



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of April 19, 2016

APPROVAL DATE: 5/17/16

1. CALL TO ORDER The April meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by Chair Jane Harper at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

2. ROLL CALL Present were: Chair Jane Harper, Vice Chair Bryan DeSmet, Directors Mike Parenteau, Pat McCann, George St. Germain, Gene Altstatt, Scott Costello, Mark Ganz. A quorum was present. Absent were Diane Longville & Susie Mahoney (both excused).

3. AGENDA

MOTION #1 (Parenteau / DeSmet) Move to approve agenda. All aye passed

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (Parenteau/ St Germain) Move to approve minutes of March. All aye passed

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

none

6. NEW BUSINESS

6a. Water quality sampling & modeling; Jason Moeckel MN DNR Eco & Water Services
Jason provided an overview of the water sampling and analysis proposed for White Bear Lake. This is part of the augmentation study ordered by the legislature to see what it would take to pipe & pump water into WBL in regards to water quality. Data will be collected throughout the open water season this year. The DNR has developed a list of parameters and question that need to be answered. The full analysis will require funding of \$280k. Met Council, Ramsey Co, USGS and others were consulted in developing the parameters. If no funding comes through the DNR will wait on the analysis. WBLCD can play a role in stakeholder meetings and helping to share information with the public once it is gathered.

Q&A

DeSmet – huge watershed for Mississippi river vs small watershed for WBL. If water is pumped from river, will herbicides & pesticides be monitored for?

Moeckel – uncertain, but worth following up on. Question is how much remains and the amount of dilution as it passes on. Will add to list of questions

DeSmet – if we wanted to provide input on sampling regime what would deadline be?

Moeckel – sooner the better, we're already sampling.

Parenteau – will follow up with McCommas if there are any parameters missing that could be included (if funded).

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Lake Level Resolution Committee

The LLRC activities for this month are as follows:

8a1. Race to Reduce

- The South Campus students are administering a community-wide survey on water use throughout White Bear Lake.
- On April 2nd they went door-to-door conducting a survey of household in WBL regarding water usage.
- They have provided a link to a survey that people can fill out, which they would like the WBLCD to put on our website to try to get more people in White Bear Lake to complete the survey. They have also shared the link through the School District, Rotary, and on social media.
- The City of WBL has provided water usage readings for the participating test households, and the students are in the process of analyzing the collected data.
- They are planning on sending a summary report by the end of May.

8a2. MarketFest – We are not planning on participating in MarketFest this year.

8a3. City of WBL will be hosting a water conservation event on May 7th from 9:00 to noon. They will set up a table for us, and anyone interested in standing by the table is welcome. They have provided a digital flyer announcing the event, is there any objection to putting this on our website?

8a4. LLRC Meeting Schedule – The next LLRC meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2016.

8b. Lake Quality Committee

8b1. Water level: 921.93 . 10” higher than last year this time

8b2. Water temp: 53 degrees

8b3. Swim itch letter will be sent to cities

8b4. Send out bid letters for EWM 2016 treatment

8c. Lake Utilization Committee

Ramsey co water patrol contract. In 2017 they will not be able to hire part time officers, so we will face full cost

MOTION # 3 (St Germain/Ganz) Move to accept 2016 water patrol contract. All aye passed.

MOTION #4 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve Redpath waterski course permit. All aye passed.

MOTION #5 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve Altstatt mooring buoy permit. All aye passed.

WB Township mooring buoy application. No drawing, no one here. Tabled until next month.

City WBL 2017 pre-approval for new dock system

Neighbors were in attendance at committee meeting and would like to see it stay as it is, no problem with new docks or layout.

Public comments

Brian McGoldrick, Docks of WBL - do not approve of this, would like fairness. Density according to frontage not fair, need formula. All about money. There is zero setback, want same rules. Don't need to approve 2017 yet, wait and develop plan that is equal.

Peter Sampair – 4453 Lake St, Aqua Restaurant

In favor of current layout and new docks. Our dock adjoins “e” dock of the cities, so tie slips can be used. It has worked well to leave space open for access.

Ganz – If neighbors agree, we've allowed less than 10' clearance between structures. VFW attended the committee meeting also, everyone seems happy with arrangement for the past 30 years. Proposal is new dock system with same layout & use.

MOTION # 6 (Ganz / Parenteau) Move to pre- approve 2017 permit for Municipal Marina.

Discussion

Altstatt – why do you use MNCOR?

Mark Burch – state contract for public agencies. Good product, employees learn skills

Ganz –permit will have to renew annually as in past

VOTE : All aye passed.

Docks will be purchased by city

8d. Lake Education Committee

No report

8e. Joint Powers Task Group

No meeting. Dellwood passed resolution similar to other cities with conditional support for an augmentation project.

8f. Treasurer's Report

MOTION # 7 (Harper/Ganz) Move to approve Treasurers report and pay checks 4346 - 4351.

All aye passed

2015 audit. Received 2 proposals, one firm we have worked with in the past (MMKR) and also came in with the lowest cost.

MOTION #8 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to hire MMKR for 2015 audit. All aye passed.

8g. Board Counsel Report

Legislative update: not much yet, bill introduced senate but not house.

8h. Administrative Staff Report

Items included in packet this month:

- Agenda
- March draft minutes
- Dock Permit applications : 1
- permit applications : 3
- 2016 Water Patrol contract

- Finance report
- 2017 Budget worksheet

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #9 (Harper/Ganz) Move to approve. All aye passed.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #10 (St Germain /Ganz) Move to adjourn. All aye passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date