



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL  
MINUTES of August 19, 2008

APPROVAL DATE: 9/16/08

**1. CALL TO ORDER** The August meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by chair Tom Hoffman at 7:05 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL** Present were: Chair Tom Hoffman, Vice Chair Luke Michaud, Secretary Diane Longville, Directors George St. Germain, Mike Parenteau, John Steinworth, Yale Norwick, Sue Cernohous, Doug Danks. Absent was Mike Stawnychy (excused). A quorum was present. Recording secretary was Julie Yoho.

**3. AGENDA**

Add items:

8a3. DNR

6c. LMCD, Wa Co. Sheriff

6d .Committee Assignments

6e. Governors Fishing Opener update

8b1. Birchwood

8b2. Dellwood dock

8b3. Bass fishing tournament

**MOTION #1 (Michaud/Cernohous) Move to approve agenda with above additions. All Aye, PASSED.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION #2 (Norwick/Michaud) Approve July meeting minutes. All Aye, PASSED**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME**

none

**NEW BUSINESS**

6a. Doug Kraemer, Lake Ave, WBL

Considering moving the old gatekeepers house off Manitou island over the ice this winter. Already spoke with City, wanted to check with WBLCD.

Kantrud – Please provide insurance info prior to moving and add WBLCD to the liability binder.

Steinworth – if it falls through the ice, would insurance cover it?

Kantrud – not a lot of depth there, he would be responsible for removing

Kraemer – 2 feet deep. Would be coming off SW corner of island, head south to ramp by parking lot - across shortest route

Kantrud – have mover add WBLCD to binder for event

Norwick – need to be held harmless no matter what happens

Steinworth – from any and all damages

Kantrud – insurance would cover

St Germain – can you get it out without altering or bulldozing shoreline?

Kraemer – plan to use snow for natural ramp

**MOTION #3 (Norwick/ ) Move to approve his request and hold us harmless**

Kraemer – Is a permit is needed?

Hoffman – permit and motion not needed

**MOTION Withdrawn**

Michaud – if something happens it's going to be our jurisdiction. Area is so shallow it will likely be frozen through. Submit letter requesting and/or submit plan. We can reply in writing.

St Germain – concern is damage to shoreline or lake

Kraemer – that's why we're planning and here. He will submit a written request and we will proceed from there.

6b. Tony Feffer, White Bear Lake, Committee applicant for the LUC

**MOTION # 4 (Hoffman/Norwick) Move to appoint Tony Feffer as community member to the LUC. All Aye, PASSED.**

6c. Norwick – LMCD information

- Talked with Greg Nybek about LMCD's variance procedures for dock placement issues. There are several locations on WBL right now that could use a variance procedure. Would like to invite Greg to talk to LUC about how they do this procedure. Would be good information to have.

- Also met with Mike P / LQC. Talked about contacts in the DNR and want to see if we are duplicating efforts in certain areas.

- Also talked to Wa. Co. sheriff dept. about patrolling WBL. LMCD does not pay for law enforcement, why do we? Feel it's county responsibility to provide law enforcement, we should not be spending 60% of budget on sheriff. All other lakes are covered, why is WBL different?

Parenteau – LMCD makes money from their fines, sheriff patrol is paid by fines  
The County will patrol WBL, but not for as many hours as we want.

Norwick – how many hrs does Minnetonka get? How many acres are in Wa co?  
Why should we get less than Square lake or the River?

St Germain – we have done this in the past. True this is 60% of budget for extra coverage. Argument in the past is WBL gets 6-7 visits per year from Ramsey Co. WA Co spends most of budget on river - would come out 2 times a month, no coverage on peak weekends or holidays. WBLCD wanted to supplement to get more coverage and increase safety. Ramsey Co furnishes boat, motor, gas. We pay for extra hours.

Norwick – doesn't make it right, why are we only ones in state to pay for water patrol?

Just wants permission to talk to them and ask why we're not treated the same.

Why not try?

6d. Hoffman – committee assignments.

**MOTION # 5 (Hoffman/Norwick) Move to appoint John Steinworth to LQC. All Aye, PASSED.**

6e. Steinworth – attended intro meeting for the Governors fishing opener.

Explorewhitebear.org Lots of plans and work to do.

Michaud – they will need permit?

Steinworth – Event date is May 9, 2009.

Hoffman – Friday night they hold picnic, fishing on Sat, events during day, awards, etc. More to come.

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

none

## **8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS**

### **8a. Lake Quality Committee**

8a1. Water level: 921.8 down 4 ¾ inches from last month (August 2007 was 921.7)

8a2. water temp 79 degrees

8a3. We have vegetation info from DNR to post on website, also link to DNR.

### **8b. Lake Utilization Committee**

8b1. Request from Birchwood to extend dock permit deadline extension to March 2009. LUC recommends March deadline.

**MOTION # 6 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to extend deadline to March 2009 for Birchwood dock applications.**

Steinworth – only for Birchwood

**All Aye, PASSED**

8b2. Dellwood dock proposed re-configuration. LUC stated last month we would support any attempts to alleviate congestion. City has submitted new configuration at the dock. Down to 8 boats, from 12, angled at 45 degree angle. LUC recommends

**MOTION # 7 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve amendment to Dellwood dock application and configuration for rest of 2008. All Aye, PASSED**

8b3. Upcoming Bassmaster event - falls below permit guidelines. They would like letter sent to sheriff's office.

Steinworth – good that sheriff knows about event

**MOTION # 8 (Michaud/Steinworth) Move to send letter stating event falls below permit guidelines and reminding them to follow all boating regulations. All Aye, PASSED.**

8b4. lawsuit response from Sept 07 will be coming soon (Birch Beach)

**8c. Lake Education Committee**

Will contact LMCD about attending meeting (Cernohous)  
Michaud – are we broadcast on local government channel in Wa county?  
Can LEC check on? If n  
Steinworth – is it comcast?  
Michaud – yes  
Hoffman – let’s find out who gets it, who doesn’t, is it live?  
Cernohous – will check on. Also planning boat cruise in September need to know who has boats available

**8d. Treasurers report**

*MOTION # 9 (Longville/Parenteau) Move to approve August Treasurers report and pay checks 3851 - 3857.*

**8e. Board Counsel Report**

Sheriff’s report here from last month.  
Court case will be decided in 40 days, report will be back.

**8f. Administrative Staff Report**

New Area Hydrologist – Craig Wills

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

*MOTION # 10 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve consent agenda. All Aye, PASSED.*

Parenteau – question about approving banks in advance for moving cd.  
St Germain – we have to approve banks for the year  
Parenteau – need to expand approved list so we can move for better rate  
Steinworth – is this consent agenda item?  
Parenteau – something Diane can do during month when needed. Do we have to add banks to approved list so she can transfer? If so we should compile list to choose from in future.  
Norwick – so we give her authority to choose bank?  
Kantrud – Yes, you can. At next meeting put on agenda. Need list of banks.

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

none

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

*MOTION #11 (St Germain/Parenteau) Move to adjourn. All Aye, PASSED*

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

ATTEST:

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Administrative Secretary

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APPROVED:

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Board Chairperson

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Date