



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of June 16, 2015

APPROVAL DATE: 7/21/15

1. CALL TO ORDER The June meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by Chair Jane Harper at 7:04 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, Mark Ganz, Scott Costello. A quorum was present. Recording Secretary was Julie Yoho. Absent was Pat McCann (excused).

3. AGENDA

Add item "EWM treatment & survey"

MOTION #1 (Parenteau/Longville) Move to approve agenda with addition above. All aye passed

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

none

6. NEW BUSINESS

Paul Steinhauser, Race2Reduce program

Paul provided an overview of Race 2 Reduce, a water conservation program that provides education on water use and conservation in schools and the local communities. They focus on 3 facets: a school water conservation program, adult program, upgrading homes & businesses technologies.

Q&A

Harper – what are cities doing to help?

Steinhauser – We have asked them to have a science based lawn watering policy that is uniform.

Harper – where does your funding come from?

Steinhauser – started 2 yrs ago started from individual donations and small grants

Harper – do cities contribute?

Steinhauser – not yet. Would like cities to do rebate program incentive for dual flush toilets

There are 13 communities in WBL area pumping from the aquifer. 5 are around the lake.

Education will be going out to communities further from lake.

Altstatt – is there funding from the legislature?

Steinhauser - \$150k from to the WBL & Mahtomedi School districts over 2 yr period. H2O For Life will oversee and manage the funds

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Lake Level Resolution Committee

Next meeting will be July 20

DeSmet – would like to discuss funding some of these conservation efforts Race 2

Reduce proposed. We spend \$500 annually on Marketfest info & items. This program helps spread message more around the 5 communities. Would advocate for some funding to help with mission.

Altstatt – can we give money to them or other organizations?

Kantrud – need to know organizational make-up of the body. Would like to see it on the agenda for public input and have him request funds directly.

St Germain – who does funding go to?

DeSmet – the fiscal agent is H2O For Life.

Kantrud – great ideas. Would like formal request, run through committee

Harper – would like clarity on organization, where would funds go, specific activity?

Kantrud – need to be accountable, credit on advertising, worthy to ask questions prior to committing money

Harper – Should we be members of that group? Don't want duplication of efforts

DeSmet – LLRC will discuss and have formal plan for next mtg

Harper – specific dollar amount

DeSmet – please email questions to Bryan

8b. Lake Quality Committee

8b1. Water level 921.31 today. 2 ¼ inches higher than last month, down from last year by 2 1/4 inches (lots of rain last year at this time)

8b2. Water temp: 74 degrees

8b3. EWM survey will be done in next couple weeks. Treatment may happen before next meeting, will be within budget.

8c. Lake Utilization Committee

8c1. 4th of July fireworks

MOTION # 3 (Ganz/St Germain) Move to approve permit for July 4 fireworks and waive fee. All aye passed.

In Commercial bay there is a dock section being stored in the bay. Would like to send letter to Docks of WB and have it removed. Ganz & Kantrud will work on draft.

City of White Bear permit was approved this year with header dock configuration. Now they are putting all new docks in, need to have 10' clearance.

St Germain – if they are putting new dock in, need to be up to code. May be better where they are located, but we should grant a variance to allow.

Ganz – discussion was whether they are in compliance or in need of new permit

DeSmet – seems they need new permit in either case.

Kantrud – agree, new permit application with variance if needed. Previous configuration was grandfathered in.

In Mahtomedi there is a dock issue. Dock is placed on city peninsula property with a plank walk going across marsh to get to the peninsula. Gene & Mark working with city. City needs to allow this use on their land, or have dock removed.

8d. Lake Education Committee

Website usage report: 41% higher than last year.

Costello - We received \$2500 from Ramsey County for AIS education. We are working on Zebra mussel brochure project. DNR comments are back. Would like to order mailing labels this week. Final formatting needed, hope to be mailing early July.

8e. Joint powers task group

Held a meeting to get update. There is no need for WBLCD to be a fiscal agent at this time. DNR did receive \$100k for a cost estimate report. No additional funding. The legislators encouraged us to keep working, 2016 is a bonding year and it would be good to request funding then. No need for joint powers board at this time. Next steps will meet with reps from 5 communities and see if there is any consensus on what needs to be done.

8f. Treasurer's Report

MOTION #4 (Longville/Parenteau) Move to approve June treasurer's report and pay checks 4294 – 4297. All aye passed.

2016 budget

MOTION #5 (Longville/Ganz) Move to approve 2016 budget. All Aye, passed.
Copy will be sent to board members first.

8f. Board Counsel Report

No new items

8g. Administrative Staff Report

Items included in packet this month:

- Agenda
- May draft minutes
- Lake Use Permit Application – 1
- Finance Report
- 2016 proposed budget

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #6 (Parenteau/St Germain) Move to approve. All aye passed.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #7 (St Germain/Parenteau) Move to adjourn. All aye, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date