



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of September 18, 2012

APPROVAL DATE: 10/16/12

1. CALL TO ORDER The September meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by Vice Chair Luke Michaud at 7:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL Present were: Vice Chair Luke Michaud, Directors George St. Germain, Diane Longville, Mike Parenteau, Jane Harper, Yale Norwick, Suzanne Donnell, Bryan DeSmet, Sue Cernohous. A quorum was present. Recording secretary was Julie Yoho. Absent was Mike Stawnychy (excused).

3. AGENDA

MOTION #1 (Parenteau/Cernohous) Move to approve agenda. All aye, PASSED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (Parenteau/St Germain) Move to approve minutes of August. All aye, passed.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Jerry Mahoney, WB Township resident
Question for Perry Jones.
Will address during presentation.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6a. Perry Jones, USGS update on water level study.

Draft is complete and under colleague review. After comments are addressed it goes to head and regional directors, any additional comments will be addressed. Then releases to public. Approximately 1.5 months.

Isotope lab did free analysis w/new equipment and new samples from wells. New findings. Also some new monitoring wells are going in through the DNR.

Preliminary conclusions point to less precipitation and more pumping leading to low water levels. Ground water flows in from shallow aquifers. Water flows out into wells in the prairie du chein (pdc) aquifer, associated with pumping in area and natural flow system.

Wells in pdc show surface water composition. Some had as much as 60 % surface water, these were municipal wells. Prairie du chein aquifer flows in direction of wells sampled - to the s/w.

LCCMR proposal for regional study.

Parenteau – are other agencies are up to date on this?

Jones – yes, presented to agencies. In general they agree with many of the conclusions
St Germain – There is a state law that cities have to show water savings... report
showed cities pumping less now than even 2 yrs ago

Jones – city of WBL is less. Regionally they are still largest.

DeSmet – is there adequate info to determine the rate of decrease in pumping that
would be needed to stabilize water level?

Jones – were able to model. back to 2003 levels stabilized a bit, not completely. Need
to do groundwater flow model and optimize pumping conditions as a tool to manage.
Certain wells may have less impact.

DeSmet – is there % drop?

Jones – don't know at this point. Well by well case as some have greater impact.

Audience questions

Jerry Mahoney, 5281 eagle street WBT

Opposed to additional funding needed for study. Why is there overruns? If future study
have contract

Jones – process began with a proposal with outline and budget. Set up with wblcd as
lead. 16 contributors. Agreement with set amount of money dependent on various
agencies coming up with funding. In april funds were not coming in as expected so
halted work.

6b. Carol McFarlane, State Rep & Bill Foussard WB Country Inn

Proposal for the WBLCD to establish a water level task force

Foussard - Group has formed with mayors from all 5 communities to look at issue.

Want to find short and long term solutions for water level in WBL. Want to work w/
WBLCD as a special task force on this.

McFarlane – want to be subcommittee of WBLCD or task force. Stand alone but under
Board leadership. Would like a member from Board and 2 reps. Tech support from
Met Council & DNR.

Keith (B), Met Council Environmental Services

Part of our mission is sustainable water supply. Appears adverse impact is occurring,
this is a regional supply issue. Met Council role is resource not regulatory. Can
provide tech. support.

Paul Putzier Geologist, DNR

DNR has responsibility for water supply. Can provide technical resources. Currently
installing deep well at Ramsey beach for info, will be doing others.

Foussard – recent study pointed out some of the reasons.

Q&A

Donnell – great idea, support

Harper – agree it's a good idea. Don't know what other org. could take this on. Would
like very clear charge for the committee and clear scope of work.

Michaud – we have ability to set up by resolution. Tonight would be to draft a
resolution to develop task forces – would spell out specifics

McFarlane – I know that needs to be worked out and will help with that

Foussard – important part of area

Harper – LCCMR proposal died after 1st round. Any comments as to why?

Foussard – there is still some funding

Jones – comments were there wasn't good representation from this area on the committee, others got pushed thru and appeared more important. Staff was positive on it and encouraged us to resubmit next year. Looking for other sources of funding. LCCMR = Legislative Citizens Committee on Mn Resources. Environmental projects

Harper – community didn't have good advocate, formal local effort sends message we are serious

Jones – there was some local support but could have been more

McFarlane – notified just week before. Since then have had 2 members out for tour, now are well informed.

Norwick – most effective if in forefront for state money.

Michaud – draft resolution and bring back next month. Alan / all board have input.

Kantrud – composition and specific tasks are welcome.

McFarlane – committee will still meet and continue

Donnell – would like to join

Foussard – in future mtg will be at city hall

Harper – mtg announcements?

Foussard – notify Bill and get on email list.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7a. Park Ave Dispute.

Michaud - Draft findings handed out tonight when you got here. Best to put off until next meeting for time to read and look at.

Galena – I've looked at draft and have comments

Michaud – will consider it at next meeting

Kantrud – would table item until next meeting

Galena – handing out law cases, etc. Your draft is very one sided and only talks about set back for easement holder, not other neighbor. What is other set back?

This board has always set back both sides. Draft doesn't show we are contesting your order not a complaint. Attempting to settle dispute, you do not have power to arbitrate and settle disputes. Disagree with proposed draft, makes up own facts. When looking at it keep in mind what I've handed out.

Michaud – Issued tabled until next meeting in Oct.

8. Reports/Action Items

8a. Lake Quality Committee

8a1. Lake Temp 65 degrees

8a2. Level 919.615 down 6" from last month. Down 1 foot from last year at this time. Close to all time low

8a3. just got final report from McComas. He will come to October meeting to present findings.

8b. Lake Utilization Committee

8b2. 2013 Winter Carnival Balloon rally

MOTION # 3 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve with proof of insurance at time of registration for each balloon.

Discussion

Donnell – Toilets not indicated - seems needed
Michaud – can talk with event coordinator
Steve Sinnen – thought event was only 2 hrs long at most, didn't think needed
Michaud – would recommend some, confirm with Ramsey county – may be some out for ice fishing... confirm at least one is there.

Add to Condition of permit – “minimum of one porta potty on site”. (Michaud/St. Germain)

***Motion vote
All aye passed.***

8c. Lake Education Committee

Boat tour is this Thur. We have 11 people so far - 1 spot left.

8d. Treasurer's Report

MOTION # 4 (Longville/Norwick) Move to accept checks 4123 – 4131. All aye, passed.

8d2. liability coverage waiver form

MOTION #5 (Longville/St. Germain) Move to sign saying we do not waive limits. All aye passed.

Kantrud - Torte liability is set by statute. Each year you re affirm you do not waive.

8e. Board Counsel Report

Kantrud – Mr. Galena asked if I've seen the draft – I saw a working draft, will look at and discuss prior to next meeting

Harper – Had you seen the documents he passed out?

Kantrud – yes I've seen it

Harper – can we use, or rely on?

Michaud – present his clients case

Kantrud – assume not false law, but they are advocacy pieces

Parenteau – enabling act is on our website

Donnell – at last mtg suggestion came up to do site plan for this area.

Would we do that?

Michaud – site plans have been addressed in past

Donnell – didn't work? Not implemented?

Michaud – yes

Norwick – invited all to attend, these folks did not come. Wanted to do site plan...

Michaud – actions of board over past ...

1 Norwick – ..15 yrs

Kantrud – long time. The more theses issues come up, people are pushing authority.

St Germain – We have had 1 party disregard site plan and that is why we're here

Michaud – not comfortable discussing now prior to looking at. May have to have executive session prior to answer questions

8f. Administrative Staff Report

Items included in packet this month:

- Agenda
- Aug draft minutes
- Finance report
- Permit applications – 1
- Liability Coverage Waiver form
- Peterson, Fram & Bergman letter re: Mahoney
- Save WBL Task force proposal letter

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION # 6 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve. All aye, passed.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

May call an executive session prior to next meeting

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date