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REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 pm White Bear Lake City Hall
Minutes of September 18, 2018

APPROVAL DATE: Not approved

1. **CALL TO ORDER** the September 18, 2018 meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was called to order by Chair Bryan DeSmet at 7:00 pm in the White Bear Lake City Hall Council Chambers.
2. **ROLL CALL** Present were: Chair Bryan DeSmet, Vice Chair Mark Ganz, Secretary/Treasurer Diane Longville, Directors: Brady Ramsay, Scott Costello, Mike Parenteau, Geoff Ratte, Barton Winter, Marty Rathmanner, absent was Director Susie Mahoney. A quorum was present.
3. **AGENDA** - Chair DeSmet asked for any changes to agenda, Director Parenteau would like to add under lake quality proposal to purchase new buoys and discovery of non-native phragmites around White Bear Lake. Motion DeSmet/second to approve agenda with additions. All aye passed.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF** – August 21, 2018 board meeting Motion (DeSmet/Second) Moved to approve all aye passed.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT TIME** – Brian McGoldrick asked again that a review of commercial bay be done and a clarification on boat counts. Chair DeSmet said we are in the process of setting up a meeting with Commercial Bay. Director Ganz will discuss boat count with Brian.
6. **NEW BUSINESS** - None
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None
8. **REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS**
Executive Committee – The executive committee discussed having a meeting with the dock owners in Commercial Bay and are in the process of finalizing a date and time to fit everyone's schedule. Once decided all dock owners will be notified. Also discussed having a tour of the lake with lake communities. This was done in the past, but attendance became low so have not done a tour in a few years. Will plan on doing a tour again with the communities next year spring early summer.
9. **Lake Quality Committee – Mike Parenteau**
 - **Lake Level** – as of today 923.67 8 inches higher than last year and same as last month.
 - **Lake water temperature** – 72 degrees, last month was 76 degrees and a year ago at this time it was 68 degrees.
 - **Proposal to purchase buoys** – Have received a quote to purchase 2 5-inch buoys that need to be replaced for \$318.00 which is \$18 over budget. Motion Parenteau/second to purchase these two buoys. All aye passed Kim will order.

- **Non-Native Phragmites** - August 29th Directors Parenteau and Costello started receiving emails regarding the discovery of non-native phragmites in and around White Bear Lake from the Ramsey County Soil & Water Conservation District. They are a grass or reed type plant. There are both native and non-native species. The native type is green stock grows around the shoreline, friendly. Non-native type is from the middle east has woody stock and grows 10-12 feet high can get as high as 15-19 feet. They block the frontage from the water and crowd out other species. They were first found in our area in 2015 in Turtle Lake. Turtle Lake was treated and disposed of it right away and so far no evidence of return. Director Parenteau spent the day going back and forth with DNR and Ramsey County Soil & Water as to what should be done and by which entity. As of today, no one was willing to take on the project, but this was the first day of discussions. DNR said they would identify and delineate if we want. Steve McComas suggested that it be treated right away this fall then see what it looks like in the spring. Lake Management can do this treatment they did the treatment to Turtle Lake. Director Parenteau suggested since this developed today that we wait a few days for further discussions with the DNR & Ramsey County, and also set up a plan for treatment if it turns out that is what is needed to be done this fall. Motion Parenteau/second to approve up to \$6,000 for potential treatment this fall. Asked if any benefit to treat twice this fall, once treated takes 6 weeks to knock it down so it would be to late in the season to do so. All aye passed.

10. Lake Utilization Committee – Mark Ganz

- Meeting at 6 pm was cancelled no applications received.
- Update – in the upcoming months to make some changes to the ordinances and to have all docks return to traditional placement before low water. Going to get drone bids for next year to have boat count done a couple times a month. Will propose to have all boats be counted a boat is a boat no matter what type or what used for and propose to have any dock owner that goes over their boat count will be deducted from the following year how many they will be allowed to have.

11. Lake Education – Scott Costello

- New website going well. Now receiving weekly stats of visits to the page. Received cleaned up version of ordinances from Alan will have uploaded to website. Will get information on the website regarding the non-native phragmites so the public is aware and what is being done to eliminate. When treatment is done make sure to put on the website the areas that have been treated.

12. Treasurer's Report – Please note, we are paying Ramsey County Water Patrol and we have provided the board with a copy of their report which lists the types of calls that were taken care of this year. Motion (Longville/Second) approval of September 18, 2018 Treasurer's report and payment of check numbers 4516-4524 All Aye passed.

13. Board Counsel

Still looking to meet with the Water Patrol, will do so when schedules free up. Have updated a large portion of the ordinances and have given them to Scott for review. Will continue to review and clean up the ordinances for easy viewing by the public on the website.

14. Lake Level Resolution Committee – Barton Winter

Committee made an attempt to have a meeting but had some difficulties. At this time many of the committee members do not feel this committee needs to continue to meet since the lake level issue is not relevant at this time. Will continue to discuss with the members as to how they would like to proceed.

15. Consent Agenda – Motion (Longville/Second) Move to accept the consent agenda. All Aye Passed.

16. Announcements – Chair DeSmet would like to thank all for attending and ask in the future if anyone is unable to attend the board meeting to please let Kim know in advance to make sure a quorum would be present. Director Rathmanner stated on September 9th a Sunday evening he received a few texts regarding excessive loud noise coming from the large charter boat and what could be done he was unsure so would like some clarification. Brian McGoldrick the owner of the large boat was in the audience and said if any such complaints have been received ask them call Admiral D's Bar and report the issue and they can contact the captain of the boat right away to have the volume turned down immediately.

**17. Adjournment – Motion (DeSmet/Second) Move to adjourn. All aye Passed.
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm**

ATTEST:

Kim Johnson _____
Executive Administrative Secretary

Date: 10/16/18

Bryan DeSmet _____
Board Chair

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