

# White Bear Lake Conservation District

## Regular Board Meeting-Minutes (Amended) August 20, 2024, 7:15 p.m., White Bear Lake City Hall Council Chambers

1. **Roll Call/Quorum**-Present: Chair Bryan DeSmet, Vice Chair Meredith Walburg, Secretary-Treasurer Mike Parenteau, Scott Costello, Diane Longville, Chris Churchill, Mark Wisniewski, Mark Ganz, Shari Salzman-Hankins. Absent: Susie Mahoney.
2. **Call to order**- Bryan DeSmet called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.
3. **Approval of Agenda**- Motion to approve the agenda made by Meredith Walburg, seconded and passed.
4. **Approval of June 18, 2024 Board Minutes**-Motion to approve June 18, 2024 minutes by Mark Ganz, seconded and passed. No meeting in July because of a lack of a quorum.
5. **Public Comments**-None
6. **New Business**

-New Board member Shari Salzman-Hankins from Birchwood, Shari stated she lives on the Lake and bikes around the Lake and is interested in the Lake. Susie Mahoney from Birchwood was reappointed.

### 7. Unfinished Business

-Commercial Bay-Chris Churchill reported all commercial docks seemed right, some marinas had open slips but the slip counts were accurate and dock lengths were correct.

-Ramsey County Water Patrol slip count-Alan reported that the Water Patrol Deputy did a slip count and the numbers were in order and there would be a final count done later. Bryan said the report from Ramsey County Water Patrol was in the packet but no numbers were provided. Alan said those numbers can be provided by the Deputy.

-VFW-EAW draft-Bryan reported that the draft Exhibit 3 has some inaccuracies and Chris Churchill has worked with the VFW to correct these and we have an updated Exhibit 3. The next step is to accept the EAW. Bryan DeSmet made a motion to Accept the EAW with the updated Exhibit 3 and it was seconded and passed. The next step is to publish it in the Environmental Quality Bulletin within 30 days. It goes to a number of agencies and we will respond to any questions from these agencies.

Lake Use Study-Meredith reported that Blue Water Science will have done lake use study work on 5/27, 7/7, 7/17, 8/10, 8/31. They are working a shoreline inventory of boats and just completed a two day boater exit survey and the lake resident survey will be going out very soon.

4955 Lake Ave. dock permanency issue-Alan reported that the complainant thinks it is a permanent dock, but by DNR standards the dock is not permanent because it can be removed. The complainant is not convinced. The dock is removable and discussion followed about having a removable dock but not always taking all of it out based on water levels.

### 8. Reports/Action Items

**-Executive Committee**-Bryan stated that Cheri has arranged for some board members to taking care of the office while she is on vacation. Also, that Ramsey County has dredged the

boat launch and should we have been notified about this work. In addition, Pumping water out of White Bear Lake is ok as regulated by Ordinance #6 only when the Lake is above 923.5. And finally, the St. Germain Bay sign is in place and that project in complete.

**-Lake Quality Committee**

-Lake level- Lake level is 923.14, 3 3/4" above last months reading.

-Lake Temperature- Temperature is 74 degrees, last month it was 79 degrees.

-EWM survey and treatment-The survey was done 6/25 and the treatment was 7/25 at a total cost of \$25,263.22. Algae bloom was reported and it is a naturally occurring event in the Lake.

**Lake Utilization Committee**

-Watercraft dropping off passengers at Mahtomedi Beach-Mark reported a neighbor next to Mahtomedi Beach strung a rope from their dock to the Beach rope and blocked the area off. A complaint report was filed with the Washington County Sheriff. Mark checked with Washington County, Minnetonka Conservation District, City of Mahtomedi. The Washington County Sheriff said a boat cannot be within 100' of a swimmer. The rope has been removed. The easement dock on the other side of the Beach has expanded their swimming area to match that of the Beach and they have a rope. When dropping off people at the beach, a boat must be 100' from any swimmer. A violator could be reported to Washington County by a lifeguard using binoculars getting the registration number. Alan will notify the Conservation Officer about this situation and to be on the watch.

-1033 Park Ave buoys/ropes complaint-Same as above.

**.Lake Education Committee**

.Education outreach update (Amended)-Scott said another issue of the Laker was put together and the material has been submitted. There is one more Laker issue to work on for publication in December and then we'll move on to next year where we start with four pages of information. Scott stated there is no shortage of material for next year.

.Social Media Update-Meredith went out with a MPCA volunteer and did a Secchi disk reading and the results are on social media. Meredith also posted the survey for people around the Lake to access. The Phragmites survey will be done soon and the results will be posted also. Anything you feel should be post, please submit to Meredith.

**9. Treasurer's Report**

-2024 July Treasurer's Report- Motion by Mike Parenteau to approve, seconded and passed.

-2024 August Treasurer's Report-Motion by Mike Parenteau to approve, seconded and passed.

**10.Board Council Report**

Alan has been in contact with the Water Conservation Officer and there are no issues, everybody is getting along. Alan suggested Meredith post and board members receive a link to the MPCA Dashboard where water clarity is shown along with other results.

**11. Announcements-None**

**12. Adjournment-**Motion by Marl Ganz, seconded and passed.

**ATTEST**

Brian DeSmet, Chair:



Date:

9-17-2022

Michael Parenteau,  
Secretary/Treasurer:



Date:

9-17-2022