



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of May 16, 2017

APPROVAL DATE 7/18/2017May

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

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

3. AGENDA

Add item 8a2. Temporary hire for administrator position

Add item 8b2. Harrod Mahoney letter

MOTION #1 (DeSmet / McCann) Move to approve agenda with additions. All aye, passed

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (DeSmet / Parenteau) Move to approve minutes with changes noted. All aye passed.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Executive Committee

Intend to meet with all communities to get feedback regarding WBLCD.
Met with City of WBL City Manager already. Discussed coordinating on commercial bay, board correspondence.

8a1. Draft social media policy. Review and take action at June meeting.

Parenteau - Who is eligible to post?

Costello – 1 board member and administrator. Primarily Facebook focus.

DeSmet – education committee chair and administrator could post, others can provide suggestions. Table until next month so people have time to review

8a2. Temporary hire for Administrator

City and township suggested \$20/hr. as pay rate

MOTION #3 (DeSmet/Parenteau) Move to hire Mary Harrington on temporary basis to serve as administrator up to 85 hours per month temporarily until we fill position.

Discussion

Mahoney – will she need more hrs?

DeSmet - Can hire at 85 and if not enough, increase. Or allocate more hours now.

Costello – could go up to 100, permanent hire will need more hours long term

Julie was up to 112 / month

***MOTION #3 Amendment (Costello / Parenteau) Amend to up to 100 hours per month.
All aye passed***

DeSmet - Hiring process for permanent part time is an opportunity to get input from all board members as to what position entails. Update job description. Would anyone on the board like to lead effort? Get ideas for process to executive committee.

Costello – suggest asking city HR people for assistance

8b. Lake Level Resolution Committee

No report

8c. Lake Quality Committee

8c1. Level 923.2. (100 yr average 924.23) 1 ¼ ft higher than last year

8c2. Temp 68 degrees

8c3. EWM bids. Lake Restoration indicated depth of 4 feet on bid (too shallow), additional cost for deep treatment.

Lake management uses average depth of 6 ft, will go deeper without additional charge.

Lake Restoration will rebid after they get survey map, also provided a low cost on 24-d.

Lake Management DMA 4 product available, different than trichlopyr. No restriction for swimming or fishing; restriction on irrigation with water. Used on 6 out of 7 lakes in MN. May be good time to change for 1-2 yr for best results.

DeSmet – DMA 4 has 24-d in it at lower concentrate and other ingredients.

Controls vegetation in aquatic environments

Parenteau - Would like to use DMA 4 with lake management. Know they'll come out and not re-bid. We had diminished results with the trichlopyr last year.

Kantrud – you don't have another bid for DMA4 for comparison.

Parenteau - Lake Restoration doesn't use. There aren't many people that do this; may be one in Brainerd

Kantrud – check with McComas

Parenteau – dosage and products are as approved by DNR . Have worked with Lake Management for years and have been pleased

MOTION # 4 (Parenteau/Ganz) Move to accept bid from Lake Management and treat with DMA4. All aye, passed

Mike will research further if there are others

DeSmet – we could have special meeting if other applicator is found. This is a specialty service. Next year could research further

8d. Lake Utilization Committee

8d1. 54 Peninsula Road. Better drawing has been requested. Problem at site with loitering. Owner has 1200 ft lake frontage on 8 acres. Requesting 2nd dock to keep DNR boat and as fishing dock. This is one of only shorelines on lake that has 2 docks. Swim buoy in ADUA.

MOTION #5 (Ganz / St Germain) Move to approve dock as one year variance permit.

Discussion

Ganz - Will be pulled in 10 ft so within ADUA. DNR boat currently on shore. Uses to monitor the weather station.

Kantrud – other point on why this is worthy of variance?

Ganz – allow DNR and U of M people to monitor at site, wanted to have a fishing dock, not blocking navigation, plenty of room, permit given for 1 year. One other property (Fletcher Driscoll) is allowed 2 docks for regatta boats. Reasonable and unique, in public interest due to safety factor at site.

Costello – there have been vocal groups in past wanting to use this area, does this allow for use or will it generate more complaints?

Ganz – 2 parties have been working together to come up with solution

DeSmet – is the entire area still navigable?

Ganz – yes

St Germain – off point and north side is where heavy usage area is

Mahoney – Ramsey beach will be open this year also

MOTION #5 vote: All aye –passed (Approval tabled at this (June) meeting. Before approval, this section needs to be compared to DVD to verify accuracy—requested by S. Mahoney and directed to staff by DeSmet, Chairman, —will be re- approved at July meeting. (Accuracy of measurements or angles—not possible to verify - photo submitted was out of date with comments); for reference, 5/16/17 written comments from the Mahoneys are attached to the official May minutes of this meeting). (Corrections found are in blue below)

8d2. Harrod / Mahoney

Ganz- read the order issued. Angle of Mahoney dock is not at same angle as other 3 to north. Appears to be 10' from ordinary high water mark into convergence.

Kantrud – we have an e-mail from Mahoney stating angle is same as before.

Order intention was for angles to not converge, prior years seemed to work well.

Susie Mahoney, 479 Lake Ave - Ganz looked at dock from Harrod property not from our property. We contend that Harrods don't have dock in correct place based on tax records of frontage (Admin note: tax and plat frontage given were different). Their dock isn't in compliance, off by 3 feet. Our opinion is

Harrods angling north towards us

DeSmet – understand docks on north side are parallel to Harrods

Ganz – Mahoney dock is converging; was 10' off property line last year.

Kantrud – suggest we table for review and accept email as response.

St Germain – angle of dock is separate issue from frontage

McCann – conflict of interest with Susie being on Board ?

MOTION #6 DeSmet: Move to table until next month; Mahoney second: All aye –passed

8e. Lake Education Committee

Wirebuilt report showing website visits up over last year. Would like to update website and refresh content. Would like to have contact information for each board member on site. Looking into email.

8f. Treasurer's Report

MOTION # 6 (DeSmet/Parenteau) Motion move to approve May treasurers report and pay checks 4412 – 4417. All aye passed.

2018 budget planning

Discussion was held on budget and line item amounts. Julie will send out the changes made tonight, vote on final next month

8g. Board Counsel Report

No longer in litigation with DNR. DNR will hold public meeting prior to June 7. DeSmet – potential dates are June 5 or June 8

8h. Administrative Staff Report

Items included in packet this month:

- Agenda
- April meeting minutes
- Finance report
- 2018 budget draft
- Draft media policy
- Dock variance application

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #7 (DeSmet / Parenteau) Move to approve. All aye passed

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #8 (St Germain /Ganz) Move to approve. All aye passed.

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

July 18, 2017

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

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