



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of May 19, 2015

APPROVAL DATE: 6/16/15

1. CALL TO ORDER The May 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, Treasurer Diane Longville, Directors Mike Parenteau, Gene Altstatt, George St. Germain, Suzanne Donnell, Scott Costello. A quorum was present. Recording Secretary was Julie Yoho. Absent were Pat McCann, Mark Ganz (both excused).

3. AGENDA

Add item swimmers itch 8b3.

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

This is the last meeting for Suzanne, thank you for your service.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (Parenteau/Altstatt) Move to approve minutes of April. All aye passed

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Brian McGoldrick, Docks of WBL

Came to board last May with issues in commercial bay. Would like to have Board review commercial bay in the near future.

St. Germain & Ganz will discuss and bring to board in future

6. NEW BUSINESS

none

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Lake Level Resolution Committee

Committee will meet again in July. Bryan attended Race2Reduce meeting. They are an organization from Mahtomedi with goal to reduce water use in community and at schools. Looking for state funds also. Would like to have program head come and talk to board about what they are doing

8b. Lake Quality Committee

- 8b1. Water level 921.12, higher than last month and 6” higher than last year at this time.
We’ve had 3.74 inches rain since last meeting.
- 8b2. Water temp 56 degrees
- 8b3. Swim itch letters – will be sent out to Cities

19 buoys are out. Suggestion for another one off point of peninsula across from island.
Gene will discuss location with Mike.

8c. Lake Utilization Committee

George – no items on agenda this month. Problem dock area in Mahtomedi was discussed. This location has had issues since 2001 between several neighbors in bay area. Low water levels make matters worse, plus 3 easements. They all want lifts and Ts out. Area was marked several years ago & they were ordered to stay 10’ apart. Got by for last 2 years. Now some are (allegedly) moving docks. Personally think they should not be allowed to have lift or L or T in dock configuration in that area. May have to set rule and likely get taken to court.

Kantrud – in past, the Board attitude was this was a local issue and they had to figure it out. If we do rule, no one will be happy. At some point the neighbors have to figure it out. This location is a pinch point.

Expect more next month

8d. Lake Education Committee

Altstatt - On May 2 we participated in the City of WBL conservation event at City Hall.
Costello – We have request to Ramsey co for funding for AIS education. Idea is trifold brochure that could go out to homeowners around lake. Would like to understand the “dry off” rule. Draft for review – DNR is reviewing. Would like to have it done in the next 6 weeks.

DeSmet – will have booth at Market Fest three nights with aerators, shower heads, drawing for toilets, one night is environmental night when we’ll have the big drawing. Will get exact dates out

Altstatt – would like to do booth like that at Mahtomedi farmers market also

8e. Joint powers task group

Harper - 2nd meeting was held on May 11. Group of 4 WBLCD Board members are on subcommittee to follow up on request by legislature.

Last meeting talked with Judy Richter, a consultant about process. A Joint Powers Board can only be formed with shared authority of members. Questions we are struggling with: what to accomplish, what process, who is involved. Strategy is to meet with each city council and board in June and July. Gene and Judy worked on key messages. Next task group meeting scheduled for June 8.

8e. Treasurer’s Report

MOTION #3 (Longville/ DeSmet) Move to approve May treasurers report and pay checks 4288 – 4293. All aye passed.

2016 budget needs final approval at June meeting.

St Germain – recommend we don’t lower city fee

General discussion was held over the fund balance. St Germain pointed out that the board has always protected the fund balance so we can borrow, attack problems if needed

Kantrud – the WBLCD is more of special use city than anything else. Most city’s keep 40 – 50% of their budget in reserve
Parenteau - Percentage wise it may sound high, but 60k won’t buy much these days.
More information and discussion next month

8f. Board Counsel Report

No new items

8g. Administrative Staff Report

Items included in packet this month:

- Agenda
- April draft minutes
- April Finance report

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #4 (Harper/Parenteau) Move to approve consent agenda. All aye passed.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #5 (St Germain/ Parenteau) Move to adjourn. All aye, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date