



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of July 21, 2015

APPROVAL DATE: 9/15/15

1. CALL TO ORDER The July meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by Chair Jane Harper at 7:04 pm in the Council Chambers.

2. ROLL CALL Present were: Chair Jane Harper, Vice Chair Bryan DeSmet, Treasurer Diane Longville, Directors Mike Parenteau, Gene Altstatt, George St. Germain, Mark Ganz, Pat McCann, Scott Costello. A quorum was present. Recording Secretary was Julie Yoho. All present.

3. AGENDA

MOTION #1 (Altstatt/St Germain) Move to approve agenda. All aye passed

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (Ganz/Altstatt) Move to approve minutes of June. All aye passed

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

none

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Lake Level Resolution Committee

8a1. Race 2 Reduce funding request. Requesting \$5,000 for water reduction pilot test: dual flush toilet conversion use kits. Met Council has funding for grants for water use reduction projects that could expand this in future. LLRC supports by majority. Funds go to 5013c group.

St Germain – concern over funding these projects. Cities interested in water conservation should be involved in this. Any way to estimate water reduction without doing the project?

Costello – question is just measuring toilets alone, does that make a dent? What about showers, etc. Hasn't anyone proven this out before?

Altstatt – are we only participants in this?

DeSmet – we would fund this

Parenteau – how will results impact, what is importance if we can predict without example. What makes it valid, who will listen?

DeSmet – solution being tested is low cost solution. It's a practical thing individuals can do

Steinhauser – all the USGS studies, etc have so many dynamics going on its tough to manage. This study has more controlled parameters and people can see the difference made. If we can show in this study there is significant water savings Met Council and DNR will be interested in expanding.

DeSmet – communities are being pushed to reduce water

Harper – Will you make presentations back to communities?

Steinhauser – recently we've pumped from the aquifer faster than its natural rate of recharge. Yes we will make presentations

St Germain – immediate savings for homeowners. Go to low flow manufacturer and see if they'd sponsor

Altstatt – would \$3,000k work? Or another partner to contribute partial funding?

Steinhauser – we have raised \$50,000 already

Altstatt – don't manufacturers have studies like this done?

Steinhauser – Haven't found anyone that has done in house study

Ganz – plumbing budget?

Steinhauser – budget is including install

Harper – if we fund, Diane, not in budget. Where does it come from?

Longville – out of fund balance

Harper – would like to see bigger survey with cities as partner

MOTION #3 (DeSmet/Longville) Move to fund request for \$5,000 from fund balance to support Race 2 Reduce.

Discussion

Costello – demonstration project, awareness from education is beneficial.

Motion vote

6 aye, 2 nay, 1 abstain. Passes. (Harper, St Germain nay; Altstatt abstain)

St Germain – suggest the funds flow thru education committee

DeSmet - LLRC is preparing protected elevation document. Also would like to spend \$70 additional for more aerators, has been budgeted.

8b. Lake Quality Committee

8b1. Water level 921.71; last year 921.95 which was 2 inches higher. 923.4 is average

8b2. Water temp: 76 degrees

8b3. EWM survey done on July 2 with 85 acres of treatable milfoil found. July 15 DNR approved treatment. Treatment was done on July 15. After 2 weeks they will recheck and retreat if needed. McComas will do final survey and report in October

8c. Lake Utilization Committee

8c2. Paddletap permit application. Request is for a custom 26' pontoon. Currently running one on Minnetonka. Will be docked at Admiral Ds. No liquor license, BYO only.

Costello – Is this an annual permit?

Ganz – yes annual, per season.

Costello – found no complaints. If issues, we could address when renewed.

Parenteau – music? Do you take the same route?

Ryan Jaeger – Guests bring their own music which plugs into speakers. Will control noise. Route is case by case and often determined by wind.

Kantrud – proof of business liability insurance needs to be provided

MOTION # 4 (Ganz/ St Germain) Move to approve with caveat of proof of liability insurance before boat goes into operation.

Parenteau – how do you qualify who can go on boat? Check id?

Jaeger - Yes check id. Customers also sign waiver

MOTION amendment (Ganz) Also provide copy of waiver form.

Vote

8 aye, 1 abstain (Parenteau). Passed

8c1. Sherriff boat removal at WBYC

They are requesting assistance in boat removal for the season

St Germain – seems we paid for something in the past for this or similar. What happened to our lift?

Parenteau – sailing in/out day – ask at sailing school

Kantrud – that work can be tax deductible

Ganz - Table until next month and gather more information

8d. Lake Education Committee

Zebra mussels brochure mailing out, good feedback so far.

Could update the lake brochure next year.

8e. Joint powers task group

Harper - Presentations were given to all communities and we asked for staff or member to come to meeting in October to find out if cities are willing to work together for consensus on lake issues. If not interested may be end of formal meeting

Would like to co-host community meeting in fall to update community on efforts going on. Started discussion about legislative changes next year to expand our authority regarding quantity.

DNR received funding to do augmentation study

8f. Treasurer's Report

MOTION # 5 (Longville/Parenteau) Move to approve and pay checks 4298 - 4302. All aye passed.

8f. Board Counsel Report

Busy July on lake

8g. Administrative Staff Report

Items included in packet this month:

- Agenda
- June draft minutes
- Lake Use Permit Application – 1
- Finance Report

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION # 6 (Ganz/Parenteau) Move to approve. All aye passed

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have at least 3 members gone for the August meeting, last year we canceled meeting.
Pay regular recurring bills and cancel August meeting again this year.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION # 7 (St Germain/Ganz) Move to adjourn. All aye, passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date