



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of July 18, 2017

APPROVAL DATE: Approved 8/15/17

1. CALL TO ORDER The July meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was called to order by Chair Bryan DeSmet at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

2. ROLL CALL Present were: Chair Bryan DeSmet, Secretary/Treasurer Diane Longville, Directors: Mike Parenteau, Susie Mahoney, George St. Germain, Scott Costello, and Paul Steinhauser. Absent were Vice Chair Mark Ganz; Directors, Pat McCann, and Gene Altstatt, all excused. A quorum was present.

3. AGENDA

MOTION #1 Hearing no changes, Chairman Bryan DeSmet asked for a motion to **approve** the agenda as received. **Moved by Parenteau/Costello all aye. Motion passed.**

4. APPROVAL OF 2 SETS OF CONTESTED MINUTES (May and June)

May 16, 2017 minutes have been reviewed as requested and any errors corrected. List of Mahoney concerns have been attached to official copy of May minutes.

MOTION #2 Move to approve May 2017 minutes as corrected. (Parenteau/Costello)
Director Mahoney still expressed exception to the measurements and conclusions. Attorney Kantrud reminded Board that minutes can be corrected if there are secretarial errors or omissions but cannot change things that were said in the meeting to which someone takes exception. **Six ayes; Mahoney, no. Passed.**

June 20, 2017 minutes: on Chairperson DeSmet's request for a **motion to approve**, Director Parenteau asked that the minutes of June 20 be corrected. Item #7, Motion #4, City Apportionments— During discussion, **he had requested to add a friendly amendment to reduce the Cities' apportionment by 5%, his amendment was not accepted.** (Chairman DeSmet, with general consent, **tabled approval of June Minutes; (to insert omission) until August meeting.**

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME for items not on tonight's agenda)

Pat Igo (Gem Lake) and Luke Michaud (Mahtomedi) presented a proposal to provide an area near Ramsey Beach for boats to congregate and people to socialize. The last few summers, boaters have been gathering in large numbers off the tip of the peninsula. Current property owner objects to encroachment in his ADUA and the attendant noise levels. Pat and Luke are suggesting, now that the water level is up, that the public areas by Ramsey Beach would be a better place for these activities. It was very successful for that purpose in the past. The amount of vegetation which grew during the drought, would need to be removed. Activity would keep the bottom sandy like it was in the past.

The proposal was presented with overheads which showed suggested marker buoys for boat parking and traffic in and out.

Pat and Luke were presenting this proposal to the board for their information tonight, no action needed at this time. They will be going to Ramsey County next, since the land and beach belongs to Ramsey County.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Executive Committee

None

MOTION #3

8b. Lake Level Resolution Committee

None

8c. Lake Quality Committee

8c.1 Water level: 923.37, down 1 inch from last month; rain predicted.

8c.2 Temperature: 78 degrees (same as last year), 72 degrees last month.

8c.3 EWM update:

On June 20 Lake Management did a survey and found 65.06 acres of Eurasian Water Milfoil. On 7/14/17, we treated it. In two weeks, we will go out again to measure effectiveness. We are under budget at this time, if we have to re-treat. For those interested in location of the areas being treated, Scott Costello has arranged to have the map put on our website <http://www.wblcd.org>

8d. Lake Utilization Committee

8d.1 George St. Germain, in absence of Mark Ganz, told Board that the permitted Fireworks off 100 Dellwood Avenue scheduled for June 22, were rained out. It was re-scheduled for July 15 with no other changes.

8d.2 Mahoney/Harrod dock position discussion: After deliberation at their earlier meeting, the Lake Utilization Committee recommended to board that they send a letter to the Mahoneys ordering them to move their dock so there is no convergence. It will be a violation of the order if the dock is not moved within ten days.

(Susie Mahoney was asked by Chairman DeSmet to recuse herself from item discussion or voting by moving to the audience until this item was completed).

MOTION #3 (St. Germain/Costello) **Move to send a letter to the Mahoneys ordering them to move their dock to be in compliance with WBLCD Board's order to eliminate any convergence or be in violation and turned over to Sheriff. All aye.** The letter completion was delegated to George St. Germain, Attorney Kantrud and Administrative Secretary, Mary Harrington.

During discussion, the need for the board to have a hard number on the amount of Harrod's lake frontage was discussed. It was determined that was a different subject which would need a separate motion, not an amendment to this motion.

Board would like a reliable width of lake frontage from the Harrods. Chairman DeSmet wondered if another survey would be needed. Scott Costello suggested that the county dimensions should be acceptable to all. It was decided that County figures be the objective information used.

The aerial photos provided by the parties, in the committees' view, showed the Harrods dock to be in compliance, but the Mahoneys disagreed and maintain the Harrod's have more frontage than stated, but width numbers have not been consistent. Needed to determine middle of property.

MOTION #4. (Gantz/St. Germain) moved that Harrods bring board some written certification on the width of their lakefront. All Aye. Passed

8d.3 Ordinance #16. Under Definitions, Definition of "Boat" clarified to assist with permits counting boats on a dock. (Part II, Subd 20).

MOTION #5 (St. Germain/ Parenteau) Move to approve clarification in Ordinance 16, definition of "boat." All Aye. Passed.

8d.4 Form 5, Permit applications: make changes on Form 5 to reflect new requirement for commercial operators to attach verification that all city permits/stipulations have been obtained/approved prior to submitting a permit application to the WBLCD. Their application cannot be approved without this attachment. We will, also, send a letter of notification to commercial operators with the updated Form #5 application for 2018.

Fee schedule for permits was attached to Form #5 for board information. No updates were needed.

MOTION #6 (St. Germain/Parenteau) So moved. All Aye. Passed

8e. Lake Education Committee

8e.1 E-mail addresses on our website

Scott Costello explained how the e-mail addresses will work that will be put under Board Photos on our website. They will allow direct communication with the public without using personal e-mail addresses.

MOTION #7 (Costello/ Longville) move to accept 5 Aye, Mahoney and Longville No

8e.2 Website activity traffic up substantially

8e3 Social media policy distributed a couple of months ago for Board comment. Scott has not received any comments on how it is worded, so Scott recommends approval of the policy as received..

MOTION #8 (Costello/ Parenteau) Move to approve social media policy as received. All Aye. Passed

8f. Treasurer's Report

Diane told the board that the bank had been charging us \$5 a month for each: savings and checking for paper statements. She talked with them and they agreed to not charge us and refund the charges to date

**MOTION #9. (Longville/St. Germain)) Move to approve payment of checks #4423-4426
All Aye Passed.**

8g. Board Counsel Report Attorney Kantrud said there had been no activity coming through the Sheriff's Department

9. CONSENT AGENDA (Longville/Parenteau)

MOTION #10 Move to accept the consent agenda All Aye. Passed

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary announced to board that we have new Videographer. Joe Cullen has been replaced by Lisa Senopol. She began with our June meeting..

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #11 (Desmet/Parenteau) Move we adjourn. All Aye, Passed Meeting
Adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date