



**White Bear Lake Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting – Approved Minutes**

Sept 20, 2022, 7:00 p.m., White Bear Lake City Hall Council Chambers
(6:00 pm LUC meeting)

1. **Roll Call/Quorum** - Present: Chair Bryan DeSmet, Vice Chair Mark Ganz, Secretary/Treasurer Mike Parenteau, Diane Longville, Chris Churchill, Meredith Walburg, Scott Costello, Darren DeYoung, and Susie Mahoney. One director position from Dellwood is vacant. A quorum was present.
2. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Bryan DeSmet.
3. **Approval of Agenda** - Motion to approve the agenda made by Susie Mahoney, seconded, and passed.
4. **Approval of August Board Meetings Minutes** – Motion to approve the August Board meeting minutes made by Mark Ganz, seconded, and passed.
5. **Public Comment's**
 - Steve Smith shared drone photos taken in June and Sept. 2022 of Tally's dock placement asking when will they be enforced to operate with their boundaries, and move their dock, remove cleats, and put up a 'no parking' sign.
6. **New Business**
 - Dellwood Board Director Scott O'Connor submitted his resignation due to a conflict with the Board's scheduled meeting dates. The City of Dellwood is working on appointing a replacement.
7. **Unfinished Business**
 - Permanent Dock Permitting Status – Permanent dock applications can be submitted for review to the WBLCD with an initial a fee of \$5,000, and annual renewal fees of \$1,000. Approved docks are required to have safety markings on them.
 - A letter was sent to the resident at 4955 Lake Ave stating there is no record of a license for a permanent dock at that address, and that the dock needs to be removed before ice-in; old posts of the abandoned dock on site need to be removed also.
 - There are no rules on when docks need to come out, the ice-in date will determine it.
8. **Reports/Action Items**
 - **Executive Committee** – no meeting
 - **Lake Quality Committee** – Mike Parenteau
 - Lake level – currently 923.01 ft; September 2021 the lake level was 923.66 ft
 - Lake temperature – 70° F; in September 2021 it was 69° F; last month it was 71° F
 - Phragmites – Survey and Treatment
 - The survey was done at the end of August and a map was created. The DNR permit was renewed (to treat up to 2 acres) and the treatment, by Lake Management, will take place sometime this week.
 - Last month the Board approved \$2,000 for treatment, but because of increased area that needs to be treated, the cost increased to \$2,763.

- A motion to approve an additional \$1,000 for phragmites treatment, for a total of \$3,000, to come out of account #6045, was made by Mike Parenteau, seconded and passed.

○ **Lake Utilization Committee – Mark Ganz**

- 315 Wildwood Ave. follow up – Letters were sent to neighboring properties, 309 and 321 Wildwood, asking them to stay within their ADUA next year.
- Tally's Dockside follow up – Cleats have not been removed, 'no parking' signs have not been posted, and slips still are not numbered as of yesterday; a letter was sent asking for compliance.

Their lease states that the ADUA for Whitaker Street is for servicing boats, but appears not to be used for that. Next year, there will probably be a need for a different configuration.

- NPQD Rentals follow up – They are still renting jet skis because people are demanding them. They were given a verbal 'cease and desist' until they amend their permit.

It was noted that other companies are renting watercraft without licensing. Board counsel Alan Kantrud stated that these types of businesses are like a transient merchant. We would need a new regulatory structure to license these types of businesses, as we don't currently have one in place that fits these situations.

It was suggested that the Executive Committee review this topic over the winter, and involve the City of White Bear Lake in the discussion too. This issue is causing increasing pressure on the residents who live here.

A complaint was received asking how public property can be used for private business. The WBLCD is limited to what happens on the water only; a letter was sent, and the complaint forwarded to the City. Other issues that are hard to monitor involve private boat owners renting out their boat from the docks in Commercial Bay, or lakeshore owners renting out dock space.

There was discussion as to whether NPQD had a license from the City. A permit is needed from the City to park at the public boat launch.

Mark Ganz will call the Minnetonka Conservation District regarding their policies surrounding these issues.

- 4955 Lake Ave. follow up – As discussed earlier in the meeting, a letter was sent asking them to remove the old pilings immediately, and that there is no grandfathered permanent dock at this address, nor license application or license for it. If the dock is not out by ice-in, they will be ticketed, and the fine is up to \$700/day until it is removed. An application, with the fee structure, was sent with the letter.
- Tally's and Docks of WBL – The photos from earlier this evening show that the docks of Docks of WBL are angled diagonally toward, and encroaching on the Whitaker/Tally's ADUA. The outside dock needs to be placed so that boats can maneuver without encroaching the ADUA.

- **Lake Education Committee**
 - Adopt-A-Drain - Scott Costello reported that 486 drains have been adopted toward the goal of 589 by the end of October. WBL is close to doubling their number of adopted drains, and White Bear Township has only 14 more to go to double their number. Much has been accomplished so far.
 - Social media update – Meredith Walburg will post about the phragmites treatment, the RCWD grants, and registering buoys.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Mike Parenteau
 - Approval of September 2022 Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept the September Treasurer's Report and pay checks #4787 - #4794 made by Mike Parenteau, was seconded and passed.
 - USGS Survey account status – Documents from the project show that monies for the survey were to be paid to the USGS. Mike talked to Perry Jones, who cannot help with this, and is awaiting a call back from the USGS office in Colorado. The monies could be used to purchase some of their maps on our aquifers, etc., or to have someone summarize the survey, and what discuss what we might do in the future should the lake levels drop again.
- **Board Counsel Report** – Attorney Alan Kantrud
 - Paperwork to receive the ORI from the FBI, through the State and BCA, has been processed. There is a nominal fee to use the BCA's platform and system; the fee may be \$100-\$150 a year. We will find out when we sign an agreement with them.
 - Ramsey County water patrol pulled a tree trunk from the water that was outside a buoy near Memorial Park Beach.

9. **Announcements** – The locked file cabinet has been purchased, and still researching computers. A proposal for refreshing the office area will be brought to a future meeting.
10. **Adjournment** – Motion made by Mark Ganz to adjourn at 7:50 pm was seconded, and passed.

ATTEST:

Bryan DeSmet, Chair 

Date: 10-18-2022

Cheri Howe, Administrator 

Date: 10/18/2022