



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of March 15, 2005

APPROVAL DATE: 4/19/05

1. CALL TO ORDER The March 15, 2005 regular meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by vice chair Luke Michaud at 7:08 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL Present were: Vice Chair Luke Michaud, Secretary/Treasurer Diane Longville; Directors Thomas Hoffman, Greg Donovan, Mike Parenteau, Jon Steinworth, Tom Alvarez. A quorum was present. Recording secretary was Julie Yoho. Absent were: Gary Cox & George St.Germain (both excused).

3. AGENDA

Add item 8b1 Ramsey Co Sheriffs Contract ; move Forest Heights dock app. to 8b2
MOTION #1 (Hoffman/Donovan) Move to approve agenda as amended. All Aye, Passed

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (Parenteau/Hoffman) Move to approve minutes of February 15, 2005. All Aye, Passed.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

none

6. NEW BUSINESS:

none

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Lake Quality Committee

Mike Parenteau has been appointed to serve as chair of the Lake Quality Committee

8b. Lake Utilization Committee

8b1. Ramsey County Sheriff Water Patrol (Lt. Ron Putresson, Sergeant Jon LaRoque, Deputy Michael Norstrem & Deputy Tony Waldo were present)

The annual report from 2004 was presented. Contract renewal for 2005 with request for increase in pay of 5% this year, 5% next year.

Discussion:

- Docking location for patrol boat is narrow and in shallow spot – can they have better more accessible place to keep the boat? They have been docking by Manitou Island after being moved from commercial bay.
- New deputies are being added – they will be part time and have different license requirements. They have full arrest powers and can enforce all ordinances. (LUC will try to get Code Enforcement Officer on board for this summer. Committee will be bringing proposal before board in future.)
- Question regarding violation statistics – what is in the “other” category?
Answer: DNR citations such as operations, fishing violations, administrative violations like registrations, etc. Also violations against WBLCD ordinances – all items that don’t fit the other defined categories. In future the “other” column needs to be more clear so that we know what is happening on the lake.
- Boat docking issues will be examined by Board
- Contract expired in Dec. because hourly pay rate was in debate. Winter patrol happened anyway. Bill for winter will reflect new contract rate.

MOTION # 3 (Donovan/Parenteau) Move to accept 2005 Sheriffs Contract with friendly amendment that Luke Michaud is able to sign contract on behalf of the Board tonight in Gary’s absence.

Discussion: Longville – note that this will put us over budget for enforcement.

All Aye, Passed.

8b2. Forest Heights Dock application for 2005

Lake Utilization Committee would like to approve permit for 11 boats for 2005. This dock assoc. has grown over past few years from 4 boats to 11, and there are neighborhood concerns, some people are present tonight.

Discussion:

Lee Alnes. When property was purchased it was swimming beach and now has become like a marina. Lot is 75 ft wide with long dock and large lifts with canopies. Safety, noise, crowding are issues now. Feels there are too many boats for such a small area.

- Concerns about parking, lift storage, launching of boats there.
- Infringement on ADUA concerns.
- Association would like to try to get along with neighbors.
- Last year they were approved for 11, they wanted 14 for '05. Now they would like approval for 11 again.

Pat Brandt from Forest Heights assoc.: They have amended by laws to handle neighbors concerns. Launching issue has been addressed. They are trying to regulate the numbers and size. There are 38 members in association.

Steinworth: 11 boats plus x number of boats launching means high number can use site. It is problem on site due to traffic. Board should prohibit launching.

Committee recommends they don’t do that.

Five canoes are stored there in addition to the 11 slips.

MOTION #4 (Donovan/Alvarez) Move to approve Forest Heights dock application for 2005. Five Aye, two opposed (Longville, Steinworth), Passed.

8c. Lake Education Committee report

Spring Clean Up summary

- 275 lbs of trash was picked up by 50 volunteers. Unusual items included flip flops and an umbrella
- City of White Bear is planning clean up in April around Earth Day, WBLCD should coordinate with Mark Sather. Shoreline clean up can occur then. DNR can provide bags for Earth Day.
- May do clean up again next year. Thank you to Kristine for coordinating this event for us this year.

New website design is here. Mock up is here for review. Information and pictures will be updated – pull from Mission Statement.

MOTION #5 (Hoffman/Parenteau) Move to approve spending \$56.00 for purchasing the the template. All aye, passed.

Who updates it the site? Lake Education Committee. Also need to check to be sure new design can be accessed by many browsers.

8d. Treasurers report

MOTION #6 (Longville/Michaud) Move to approve March Treasurers report and pay checks 3560 - 3566. All Aye, PASSED.

8e. Board Counsel report

no report

8f. Administrative staff report

no report

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #7 (Parenteau/Donovan) Move to approve consent agenda. ALL AYE, PASSED

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

2005 list of dock applications will be sent to Board via regular and e-mail.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #8 (Hoffman/Parenteau) Move to adjourn. ALL AYE, PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date _____

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date _____