



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of June 20, 2006

APPROVAL DATE: 7/18/06

1. CALL TO ORDER The May meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by chair Gary Cox at 7:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL Present were: Chair Gary Cox, Vice Chair Luke Michaud, Secretary/Treasurer Diane Longville, Directors Greg Donovan, Mike Parenteau, George St. Germain, John Steinworth, Tom Alvarez, Thomas Hoffman. Absent was Scott St. Martin (excused). A quorum was present. Recording secretary was Julie Yoho.

3. AGENDA

Add item 8b3. Hodgson / Schoeller dock dispute
Remove item "Ease Shore Dock Association"

MOTION #1 (Michaud/Hoffman) Move to approve agenda as amended. ALL AYE, PASSED.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (Parenteau/Michaud) Move to approve minutes from May meeting. ALL AYE, PASSED.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

none

6. NEW BUSINESS

6a. Approve 2007 budget

MOTION #3 (Michaud/Longville) Move to approve 2007 budget as presented.

Discussion:

LUC – requests adding \$2000 under item line 6071 for Shoreline Inventory Study for 2007. Study would count docks, number and type of boats on dock, provide counts of boats/traffic/access use data. Baseline info WBLCD collects every 2 yrs.

Steinworth – recommends reducing line 6060a swimmers itch, \$1000

MOTION #4 (Steinworth/Cox) Move to reduce line item 6060a Swimmers Itch to \$1000.

Discussion:

\$3000 was based on worst case scenario of treating all eligible beaches for swimmers itch, and the timeliness of our ability to reimburse cities.

Steinworth – feels this amount is excessive

Donovan – would agree to reduce to \$1000 assist in the budget.

Motion #4 Vote: 3 Nay (Parenteau, St. Germain, Michaud), 6 AYE, Passed. Line 6060a is reduced to 1000

Motion #3 Vote: Approve 2007 Budget as amended. ALL AYE, PASSED.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7a. Work plan updates

LEC – shoreline restoration recommendations are in process.

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Lake Quality Committee

Purple loosestrife in Halls Marsh area. Luke Skinner from DNR has been monitoring for past 3 – 4 yrs since first weevil release. Low point in population was last year, think pop will bounce back up as loosestrife comes back as well. DNR is monitoring and will add weevils if needed. Population of weevils normally lags behind weed growth.

8b. Lake Utilization Committee

8b1. Vacation Sports Triathlon permit application. Swim will take place off memorial beach on July 4th. City of WBL has already issued permit to use beach. Start time is early enough to avoid holiday crowds.

MOTION #5 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to approve permit for Triathlon subject to proof of insurance and letter of guarantee of clean up. ALL AYE, PASSED.

8b2. Hagstrom dock dispute at 911 Park. Mr. Copeland has requested WBLCD issue a specific order for boat removal.

MOTION # 6 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to draft follow up letter regarding May 18 letter and make formal order for boat removal.

Discussion:

Issue here is crowding, majority wanted swim-only dock.

Easement issue

Motion is to send order to Mr. Copeland with regard to boat at the easement to follow up from last month, to be more definite.

Luke/Alan to draft, Chair would like to review

MOTION vote: 1 NAY, 8 AYE, PASSED. Letter will be drafted.

8b3. Hodgson/Schoeller dock dispute

- On 5/9/02 agreement was made with property owners regarding dock and lift placement
- shoreline shape makes dock placement tough in this spot
- this year dock on south appears to be on South lot line of Schoeller property.
- Luke was at site this evening, has photos. (on file)
- letter was received from Ms. Hodgson's attorney stating that she placed an extra length of dock on her dock. This does not preclude Schoeller reaching his dock. However the placement of her boat lift does. Back of her boat lift is in last 4 ft. of the dock. Measured dock length at approx. 30 feet, depth was at 3'9". Cantilever lift places boat back, which puts in deeper water.

MOTION # 7 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to issue order to Ms. Hodgson to move boat lift 28 feet toward shore measured from the back of canopy to end of dock, within 10 days. Lift should be 28 feet or more from present end of dock.

Discussion:

Language has to be exact because people have been taking advantage of the agreement in this area.

MOTION Vote – ALL AYE, PASSED

White Bear Yacht club requested adjustment of fee for sailing school, denied at committee.

8c. Lake Education Committee report

MOTION #8 (Hoffman/Alvarez) Move to donate \$300 to White Bear fireworks fund.

Discussion:

Michaud– do we get any recognition for donation? Perhaps increase amount to sponsor at certain level.

Hoffman – will find out what can be done and deadline for donation

Change motion (Hoffman/Michaud). To “donate \$500 if it changes recognition level”, otherwise spend \$300.

St. Germain – is this appropriate use of funds?

Steinworth – do other public entities contribute?

Kantrud – supporting public events is worthy cause, and also allows us to provide information.

Motion Vote: ALL AYE, PASSED

Committee update: - met with WBL homeowners association, talked about newsletter content, discussion on press release for what's on agenda. Also discussed holding another workshop and revising work plan. Also working to get WBLCD link on city and county websites.

8d. Treasurers report

MOTION # 9 (Longville/St. Germain) Move to approve June Treasurers report and pay checks 3684 – 3692. ALL AYE, PASSED.

Turn in form for auditor to Julie

8e. Board Counsel report

none

8f. Administrative staff report

monthly staff memo

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION # 10 (Michaud/Hoffman) Move to approve consent agenda. ALL AYE, PASSED

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #11 (Donovan/Michaud) Move to adjourn. ALL AYE, PASSED.
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date