



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of November 21, 2006

APPROVAL DATE: 1/16/07

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

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

3. AGENDA

- Add item 8a2 - dry hydrant report
- Item 6a should read "2007" for sheriff contract
- Add item 6a2. under New Business – meeting location
- Add item 8d2 – Estimated December 2006 Treasurers Report
- Add item 8d3- CD account update

MOTION #1 (St Germain/Cox) Move to approve agenda as amended. All Aye, Passed.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October meeting minutes – item 8b (LUC) spelling typo

MOTION #2 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to approve October meeting minutes as amended. All Aye, Passed

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

none

6. NEW BUSINESS

6a. Ramsey Co Sheriff 2007 Water Patrol Contract

MOTION #3 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to approve 2007 Water Patrol contract.

Discussion:

Had 376 hours of on - water time. It was helpful to have coverage at Ramsey Co beach during holiday weekends to stop boats before they got on the water. Next year will change hours a little to do some enforcement after dark

The lake associations paid for a uniformed officer to be on site at the Turtle and Bald Eagle public accesses. They were pleased with the results. If WBLCD would like to add an officer at the boat launch it could be done outside of this contract. Over 50% of launchers at Bald Eagle were from outside the county as observed by officer.

Hoffman – thinks adding an officer on shore is a good idea, and after hours coverage is important too

Steinworth – would like data on other lakes if available

MOTION VOTE – All aye, Passed.

6b. Meeting location

Michaud – This is the second time we've been displaced. WBLCD originally scheduled meetings for the third Tuesday of the month that mayor of White Bear Lake could attend – he never has. We scheduled according to their request, and are now being displaced. Would like chair to address this issue.

Cox - will address.

Steinworth – we lose our recording capacity by being moved, no audio or video record. We should tape record. Uncomfortable not having audio record for 2 meetings.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7a. Work plan updates - *none*

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Lake Quality Committee

8a1. Lake Level History

Received email from citizen questioning lake levels. Mike has data from DNR from 1924 – 2007 - 6038 readings. 1943 highest 926.7. Lowest 1991 February 919.82. Range of 6.8 feet. OHM 924.8. Average 923.42. Lake is down, but not out of range. All this data is on DNR website - Mike will send web link to Gary and Tom.

8b2. Dry Hydrants. Multiple county permit was issued by the DNR for fire departments (blanket permit). Not expected to use White Bear Lake for this. Mostly in rural areas.

8b. Lake Utilization Committee

2007 PERMITS/LICENSES

8b1. Polar Bear Plunge permit.

10th annual event scheduled for January 13th 2007.

Est. 300 participants, 300 spectators at event

MOTION # 4 (Michaud/Hoffman) Move to approve permit for Polar Bear Plunge for 1/13/07.

Amendment (Donovan) to require insurance form prior to event.

Discussion – hot tubs – is there chlorine in them? Recommend none as they are emptied into lake

Amendment that hot tub water have no additional chemicals added to it.

All aye, Passed.

8b2. Alicia Heights Dock association – table for evening. Requested additional slip at dock, no members were present to answer questions the committee had. Move to January.

8b3. Snyders Bay - requesting additional 10feet to length of dock to accommodate boat parking parallel to dock.

MOTION #5 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to approve extra 10 feet on dock & approve 2007 permit for Snyders Bay Dock Association. Length will be 100'. All aye, Passed.

Michaud – LUC did audit of all associations going back to 2002. 2007 permits will be used as benchmark for applications from this point forward.

8b4. Ash Beach Dock Association - no change

MOTION #6 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to approve Ash Beach Dock Association 2007 permit.

Discussion – drawing matches application, no changes

All aye, passed.

8b5. Birch Beach – change occurred in 2005 application. Confusion over 116' or 127' for dock length. No one was here to discuss, move app to January.

8b6. Elm Beach Dock – no change, audited.

MOTION #7 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to approve Elm Beach Dock Association 2007 permit. All aye, passed.

8b7. Kay Beach Association – there are no boats, permit not required. Committee would like to refund money.

MOTION # 8 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to refund money as permit is not needed.

Steinworth - Were there problems in past that required our involvement?

St Germain - Kay asked to be permitted in past.

Parenteau – if we don't permit, we cant address public safety, etc.

Michaud- no, all ordinances still apply

Longville – City of Birchwood asked WBLCD to permit all of these

MOTION #9 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to approve permit for Kay Beach Association under assumption that City of Birchwood wants WBLCD to permit all of these. All aye, Passed.

Donovan will check with city to confirm.

8b8. Richard Hiniker – no changes

MOTION # 10 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to approve with condition that he inform us of his lake frontage as it is not clear on his application or drawing how much frontage there is.

Discussion:

Steinworth – why does he have so many boats? Are they all family?

Parenteau - He is not renting slips, they are family or friends.

MOTION vote: 7 aye , 1 no (Steinworth), Passed.

8b9. Fletcher Driscoll – 2 different/larger boats appear for this year. LUC feels there is enough of a change to be considered a “change application”. Fletcher not here to answer questions. Table until January.

8b10. White Bear Township moorings – no changes

MOTION # 11 (Michaud/Hoffman) Move to approve White Bear Township 2007 permit. All aye, passed.

8b11. Matoska Park/City of WBL – no change, missing map so used last years

MOTION # 12 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve Matoska Park permit for 2007. All aye, passed.

8b12. Veterans Park Pier/City of WLB

MOTION # 13 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to approve permit and waive \$1000.00 fee as this is a public structure. All aye, passed.

8b13. White Bear Boat Works – no change

MOTION # 14 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve White Bear Boat Works 2007 permit. All aye, passed.

8b14. Tally’s Dockside – no change from as last year in number or configuration

MOTION # 15 (Michaud/St.Germain) Move to approve permit for Tally’s Dockside for 2007.

Amendment – add condition that we need certification of gas tank from fire marshal.

Keith – will get it to us

Amendment accepted

All aye, passed.

Kay Beach Discussion

Hoffman – City of Birchwood wants control from us and consistency.

Donovan – agrees

Cox – should we get letter from them explaining why they want it?

Parenteau – our ordinance says we can permit any public dock

Cox – understands but why not ask them

Hoffman – they want us to be sure docks are in compliance and gladly pay to have us review and permit as swimming dock

MOTION # 16 (Cox/Michaud) Move to approve Kay Beach Association permit for 2007 as submitted. All aye, passed.

8c. Lake Education Committee report

8c1. First Saturday in March will be lake clean up day

Travis Germundson DNR Area Hydrologist will give a presentation at our January meeting. If anyone has specific issues or questions let Tom know.

LEC has put together and distributed a handout about shoreline restoration standards to all 5 cities/township at their regular meetings. It provides information to the cities to show how they compare to DNR standards. Reception at cities has been good, lots of discussion.

Steinworth – when was last committee meeting? Feels he has not been informed about what was going on

Hoffman – developed schedule to meet with cities over last couple months

St. Germain – These meetings were announced at the last couple Board meetings

Steinworth – hasn't been invited to a LEC meeting in over a year, and is member of committee. What is policy about announcing meetings to Board?

Michaud – Board members are expected to be responsible and become involved on their own to be active in committees. Don't have to wait to be invited.

Steinworth – These should be posted as public meetings.

Hoffman – last LEC meeting was a couple months ago. He sends email announcements, and posts on website. The shoreline work has been discussed for months at Board meetings as well.

Cox – if there is proposal for policy regarding meeting schedules, he would like to have it now.

8d. Treasurers report

8D1. Had to transfer funds as noted on top of report to pay bills.

MOTION # 17 (Longville/St. Germain) Move to approve November Treasurers Report and pay checks 3722 – 3726. All aye, Passed.

8d2. We need to approve estimated report for December to allow us to pay bills since no meeting. Corrections will be made in January.

MOTION # 18 (Longville/St. Germain) Move to approve estimated Treasurers Report for December 2006. All aye, Passed.

8d3. CD matured yesterday. Diane checked interest rates and Lake Area Bank still has best rates 5.4% for 11 months, less for longer timeframe.

Would like approval.

MOTION # 19 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to keep CD at Lake Area Bank and roll into 11 month CD maturing in October 2007. All aye, Passed.

8e. Board Counsel report

none

8f. Administrative staff report

none

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION # 20 (Michaud/Parenteau) Move to approve consent agenda. All aye, Passed.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Thanksgiving & Happy Holidays. No meeting in December.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION # 21 (Donovan/Longville) Move to adjourn. All aye, Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date