



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

APPROVAL DATE: 1/15/08

1. CALL TO ORDER The November 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, Directors Greg Donovan, George St. Germain, Mike Parenteau, Thomas Hoffman, Tom Alvarez, John Steinworth. Absent was Scott St. Martin, Diane Longville (late) (excused). A quorum was present. Recording secretary was Julie Yoho.

3. AGENDA

Add item under LQC- lake survey contract. Add item 8a3. Birchwood extension request; add item 6c. WBL Matoska boat launch; add 6d. mini lake use stud; add item, 8b7. canoe racks.

MOTION # 1 (St. Germain/Parenteau) Move to approve agenda as amended. All aye, passed.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Jim Simney

Questions WBLCD authority to increase or charge fees. Presented handout to Board. Requests attorney respond.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6a. 2008 water patrol contract
no changes from last year.

MOTION #3 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to approve 2008 Water Patrol Contract. All Aye, Passed.

Thanks to sheriffs dept. for patrol done in past year.

6b. Birchwood extension request

City has requested a later due date for applications.

MOTION #4 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to approve accepting applications late without assessing late fee.

Discussion

Donovan – allow enough time for review

Friendly amendment – submit applications 3 weeks prior to Board meeting for adequate review time.

MOTION Vote

All aye, passed

6c. Matoska Boat Launch

Ramp has been replaced at park. Was done without any permits or notifying WBLCD.

MOTION #5 (Michaud/Hoffman) Committee would like to draft letter to city requesting application and informing them of the process.

Discussion

Steinworth – did they have DNR permit?

Michaud – unknown what other permits were needed. We had no information on it.

Vote – all aye, passed. Michaud/attorney to draft letter.

6d. mini lake use study

We are due for the brief study and dock survey. Would like to measure sq. footage of docks. Committee recommends 2008 study at cost of no more than 20k.

MOTION #6 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to approve spending no more than \$20,000 on 2008 study.

Discussion

Michaud – setting 20k limit because we're not sure of exact cost of getting the footage measurements.

Steve McComas – Would look at standard length, end configuration, and use laser range finder.

Alvarez – can you get width?

Mccomas – will measure a few for standards, then visualize within 1 foot.

Steinworth – should we gps locations?

McComas – can use aerial photos, gps is +/- 3 meters

We have dock count data going back to 1999. Will pick one day in middle of summer. Docks could be longer due to low water, it will be noted in study.

Parenteau – is this in 2008 budget? Yes

MOTION VOTE

All aye, passed.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Lake Quality Committee

8a1. Lake level today is 921.87 down 3” from last month

8a2. buoys are out, WBBW is doing buoys now. They will put out sooner, leave in later in season.

8a3. LQC contract. Aquatic plant survey done on contract from 02 – 07. Bill today is for 2 years.

Steve McComas, aquatic plant survey summary

-Water level is down 3’ below 2002 start.

-Native plants responding well, had to treat for milfoil near shoreline. 5-600 acres of it, usually only 5 acres at nuisance levels. (matting within 1 foot of surface, further out than 200’ of shoreline). In ‘07 close call in some areas, but was not matting. Want to watch SE corner of lake, may need action next summer.

-Native plants are doing well, no sign of decline. Commercial bay has fern pondweed.

- Final copy of report will be available soon and Steve will come back sometime in Jan or Feb for Q&A.

-Matoska marsh – more emergent plants, combination of native, non native. Curly leaf pondweed is problem in many other lakes, but not in WBL.

- for control, herbicides are cheaper while harvesting allows native plants to rebound. Commercial Bay area of lake is “peaty” there is fertile food source there. Harvesting will last 30 -50 days, herbicides 40 – 60 days. Harvesting removes while protecting water quality.

Steinworth – they treat commercial bay every summer, lots of biomass left sitting there.

Steve – Due to docks, herbicides may be only choice.

Cox – long term effects of 24d herbicide?

Steve – will take out some natives. Concentration decreases, can build immunity in the population and can make them resistant after long term use. Fish are sensitive to it, but the compounds are not long lived.

MOTION #7 (Parenteau/Cox) Move to receive report. All aye, passed.

8b. Lake Utilization Committee

8b1. Polar Plunge

no hot tubs, all else similar to last year

MOTION #8 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to approve permit for 2008 Polar Plunge.

Discussion

Steinworth – where are toilets?

Michaud - At VFW parking lot.

All aye, passed.

8b2. Bearly Open golf tournament Jan 26, 2008

MOTION #9 (Michaud/ St. Germain). Move to approve permit and based on receiving a diagram of area where they plan to hold event, permit from sheriff, clarification of where satellite toilets will be located.
All aye, passed.

8b3. Bob Broen dock app. 1 less boat in 2008.

MOTION #10 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to approve Broen dock application.

Steinworth – do they need other permits ?

Michaud - No, just ours. Not marina.

7 aye, 1 no (Steinworth), passed

8b4. WBYC dock application
change in boat location

MOTION #11 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to approve WBYC for 2008. All aye, passed

8b5. Fletcher Driscoll
change in dock configuration.

MOTION #12 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to approve Driscoll application

Steinworth – will vote no because we don't have objective criteria for allowing private owners to have so many boats.

7 aye, 1 no (Steinworth) passed.

8b6. Snyders Bay Beach club
requested additional 10' of dock and 1 additional boat for 2008.

MOTION #13 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to approve Snyders Bay application for 2008.

Discussion:

Cox – why are we allowing additional boat?

Michaud – committee felt site frontage was not inconsistent with other sites on lake. No issue with neighbors, good set of bylaws. Neighbors were in favor of permit in past. No feed back for additional boat.

Parenteau – how big is this association?

Michaud – 14 as recalled.

Hoffman – is extra 10' straight out?

Michaud – total dock length is 110'.

St Germain – model group, they have enough room. Good organization. Have had support in the past.

Cox – believe we should have moratorium on more boats.

Parenteau – with growing easements, etc, we have discussed trying to stop growth. This area does have space. But at what point do we put lid on?

Michaud – conditional use, can be adjusted each year
Hoffman – significant level of cooperation here

MOTION Vote

2 no (Cox/Steinworth), 6 aye, PASSED

8b7. Canoe racks

Questions on how we charge for them? Committee consensus is that we not collect fee at this point. Waive fee for this year.

8c. Lake Education Committee report

Ann Kerr from PCA last month. She looked at site, 5 rain gardens have been installed. Decrease in impervious surface, so no formal review was required.

8d. Treasurers report

MOTION # 14 (Cox/Michaud) Move to approve and pay checks 3794 - 3802. All aye, passed.

MOTION # 15 (Cox/Michaud) Move to approve estimated treasurers report for December and pay bills as needed. All aye, passed.

Liability waiver form from LMICT

MOTION #16 (Cox/ Michaud) Move to vote to not waive limits on tort liability. Do not waive. All aye, passed.

8e. Board Counsel report

no report

Alan gone again. Don filling in

8f. Administrative staff report

no report

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #17 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to approve consent agenda. All aye, PASSED.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parenteau – has Steve M's reports. Julie will keep hard copy. Digital file coming.

Cox – will be leaving after January meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #18 (Michaud/Hoffman) Move to adjourn. All Aye, PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date