

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

7:00 pm Zoom meeting

Minutes of May 18, 2021

APPROVAL DATE: Not yet approved

1. **CALL TO ORDER** the May 18, 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, 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** – April, 2021 board meeting. Motion (DeSmet/Second) to approve with corrections all aye passed.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT TIME** – None
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
7. **Public Hearing**
  - Chair DeSmet opened the Public Hearing for Comments/discussions to have a variance due to usage and necessity this season 2021 in commercial bay to extend the maximum allowable dock length of 300 ft. to 345 ft. Request for comments from the public – None receivedChair DeSmet closed public hearing  
Board discussion and vote of variance. Docks are currently in place would be difficult to move at this time. Variance will be for this year only, future years all commercial bay properties will abide by the 300 ft. max unless another variance is filed and approved. Currently Tally's is at 340 ft.  
Docks of WB are at 330-345  
City of WB are at 264-331  
VFW is in the 300 ft. Limit  
Mark Ganz is going to go out and measure to make sure all properties are measuring from the same place. Motion DeSmet/second to allow extension of 300 ft. max to 345 ft. for the 2021 operating season roll call vote 1 abstain 7 aye variance passed
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None
9. **REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS**

**Executive Committee** – No Meeting
10. **Lake Quality Committee – Mike Parenteau**
  - 924.27 Lake Level
  - 62 Degrees
  - Bid out for Survey for treatment milfoil, Starry Wart, Zebra mussels, Phragmites any invasive species Motion to approve bid for survey vote all aye Passed
11. **Lake Utilization Committee – LUC reviewed the following and submitted to the board** for approval. Roll call per item Motion to approve Ganz/second (each application) all aye all approved

- Foodski approved with contingent sending in updated Declaration page of insurance adding WBLCD
- Tallys – Approved
- Docks of White Bear – Approved
- City of White Bear Lake – Approved
- 4<sup>th</sup> July Fireworks – Approved fee waived and want to donate \$100 as a sponsor

**12. Lake Education – Scott Costello**

Social Media update – Meredith Walburg

Followers increasing due to Facebook and Instagram being shared asking all to continue sharing to help get the word out. Working on projects to send out looking for volunteers to help find phragmites , lead out program, boating etiquette and lake clean up ideas

**Treasurer’s Report** – Motion (DeSmet/Second) approval May, 2021 Treasurer’s report and payment of check numbers 4696-4699 Roll call All Aye passed.

Budget worksheet – Updated worksheet with numbers from board. So far estimated numbers but looks like about \$20,000 less to be assessed to the cities.

As required 3 letters requesting bids have been sent out for audit services.

**13. Board Counsel** – Alan Kantrud

So far things are running smoothly early in the season

**14. Announcements** – None

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

**Meeting adjourned**

ATTEST:

Kim Johnson: *Kim Johnson*  
Executive Administrative Secretary  
Date: 5/18/21

Bryan: DeSmet: *Bryan DeSmet*  
Board Chair  
Date: 5/18/21