



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of June 19, 2012

APPROVAL DATE: July 17, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER The June meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by Chair Mike Stawnychy at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL Present were: Chair Mike Stawnychy, Vice Chair Luke Michaud, Directors George St. Germain, Mike Parenteau, Jane Harper, Sue Cernohous, Diane Longville, Suzanne Donnell, Bryan DeSmet. A quorum was present. Recording secretary was Julie Yoho. Absent was Yale Norwick.

3. AGENDA

Move item 8d3 under “unfinished business”. Add item 8b3. “compliance letter for Park Ave easement.

MOTION #1 (Stawnychy/Parenteau) Move to approve agenda as amended. All aye, Passed.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (Stawnychy/Parenteau) Move to approve minutes of May. All aye, Passed.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Brian McGoldrick, Docks of WBL.

Still having issues with DNR dock permit. DNR has given a list of requirements Does he abide by DNR or ? What is position of board – who does he talk to?

Stawnychy – After speaking to DNR, I was told there were complaints on dock length. It is a commercial dock with changes so DNR has right to look at.

Concerns were over eliminating Lions Park access and Don Mooney’s dock Michaud – Believe the Board accommodated concerns through variance.

Kantrud – Legally DNR has at least concurrent jurisdiction. Board has special authority over that. Believe Board went thru correct procedure. DNR does not have a procedure for variance, which may be the problem. Currently, Board is out of picture, has done everything we can do.

Michaud – we do not have issue if you are within your drawing.

McGoldrick – city council member called DNR to see if there was a complaint.

DNR wouldn’t say. One of my requirements is to have engineering drawings of configuration. I’m asking for ohm to be re-done so drawings can be exact.

Appreciate what board has done so far.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Two new Board members are here tonight. Bryan DeSmet from White Bear Township, and Suzanne Donnell from Birchwood.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Perry Jones, USGS study funding.

We currently need additional \$24,600 to complete. With WA County's extra contribution, we still need \$11,510 after figuring what Ramsey Co will contribute. Would like to divide up between 6 entities – WBLCD & 5 cities. On July 13 there is another meeting.

Stawnychy – did you consider asking any other contributors?

Jones – yes, reviewed others

Parenteau – My understanding when we started this was it was all covered, have some not paid?

Jones – after initial meeting we decided to push forward thinking it would be covered. There was enough pledged to at least move forward.

Parenteau - any not fulfilled?

St Germain – submarine costs was from funds we had for EWM. Project funds went to sub instead of general project.

Stawnychy – this will conclude final report?

Michaud – looking for USGS discount, your budget is larger than ours. Can you shave off 4%?

Jones – USGS has done ½ the funds already. Will have to ask supervisors.

Stawnychy– will have to present to each city and get it through city meetings.. looking at at least 2 months.

Jones – city could do private or public funds. Willing to look at other options, would like to see other ideas as well.

Harper – did Met Council contribute?

Jones – no, in-kind help. Also DNR was in-kind.

Harper – have you asked Met Council? Seems they have some responsibility & interest since the impact is from consumption.

Jones – also Dept of Health potentially.

Harper – I'm on city council, would have to go for review. City would not look favorably on equal division. Divide on population or tax capacity, or other.

Jones – WB Township was willing to do another 5k but wanted more equal division. Will talk to Met Council.

Stawnychy – in favor of asking cities to do this?

Harper – needs to be clear in letter what additional funding would go for, itemize remaining.

Jones – final report that documents findings.

Stawnychy – just to make it public?

Jones – document conclusions for future. Findings and process. Data is out there, summary of analysis is not there.

Parenteau – very important. Suggest hunting down any pledges not paid and asking for discount. I see the next step grant got turned down?

Jones – yes, LCMR did not select. Will re-submit next year. Maybe Legacy funding available to try to calculate water leaving and going to deeper aquifer. Stawnychy – We'll wait to hear on discount and Met Council contributions. Last option is to approach cities. July 13 meeting with cities, could be brought up.

8. Reports/Action Items

8a. Lake Quality Committee

- 8a1. Lake temp 74 degrees. Last year 67 degrees
- 8a2. Water level 920.67. 3 ½ inches higher than last month.
- 8a3. EWM survey and treatment update. Survey was done on June 7. 126 acres had growth within 3 ft of surface. On June 8 applicator came and looked at areas. On June 20 DNR will survey and qualify acreage for grant treatment. Guess is DNR will find more than the June 7 amount. Areas are not completely consistent with last year. Will treat when DNR does survey and tells us how much funding we'll get.

8b. Lake Utilization Committee

- 8b1. WBL fireworks event permit

MOTION # 3 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve permit. All aye passed

- 8b2. Forest Heights variance. Luke has another map for file.

MOTION # 4 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve variance for Forest Heights this year. All aye, passed.

- 8b3. Park Ave compliance letter

Issues with dock location - recommend compliance letter to association members.

MOTION #5 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to draft letter to easement ordering dock be moved into compliance. All aye passed.

- 8b4. Citation was issued on last Friday in other dock placement dispute

8c. Lake Education Committee

none

8d. Treasurer's Report

MOTION # 6 (Longville/Cernohous) Move to pay checks 4109 - 4111. All aye, passed.

8d2. 2013 budget

MOTION # 7 (Longville/Michaud) Move to accept budget for 2013.

Discussion

St Germain – approx. 15% increase in assessment

Longville – spending up \$9040 from this year for milfoil treatment

Michaud – if we had appropriate reserves we wouldn't have to increase budget

Harper – is there fund balance policy or target?

Michaud – policy has traditionally been set by our chair during budget process.

Stawnychy – There was under spending last year due to state shutdown. No formal policy.

Longville – have spent down balance- you can see fund balance over years

St Germain – deficit spent for previous years.

Motion vote

All aye passed.

St Germain – point out less income and increase in milfoil expenses.

8e. Board Counsel Report

Wa County issued citation. First one they've done for us.

Working on drafting amendment to agreement we have to collect additional funds for the USGS study.

8f. Administrative Staff Report

Items included in packet this month:

- Agenda
- May draft minutes
- permit applications – 2
- Finance report

9. CONSENT AGENDA

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

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Snowmobile was found. Sheriff is going to remove.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION # 9 (Stawnychy / Cernohous) Move to adjourn. All aye passed.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm.

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date