



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of AUGUST 15, 2017

APPROVAL DATE: APPROVED 9/19/17

1. CALL TO ORDER The August 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, Vice Chair Mark Ganz; Directors: Mike Parenteau, Susie Mahoney, George St. Germain and Scott Costello. Absent were; Directors: Pat McCann, Paul Steinhauser and Geoff Ratte (appointed 8/1/17 to fill vacant 3-year term for Mahtomedi.) Gene Altstatt had decided not to run for a 2nd term. All excused. A quorum was present.

Bryan DeSmet announced that Pat McCann had resigned as of the August Meeting, but unfortunately could not attend tonight. He asked Bryan to extend his appreciation and thanks to the other board members. Paul had a family emergency and could not be here tonight. Neither Geoff Ratte nor Mahtomedi had yet given the office any contact information for him..

3. AGENDA

MOTION #1 (Parenteau / Ganz) **ACCEPT AGENDA AS REVISED. All aye, passed.**

6.1 (Mike) Add Rice Creek Watershed District, Beth Carreno

8a.1 (Bryan) Admin. Sec'y status

8g.2 (Bryan) Add Mahoney/Harrold dock update

9.2 (Diane) Liability insurance waiver option and renewal

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2017

MOTION #2 (Ganz / Parenteau) **MOVED TO APPROVE all aye. Motion Passed**

(Note: June minutes – approved July 18 – were enclosed for board Information only)

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

(For items not on tonight's agenda) None

6. NEW BUSINESS -- RCWD Rep. Beth Carreno

Rice Creek Watershed District's (RCWD) outreach initiative:

Water Steward Program of Education and Outreach: RCWD partners recruit volunteer ambassadors for water quality projects within their communities.

Volunteers can become Master Water Quality Stewards through

RCWD coursework, certification and coordination of projects. Asking that

WBLCD consider if/how this program could benefit accomplishing our projects;

now or in the future. Some funding is available. Board asked that Ms. Carreno use contact: WBLCD Administrative Secretary/office

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Executive Committee

8a.1 Administrative Secretary status. All input from board and office has been given to Diane for consolidation. Executive Committee should have ready for Board approval at September meeting. Following proper process and recruitment, it is hoped to have a candidate to recommend by November meeting (optimistically, perhaps October meeting).

8b. Lake Level Resolution Committee

Bryan reported that this committee is inactive right now. Our liaisons: Pat McCann and Gene Altstatt have left the board. He will probably not appointment new liaisons from WBLCD until the first of the year. He will e-mail committee members to that effect and ask that we be kept updated.

8c. Lake Quality Committee

8c.1 Water level: 923.14' -- 2 ¼ " lower than last month

8c.2 Temperature: 74 degrees -- a little colder than last month.

8c.3 EWM update: Friday, Lake Management will check all application areas. Steve McComas will do our check. Mike will use both results to decide if more treatment is needed. If bad, we have potential of re-treating; it is still mid-August. It would be no cost to us since treatment is guaranteed. Mike observed Otter and Birch Lakes are both largely covered with EWM. He recommends that WBLCD keep up with the EWM in White Bear Lake and keep it open as a good recreational lake. If we do not, the potential is that we would have some areas of the lake that would be un-useable. Board was comfortable with Mike making the decision without having to bring it back to the board. Ordinarily we do not treat in September.

8d. Lake Utilization Committee

8d.1 None

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 from/with the public without using personal e-mail addresses. Scott changed all passwords for people and handed them out. Use to shield personal e-mails when responding to the public, if board members choose to do so. (See U-tube video on process.) There is additional info for Android or I-Phone. Having e-mail access on website allows proper opening to the public

Mike asked, "how do we know if an e-mail is coming from website rather than work or personal e-mail? Scott will get back to board with answer. (*see announcements below)

Mark “can we not have web info forwarded at all”? Scott “Yes, individuals can Take personal responsibility to check their webmail box frequently for e-mails.”

Video recording of meetings. Formerly posted by Community Cable. They are no longer doing that free. Wirebuilt, has fixed this; a U-tube channel is set up now for WBLCD with a link from WBLCD Website.

Scott mentioned there is a lot of activity at RCWD if someone wants to be point person to attend these educational meetings. Mike said he has attended some and they have good information for those who are newer; we have Steve McComas on board who has been working with us for several years as a consultant and keeping us current.

8f. Treasurer’s Report

MOTION #3 (Longville/St. Germain)

MOVE TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECKS #4427 THROUGH 4432 **All Aye**
Passed.

MOTION #4 (Longville /Ganz)

MOVE TO APPROVE THE WAIVER IN RENEWAL OF WBLCD LIABILITY
INSURANCE (we obtain through League of Minnesota Cities) **All Aye Passed**

MOTION #5 (Longville / Ganz & Parenteau)

MOTION #6 MOVE TO APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORT **So moved. All Aye.**
Passed

8g. Board Counsel Report

8g.1 No activity to report from Sheriff’s Department

8g.2 Mahoney/Harrod dock issue status

(Letter of Aug. 10 -- sent out August 14 re-iterating the stipulations contained in the previous Order and an explanation of ADUA). Board handout – (paused for a few minutes to read). On August 15, Mahoneys replied and did not agree with premise or conclusion. Since this ongoing disagreement has the potential of becoming litigious, board asked Administrative Secretary to write a letter to both parties stating that any further correspondence be directed to our Counsel, H. Alan Kantrud.

9. CONSENT AGENDA (Longville / St. Germain)

MOTION #6 Move to accept the consent agenda **All Aye. Passed**

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS Scott Costello had an answer to Mike’s question “How can we tell if an e-mail in our personal box is the usual or has been re-directed from the website?”

Scott said “if the ‘TO’ line says it is to your personal e-mail and ‘FROM line says ‘WBLCD.org’”

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion #7 (St. Germain // Parenteau) **MOVE WE ADJOURN. All Aye, Passed**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mary Harrington _____
Administrative Secretary

_____8/16/17_____
Date

APPROVED:

Bryan Desmet _____
_____ Board Chairperson

_____9/19/17_____
Date