

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 pm White Bear Lake City Hall
Minutes of August 20, 2019

APPROVAL DATE: Approved 9/17/19 with corrections

1. **CALL TO ORDER** the August 20,, 2019 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 Sec/Tres Diane Longville, Directors: Scott Costello, Mike Parenteau, Geoff Ratte, Susie Mahoney, Cameron Sigecon, Absent was Director Marty Rathmanner A quorum was present.
3. **AGENDA** – Chair DeSmet asked any changes or additions- none
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF** – July 18, 2019 board meeting Motion (DeSmet/Second) Moved to approve all aye passed.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT TIME** – A large number of lake citizens attended to voice their rebuttal to the prior month's presentation of lake use concerns by "Respect the Lake". Tracy McKee was the spokesperson letting all know they are not all the things they are being accused of they are not pirates. They are families that have used the lake for generations and want to abide by the rules and enjoy the lake just like everyone else. Their biggest concern and complaints were do to the new extended buoys at Memorial Beach which were recently installed by the City of White Bear Lake. Suggested they speak to the City in regards to the buoy placement.
6. **NEW BUSINESS** – A donation of \$1500 was presented to WBLCD from the Respect the Lake Group to be used for additional water patrol. Motion (DeSmet/second) to decline this donation at this time as there are many questions that must be addressed first and we do not want to set any type of precedence. Suggested maybe changed to a grant with no stipulations. All aye Passed.

Asked Alan to get reports from both Ramsey and Washington County Patrols of what citations were issued this year, to get a better sense of the problems.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Buoy regulations discussion continued. Scott researched the State and County requirements and who has jurisdiction. Buoys are required to have blue & white bands. If flashing the light must be white. The discussion will continue. Alan will check on to what extent the county issues buoy permits and if they keep such records.

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

Executive Committee – Motion to increase our Executive Administrative Assistants Kim Johnson's hourly rate to \$25.30 a 10% increase and add 10 hours to PTO totaling to 50 hours per year effective immediately (DeSmet/second) all aye passed

9. Lake Quality Committee – Mike Parenteau

- Lake level – 925.05
- Lake temperature – 76 degrees
- Survey - Next month will get bid for phragmites and Steve will report on treatment results.

10. Lake Utilization Committee – Mark Ganz

Motion (Ganz/Second) to enforce new late fee for commercial bay properties as follows

All complete permit applications for the following season must be received by October 15th. Any application received on October 16th or later will be assessed \$25.00 per slip per week late fee. 7 days will count as a week. 1 day late will count as a week, 8 days will be 2 weeks and so on. The only exception to a complete package will be the inclusion of the City approval letter in regards to parking which will be given the extension of receipt until January 1st. All aye Passed. Kim will send out several reminders by email and mailed letters explaining this to all operators/Owners so there will be no questions. Kim will all so notify all non-commercial bay permit holders that the deadline to file is also October 15th if late a late fee of \$60 will be assessed.

Application for Derrek Skeie at 2717 Lake Ave. was approved for the 2019 season all aye passed.

11. Lake Education – Scott Costello – nothing

12. Treasurer’s Report – Motion (DeSmet/Second) approval of August 20, 2019 Treasurer’s report and payment of check numbers 4588-4593 All Aye passed.

League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust liability coverage vote to not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability all aye passed.

13. Board Counsel – Alan will look in to the issue of delegation of authority from DNR to WBLCD for water permit issuance.

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: 9/17/19

Bryan: DeSmet: *Bryan DeSmet*
Board Chair
Date: 9/17/19