



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of November 17, 2015

APPROVAL DATE: 1/19/16

1. CALL TO ORDER The November meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by Chair Jane Harper at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

2. ROLL CALL Present were: Chair Jane Harper, Vice Chair Bryan DeSmet, Directors Mike Parenteau, Pat McCann, George St. Germain, Mark Ganz, Gene Altstatt, Susie Mahoney. A quorum was present. Absent was Scott Costello, Diane Longville (both excused)

3. AGENDA

MOTION #1 (Parenteau/Ganz) Move to approve agenda with addition of item "ice kite race permit". All aye passed

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

none

6. NEW BUSINESS

none

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Lake Level Resolution Committee

Next meeting will be held on January 12, 2016

8b. Lake Quality Committee

8b1. Lake level - 921.61, that's 4 ¾ inches higher than last month, 6" higher than this time last year

8b2. Water temp 42 degrees

8c. Lake Utilization Committee

8c1. 2016 Event Permits

MOTION # 3 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve 2016 Yukon Days run. All aye, passed.

MOTION #4 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve 2016 VFW Horseshoe in Ice. All aye, passed.

MOTION #5 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve 2016 VFW Softball on Ice. All aye, passed

MOTION #6 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve 2016 Special Olympics Polar Plunge. All aye, passed

MOTION #7 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve 2016 Art Shanty project pending proof of insurance and payment of application fee. All aye, passed.

Organizers will work with Polar Plunge regarding set-up times.

MOTION #8 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approved 2016 Ice Kite race. All aye passed.

New event, arrived late so was not in packets. Discussed during committee meeting.

Dock Permit Applications

MOTION #9 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve Snyder Bay Beach Club for 2016. All aye, passed.

MOTION #10 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve Wildwood Beach Condos with variance for layout for 2016. All aye, passed.

MOTION #11 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve Witthaus 2016. All aye, passed.

Hickory Street Dock Assoc – tabled this month. Dock is moved over 10’ from previous position, would like to talk with them about it.

MOTION #12 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve Forest Heights 2016. All aye passed

MOTION #13 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve new application for Wagner 2016. All aye passed.

Kay Beach – tabled, would like to keep all the Birchwood apps together.

City of WBL is planning new docks. A 5’ set back is required.

8d. Lake Education Committee

Visits to website up 10% overall from last year.

8e. Joint Powers Task Group

8e1. Discussion about the districts role as fiscal agent for augmentation project
The task group has been investigating what it means to be a fiscal agent for an augmentation project if it occurs. Harper presented the following items that the WBLCD Board needs to be aware of:

- The Board’s authorizing legislation should be changed to explicitly state that the WBLCD has authority over conservation and water quantity, and the ability to receive funds from all sources
- Public ownership of the facility is required (WBLCD would own)
- Bonding funds typically require 50% local match for capital operation and maintenance
- Legal commitments
- funding for “soft costs” (design, easements, legal) typically 12 – 20% total cost of project

- WBLCD would be project manager / oversite
- Funds needed upfront – projects build on a reimbursement basis

The Board is asked to consider these and get comments / concerns to the task group. The DNR will have a cost estimate by February 1 for building and operation costs. The WBLCD has not taken a formal position on a project. The local communities have also not taken a formal position.

8e2. Expanded authority

MOTION # 14 (Harper/Parenteau) Move to authorize legal consul to work on getting expanded authority for the WBLCD to enable work on conservation and water quantity issues. All aye, passed.

8f. Treasurer’s Report

MOTION #15 (Harper/Parenteau) Move to approve Treasurers report for November and pay checks 4324 – 4328. All aye, passed

MOTION #16 (Harper/St Germain) Move to approve Estimated Treasurers report for December. All aye, passed

8f. Board Counsel Report

none

8g. Administrative Staff Report

Items included in packet this month:

- Agenda
- October draft minutes
- Dock Permit applications : 7
- Event permit applications : 5
- Finance reports
- 2016 Meeting Dates

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #17 (Harper/Parenteau) Move to approve consent agenda. All aye passed.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #18 (St Germain/Parenteau) Move to adjourn. All aye passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date