



## **White Bear Lake Conservation District**

### **Regular Board Meeting – Approved Minutes**

Oct. 18, 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 Board Counsel Alan Kantrud. Absent: 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** – Add ‘Approve purchase of Adobe Acrobat license,’ after ‘Approve purchase of office laptop. Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by Mark Ganz, seconded, and passed.
4. **Approval of September Board Meetings minutes** – Motion to approve the September Board meeting minutes made by Mark Ganz, seconded, and passed.
5. **Public Comment’s** - none
6. **New Business** –
  - Appointment of Vice-chair on the Lake Utilization Committee (LUC) – Chris Churchill was appointed as vice chair of the LUC at the last Exec Committee meeting.
  - Summary of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) survey and treatment – Dr. Steve McComas, Blue Water Science presented and PowerPoint and summarized 2022 survey and treatment of EMW:
    - Treated around 33 acres for EWM; growth was less than last year. Focused on heavy growth, not light patches
    - No Starry Stonewort found in the lake yet. Almost always enters lakes by boats using public access. It is found in about 21 lakes, and inspectors could give an extra inspection to a boat if it was last in a lake that had Starry Stonewort.
    - Other items discussed:
      - The increased growth of general lake vegetation this summer is due to lowered lake levels, and more sunlight penetration.
      - The lake is not prone to Spiny Water Flea or Asian Carp due to their habitat needs.
      - Microplastics are everywhere, and probably are in the lake, but not in a high concentration.
      - A decrease in the zebra mussle population this year is due to the relationship between algae and zebra mussels which causes an alternating cycle of more or less zebra mussel and algae growth.

## 7. Unfinished Business

- Lake Management Plan – Board counsel found that state law does not require the WBLCD to create a lake management plan. The Soil and Water Conservation District is the entity responsible, and they do not have one.
  - The WBLCD created a lake management plan in 2005(?). The Board could revisit the plan to see if any advice has changed, and/or update the plan, but it is not needed according to the state.
- Permanent Docks – The initial application fee for a permanent dock is \$5,000, and \$1,000 annually after that. As the WBLCD is responsible to issue the permit, the funds are used to hire a structural engineer to ensure the initial dock structure is qualified, and that the dock meets yearly safety inspections. In general, no private permanent docks are permitted, and as noted in previous board meetings, the dock at 4955 Lake Ave is not permitted as a permanent, and needs to be removed before ice-in.
- Approve purchase of office laptop – Motion to approve up to \$1,400 for the purchase of a laptop and wireless mouse was made by Bryan DeSmet, seconded and passed.
- Approve purchase of Adobe Acrobat license – Motion to approve the purchase of Adobe Acrobat license for the office computer was made by Bryan DeSmet, seconded and passed.

## 8. Reports/Action Items


- Executive Committee – The committee met regarding permanent docks, the LUC vice chair, the lake management plan, and the USGS funds which were discussed elsewhere in this meeting.
- Lake Quality Committee – Mike Parenteau
  - Lake level – current: 922.59 ft; last month: 923.01 ft; and since April ice out the lake is down 13.5”.
  - Lake temperature – current: 47°F; last month 70°F; and last year in October the temperature was 60°F.
  - Phragmites Treatment – On Sept. 28, 27,000 sq ft of the lake was treated with the herbicide Imazapyto control phragmites; results to be seen this spring.
- Lake Utilization Committee – The LUC reviewed the following applications, and recommends that the Board approve the following for 2023 permits. Motion to approve the following permits was made by Mark Ganz, with each voted on individually:
  - Derek Skeie multi-boat dock license renewal – approved.
  - Manitou Island Association swim area structures license renewal – approved conditionally based on receiving a copy of the HOA insurance.
  - Synder Bay Beach Club multi-boat dock license revised renewal – approved with Scott Costello abstaining.
  - Chateauguet Condo Association multi-dock license renewal – approved; there was an overpayment; Cheri will request a new check.
  - Redpath Wolgamot Waterski Course structures renewal – approved with stipulation that the courses will be moved every 3 weeks; if there any unexpected delays, the WBLCD office will be notified, and any complaints will be forwarded to John.
  - Alicia Heights Dock multi-boat dock license renewal – approved.
  - At the November 15 LUC and Board meetings, all commercial operator applications will be reviewed.

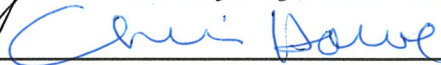
- Lake Education Committee
  - Adopt-A-Drain – Scott Costello – challenge back in March to municipalities around the lake doubled 596, we're now at 512. City of WBL already doubled, WBT has 9 to go
  - Social media update – Meredith Wahlburg: planning on pot on Adopt a drain wrap up, weed question lots of; address SSW; anything else let Meredith know
- Treasurer's report – Mike Parenteau
  - Motion to approve the October Treasurer's Report and payments for check numbers 4795-4803 was made by Mike Parenteau, seconded and passed.
  - All income for 2022 income has been received.
  - USGS Survey account status – The USGS called back and has assigned a person for us to work with. They suggested donating the money back, and stated that any information or documents from the study are freely available. By early next year, the USGS will put send us a packet and let us know where to get the information. Discussion on what to do with the USGS funds will be continued once the packet has been received and reviewed. We'll look at how to link the information on the WBLCD website as well.
- Board Counsel Report
  - The process for getting an Originating Agency ID (ORI) number from the FBI is now complete with Attorney Alan Kantrud as our authorized representative. A case from several years ago has now been resolved.
  - Michael Tombago, Ramsey County Water Patrol, everything is going smoothly on the lake. A summary of their 2022 citations and warnings will be presented at the November board meeting.

**9. Announcements** – The last board meeting of 2022 will be held on Tues., Nov. 15, at 7 pm, with an LUC meeting at 6 pm to review permit applications from Commercial Bay operators.

**10. Adjournment** – At 8:07, motion to adjourn was made by Mark Ganz, seconded, and passed.

ATTEST:

Bryan DeSmet, Chair  Date: 11-15-2022

Cheri Howe, Administrator  Date: 11/18/2022