 6021 what is that?

Parenteau – lake quality. Used as survey money, trend,

Michaud – what would trigger action prior to next meeting?

Parenteau – if state shuts down, someone else could do survey, but no permit can be issued. Also grant stops. All up in air.

Stawnychy - \$44,600 total for use.

All aye, passed

8a4. Temp: 67 degrees. Last year 69

8a5. Level: 920.48 nearly 2” higher than last month.

8a6. boat inspection funds for 2012.

Norwick - DNR has been clear that education is best way to control for invasive species. Governor agrees. Need to grow budget in this area.

Stawnychy – every weekend there are inspectors there. Unknown if they are there during week. Where more hours will be spent?

Michaud – Lets discuss during budget discussion.

8a7. Next Lake Quality Committee mtg July 5.

Norwick – heard reports of sunfish kill?

Parenteau – early algae bloom, hot to cold then warm conditions weaken fish, they get fungus and die

Stawnychy – where are funds coming from this year for inspection grant?

Norwick - line 6045, come from education fund. See how bill comes in, was less last year. \$2995

8b. Lake Utilization Committee

8b1. USMS open water swim event. Would like to approve. Need to pay fee, insurance naming us as also insured, page 2 says limit of 50, page 1 says 50 – 100 need clarification of participants. Course crosses boat traffic and launch in a.m. recommend they flatten triangle and go along rock bar to peninsula and back to stay out of navigable water. Not safe. Approve with conditions.

MOTION #8 (Michaud/ Cernohous) Move to approve with conditions listed above are met. All aye, passed.

8b2. 4th of July fireworks

MOTION #9 (Michaud/Cernohous) Move to approve and waive permit fee. All aye, passed

8b3. Tally's permit with conditions. Recommend another letter be sent requiring proof of insurance.

MOTION #10 (Michaud/Norwick) Move to send another letter. All aye, passed

8b4. McCartney estates does not have permit. Send letter

MOTION # 11 (Michaud/Norwick) Send letter to McCartney Estates requiring permit. All aye, passed.

8b5. WBYC racing schedule.

MOTION # 12 (Michaud/ St. Germain) Move to approve WBYC racing schedule with condition they coordinate with BBYC to avoid conflict. All Aye, passed

8c. Lake Education Committee

8d. Treasurers report

MOTION # 13 (Longville/ St Germain) Move to approve June Treasurers report and pay checks 4044 – 4048. all aye, passed

2012 budget

Michaud – against \$4500 for inspection in 2012. DNR has funding for inspection

St Germain – milfoil came later after we had spent down reserves. No room in budget to build reserves now, agree we maybe shouldn't spend for zebra mussels.

Norwick – believes DNR that the most effective and cost effective is education component. Approved \$2900 this year, only 2k more. See this as our responsibility. This will become huge issues. We should inspect as many as possible with matching funds.

St Germain – they spend already

Norwick – this is for additional

Parenteau – they have program, in addition too

Stawnychy – unclear exactly how it will be spent

Norwick – I thought report last year was very thorough, think this is not worth fighting over. Wise to put in budget. Bigger state strategy. Want to be ready.

MOTION # 14 (Parenteau / Norwick) Move to include \$4500 for matching grant for 2012. 4 aye, 4 nay. Fails for lack of approval.

MOTION # 15 (Norwick/Powers) Move to approve for \$3000. 7 aye. Passed. 1 nay (Michaud).

MOTION # 16 (Stawnychy / Norwick) Move to increase community assessments to balance budget.

Parenteau – user fess are down, low lake, EWM

Norwick – We should have a one page letter discussing water levels, explanation along with budget.

Michaud – agree. This is not a 15% increase in budget, large portion is less user fees. Budget is not increased, income down.

Longville – letter good idea.

All aye, passed

Copy letter first to board members

MOTION # 17 (Stawnychy / Norwick) Move to approve 2012 budget. All aye, passed.

8e. Board Counsel Report

Kantrud – I've sent a fiscal agent agreement to Wa county. Then will have document to send to all for USGS study.

If there is an emergency situation and DNR is shut down go ahead and treat milfoil. Declare emergency situation and seek review... don't let lake go if no paper from DNR. You have criteria for treatment and can take extraordinary measures.

8f. Administrative Staff Report

Items included in packet this month:

- Agenda
- May draft minutes
- Finance report
- Permit applications – 2
- Budget planning % increase assessment sheet
- Budget worksheet

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION # 18 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve. all aye, passed.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION # 19 (Stawnychy / St Germain) Move to adjourn. All aye, passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date