

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

7:00 pm Zoom meeting

Minutes of April 20, 2021

APPROVAL DATE: Approved

1. **CALL TO ORDER** the April 20, 2021 meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was called to order by Chair Bryan DeSmet at 7:00 pm by Zoom meeting.
2. **ROLL CALL** Present were: Chair Bryan DeSmet, Vice Chair Mark Ganz, Sec/Tres Diane Longville, Directors: Scott Costello, Mike Parenteau, Cameron Sigecan, Susie Mahoney, Scott O'Connor and Meredith Walburg. A quorum was present.
3. **AGENDA** – Chair DeSmet asked for any changes. None
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF** – March, 2021 board meeting. Motion (DeSmet/Second) to approve all aye passed.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT TIME** – None
6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Tally's DNR Request – Comments to the DNR to include with the review. Tallys is combining the two properties Tallys and Lake Ave which was purchased. They are asking for extension on feet out past the ord of 300ft and addition of more boats. All agreed to have attorney Alan Kantrud submit a letter as our representative that Tallys will be violating our Ordinance if any part of the dock is out past 300 ft and that we are not in favor of adding additional boats as referenced in prior studies.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

8. **REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS**

Executive Committee – No Meeting

- In prior month we voted to ask McComas to include historical data on water quality. Motion DeSmet/second to remove this line item request from the McComas bid. Since request have found that Rice Creek Water Shed has a lot of this information on their website as well as they work with organizations like ours to put together projects collecting data. Mike Parenteau will ask Rice Creek for assistance in collecting this data. Roll Call vote all aye Passed

9. **Lake Quality Committee – Mike Parenteau**

- 3/29/21 was Ice Out Day
- 924.61 Lake Level down 4 inches from Last Year
- 46 Degrees
- Bid out for Survey for treatment milfoil, Starry Wart, Zebra mussels, Phragmites any invasive species

Spoke with Julie Bowen at U of M regarding survey of phragmites they would like to work with Us and train us how to find phragmites. We will need volunteers to train and small boats in late July early August. Then treatment is early October.

Have Meredith put on social media to help get volunteers.

Time to send out swimmers itch letters

10. **Lake Utilization Committee – LUC reviewed the following and submitted to the board for approval.** Roll call per item

- Russ Becker– Approved (with contingent platforms are marked with reflective tape so edges can be seen)
- ESDA – Approved vote 1 abstain 8 aye
- Chateauquet – Approved
- McCartney Estate – Approved
- D Skeie – Approved
- S Bohnen – Approved
- City of Birchwood – Approved
- Cottage Park - Approved
- Fireworks Event– Approved
- Black Bear Sailing Team – Approved
- Tallys – Tabled
- Docks of White Bear – Tabled
- City of White Bear Lake - Tabled

11. Lake Education – Scott Costello

Social Media update – Meredith Walburg

Facebook and Instagram have been updated. Updates to website removing twitter icon. Have sent out lake levels, ice out day and information on Earth Day clean up. Followers is increasing. Lake Ed committee had a meeting to discuss boat launch signage. Presented sample of sign drafted. Scott and Kim will contact boat launch owners and marinas to see if they are interested WBLCD will cover the cost of making the signs the owners will have to cover installation. Motion to contact launch owners and marinas to see interest in signs, roll call all aye passed

12. Treasurer’s Report – Motion (DeSmet/Second) approval April 20, 2021 Treasurer’s report and payment of check numbers 4690-4695 Roll call All Aye passed.

Budget worksheet – Before May meeting all members please fill in their budget numbers and forward to Kim or Diane, Mark G will estimate LUC fees and send to Kim. Final Budget is complete in June and sent to Cities July 1st

Every 5 years we are required to have an audit by an outside CPA, Motion to send out request letters for bids Longville/second roll call all aye passed

13. Board Counsel – Alan Kantrud

Talking with DNR regarding wake boats

14. Announcements – Ramsey County Water Patrol has asked for an increase in allowed hours this summer as they anticipate it to be very busy. I asked they send an amount they are thinking to be able to present to the board for vote.

15. Adjournment – Motion (DeSmet/Second) Move to adjourn. All aye Passed.

Meeting adjourned

ATTEST:

Kim Johnson: *Kim Johnson*

Executive Administrative Secretary

Date: 4/20/21

Bryan: DeSmet: *Bryan DeSmet*

Board Chair

Date: 4/20/21