



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL  
MINUTES of January 16, 2007

APPROVAL DATE: 2/20/07

**1. CALL TO ORDER** The January meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by Chair Gary Cox at 7:00 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL** Present were: Chair Gary Cox, Vice Chair Luke Michaud, Secretary/Treasurer Diane Longville, Directors Greg Donovan, George St. Germain, Mike Parenteau, Thomas Hoffman, John Steinworth, Scott St. Martin and Tom Alvarez. A quorum was present. Recording secretary was Julie Yoho.

**3. AGENDA**

Item 8b1 Alicia Heights dock app. should be “no change” ; item 8b3 VFW move to February. Add item 6b “Nomination of officers”

**MOTION #1 (Michaud/Hoffman) Move to approve agenda as amended. All aye, PASSED.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION #2 (Parenteau/Longville) Move to approve November meeting minutes. All Aye PASSED.**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME**

Mark Sather, City of White Bear Lake  
Goose Removal

WBL City Council approved 3 yr program for removal of geese on a cost sharing basis. Partners include the Lions Club, WBYC, Manitou Island Homeowners Assoc. All contributed to initial costs. Maintenance is now needed to keep goose population down. Because it involves entire lake, WBLCD has been requested to participate. (WBLCD voted “no” in the past). City of White Bear will continue to pay for part, would like to know if WBLCD will re-consider being involved. Bill total was \$2,700.00

Cox – Board policy is that if there is a problem we will contribute. No evidence has come to Board that there is a problem.

Michaud – this is public comment time - no action is usually taken. Put on next months agenda

Parenteau – Lake Quality Committee will look into and report back in Feb.

Steinworth – is it water quality issue? Seems like land management issue, not our business.

Cox – More information will be examined by LQC.

Michaud – A question for Mark, at the end of Banning St. there appears to be a lot of silt runoff. Any info on that?

Sather – lake levels may be making it more evident, but will check into it. Lake Ave. area will be getting improved storm water handling.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

6a. Travis Germundson, DNR Area Hydrologist.

Provided an overview on the Division of Waters and what they do. Activities include:

Water permitting, watershed mapping, shoreline management, lake management programs, climatology, dam safety. Also inventory maps for wetlands, regulate projects on public water or wetland, appropriate use of water.

- Drought predicted to continue thru 2007. Lake levels likely to fall more next year.

- Travis covers Ramsey and Washington county.

-Most info and data is available on website. We can improve our website links to DNR info.

- Can issue general permits. Issued some to LNCD for various water related activities so that they can be direct liaison.

- Current Shoreline rules are a little outdated. Alternative standards are available – brochure and website materials.

-Current challenges for the Department include: Privatization of public waters; larger docks and boats, E85 water consumption (over 7 gallons water for 1 gallon e85)

Q&A

Parenteau- appreciate your help and quick response in the past on projects

Michaud – What did the general permits for LMCD cover?

Germundson – Primarily the location of docks and mooring facilities. General permit allows LMCD to issue permit as long as all is up to DNR standard. DNR permit can be issued at the same time to make things easier for applicant. Less duplication of permits.

Hoffman – regarding drought conditions & lake levels – is this natural cycle how concerned are you?

Germundson – not a scientist, but seems that things are changing. We were expecting wet cycle but instead have extreme drought conditions up in the arrowhead, slightly less severe here.

Hoffman – how often are lake levels recorded?

Germundson – typically like to get every 2 weeks. Ramsey Co does reading, turnaround time is usually month.

Michaud – regarding structures such as boat houses, how close can it be/ dimensions, etc. Who regulates?

Germundson – DNR is involved if it extends beyond ordinary high water mark, otherwise would be city regulations. Existing boat houses are allowed to be maintained, new ones not permitted to be constructed.

6b. Nomination of officers for 2007. Diane nominated for Treasurer. Gary nominated for Chair. Luke nominated for Vice Chair.

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7a. Work plan updates - *none*

## **8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS**

### **8a. Lake Quality Committee**

Lake Ave will be rebuilt in summer 2007. Will be meeting with city engineer to discuss runoff treatment. Meetings are all public, there is concern by everyone that it be handled properly.

### **8b. Lake Utilization Committee**

8b2. Permit for Fletcher Driscoll. Change was in type/size of boats. One is now 20' sailboat, one is 38' sailboat. Driscoll also provided information on sailing activities on lake.

***MOTION #3 (Michaud/St.Germain) Move to approve Driscoll's permit for 2007. All Aye, PASSED.***

8b1. Alicia Heights. No change

***MOTION #4 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to approve Alicia Heights permit for 2007.***

Discussion:

St. Martin – question on distance from property lines. Some lines are blank, they be filled out.

Michaud – should be filled out. Application will be completed.

### **MOTION Amendment**

***Approve 2007 permit for Alicia Heights contingent on completed application and dock drawing. 9 Aye, 1 Nay (St. Martin), PASSED***

8b4. McCartney Estates

***MOTION #5 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to approve 2007 permit for McCartney Estates. All Aye, PASSED.***

8b5. Hickory Street Dock Assoc.

***MOTION #6 (Michaud/Hoffman) Move to approve 2007 permit for Hickory St. Dock Assoc. All Aye, PASSED.***

8b6. East Shore Dock Assoc.

***MOTION #7 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to approve 2007 permit for East Shore Dock Assoc. All aye, PASSED.***

8b7. Forest Heights Dock Assoc.

***MOTION #8 (Michaud/St.Germain) Move to approve 2007 Forest Heights Dock Assoc.***

Discussion

Parenteau – was there a change in configuration?

Michaud – No, it will not take place  
Lee Alnes, property owner north of the association  
-13 boats is too many on this lot. Proposed less lifts given safety issues mentioned in past. Wants to be on record that safety is ongoing concern to neighbors.

Pat Brandt – president of association  
-No change from 06. Had a good year, no complaints. Measured and checked compliance with dock application. Neighbors proposed change in configuration won't work due to swimming use on end of dock. Appreciate neighbors input. Want Board to determine number of boats.

John Deveny, property owner to south  
-Objects to permit for many reasons. Primary concern since 2004 had been safety issue. All boats come within 1 -2 feet of his dock. Tried to come up with compromise configuration and the association rejected.  
-Asks for permit to include configuration neighbors came up with.

***MOTION Vote***

***3 Nay (Longville, Steinworth, St. Martin). 7 Aye, PASSED***

8b8. Birch Beach Dock Association  
***MOTION #9 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to approve 2007 permit for Birch Beach Dock Association. All aye, PASSED.***

8b9. Dellwood St. Beach Club  
***MOTION #10 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to approve 2007 permit for Dellwood St. Beach Club. All Aye, PASSED***

Adjacent issue

Michaud – East of assoc. parcel, there is separate easement. In '06 boat lift was placed there. Michaud had it removed. People are claiming easement rights. Issue may resurface. If dock is placed to east, there may be crowding issues.

**8c. Lake Education Committee report**

LEC met today. Agenda for 2007 set. Items include summer pontoon cruise, more web content, homeowners assoc. coordination., more guest speakers (perhaps LMCD). Also reprints of matoska marsh photos, public access info on web, missing sign replacement.

Lake clean up will be March 3, 2007.

***MOTION # 11 (Hoffman/ Donovan) Move to approve up to \$1200 from account 6050 to hire Kristine to coordinate lake clean up. All Aye, PASSED.***

**8d. Treasurers report**

Change in December report – additional interest in CD is now reflected.

***MOTION # 12 (Longville/ Parenteau) Move to approve December 2006 Treasurers Report and pay checks 3728 – 3731. All aye, PASSED.***

***MOTION # 13 (Longville/Parenteau) Move to approve January 2007 Treasurers Report and pay checks 3732 - 3736. All aye, PASSED.***

***MOTION # 14 (Longville/Michaud) Move to have 2005 audit received. All Aye, PASSED.***

St. Germain – audit notes that we need dual signers on check. How did some get through bank with only one? Need more signers.

Longville – need officers to go to bank and become signers so that we have more on the card.

***MOTION # 15 (Longville/St. Germain) Move to accept Designation of depository resolution for 2007. Designates that we keep accounts in the current banks. 9 Aye, 1 abstain (Steinworth as US bank employee).***

**8e. Board Counsel report**

none

**8f. Administrative staff report**

none

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

***MOTION # 16 (Michaud/Parenteau) Move to approve consent agenda. All aye, PASSED.***

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cox – editorial in White Bear Press will need response. Hoffman will prepare. Cox to review. Steinworth would like to participate.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

***MOTION # 17 (Donovan/Michaud) Move to adjourn. All Aye, Passed.***

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

ATTEST:

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Administrative Secretary

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APPROVED:

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Board Chairperson

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Date