



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of September 18, 2007

APPROVAL DATE: 10/16/07

1. CALL TO ORDER The September meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by Chair Gary Cox at 7:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL Present were: Chair Gary Cox, Vice Chair Luke Michaud, Secretary/Treasurer Diane Longville, Directors Greg Donovan, George St. Germain, Mike Parenteau, John Steinworth, Scott St. Martin. Absent was Tom Alvarez. A quorum was present. Recording secretary was Julie Yoho.

3. AGENDA

MOTION # 1 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve agenda. All Aye, PASSED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (Michaud/Parenteau) Move to approve minutes from August. All Aye, PASSED.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Brain McGoldrick, Docks of White Bear
Having issues with parking at the shopping center. Also property line disputes and gas tank location problems. Would like to be on the agenda for October.

Trent Jones

Concern over ordinance not being enforced correctly regarding personal water craft hours of use and also towing skiers. Sheriff is saying mirrors are not acceptable, need clarification of ordinance.

Michaud – if we are more stringent than state laws, we need to post at site. Ordinance will be looked at next month.

Alan – posting law creates it, needs to be posted at launch sites as per state regs to be enforceable.

6. NEW BUSINESS

VLAWMO watershed conference
2 people interested in going.

MOTION #3 (Cox/Steinworth) Move to spend up to 100 to send 2 people to the conference. All Aye, PASSED.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Lake Quality Committee

8a1. Lake level today 921.7

8b. Lake Utilization Committee

8b1. Proposed fee schedule
LUC recommends option "A". 1999 was last time fees were raised.
Trying to implement user fee rather than community assessment.

Review & discussion of fees schedule

Thank you to Redpath for being responsive with waterski course.
Should waterski course apps cost more?
Cox – thinks it should be \$100

MOTION #4 (Michaud/St. Germain) Motion to increase fee for water ski course application to \$50. 8 Aye, 2 No PASSED.

Discussion on permanent dock fee
Steinworth – needs to be higher

MOTION #5 (Steinworth/St. Martin) Move to increase fee for permanent docks to \$2000.

Parenteau – may not be able to charge that kind of annual fee.
St Germain – initial fee covers review process. Maybe drop annual renewal.
Alan – fee was to discourage those types of structures. Ongoing is fee is waived if public access is allowed. Initial high fee for review, ongoing has to have rational relationship to cost.
Steinworth – \$2000 is not too high now.

Friendly Amendment (Michaud/St. Martin) Amend motion to \$5000 application fee and \$1000 annual renewal fee for permanent structures. Board can waive if open to public.

MOTION #5 Vote
All Aye, PASSED

MOTION #6 (Steinworth/Donovan) Move to increase late fee to \$50.00. All Aye, PASSED.

MOTION #7 (Michaud/Hoffman) Move to write resolution to adopt schedule “A” with changes noted tonight for signature at October meeting.

Discussion

Steinworth – need to consider proposal “B”. It is simpler, more consistent, \$50 for all. We will be seeing more boat requests in future, none of these costs are too high.

Cox – equity question. Schedule “A” is free if you have less than 4 boats.

St Germain – everyone who has less than 4 is treated same. Already substantial increase. Schedule “B” could come in future.

MOTION #7 Vote
9 aye, 1 no(Steinworth) Motion PASSED

8c. Lake Education Committee report

meeting tonight. Oct will have guest speaker from PCA.

Brochure reprint still coming.

Steinworth – update on photos of marsh taken in low water years. Will get them framed and posted on website.

8d. Treasurers report

MOTION #8 (Longville/ Michaud) Move to approve and pay checks 3778 to 3784. All Aye PASSED.

One check was lost in mail. 3777 will be voided out and reissued.

8e. Board Counsel report

Recent case was dismissed

8f. Administrative staff report

none

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #9 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to approve consent agenda. All aye, PASSED.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peter Salisbury will no longer be on the LUC. Thank you for your service and time on the committee. If there is anyone interested in being on the committee, please apply.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #10 (Donovan/Parenteau) Move to adjourn. All Aye, PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date