



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of September 16, 2014

APPROVAL DATE: 10-21-14

1. CALL TO ORDER The September 2014 meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by chair Jane Harper at 7:02 pm.

2. ROLL CALL Present were: Chair Jane Harper, Vice Chair Bryan DeSmet, Treasurer Diane Longville, Directors Mike Parenteau, Gene Altstatt, George St. Germain, Pat McCann, Mark Ganz, Suzanne Donnell. A quorum was present. Recording Secretary was Julie Yoho. Absent was Scott Costello (excused).

3. AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (Parenteau/Ganz) Move to approve meeting minutes of July. All aye passed.
No meeting was held in August 2014.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

none

6. NEW BUSINESS

none

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Lake Level Resolution Committee

Here is a summary of ongoing LLRC activities:

1. Marketfest Booth

a. The WBLCD had a booth at Marketfest on June 19th, July 10th, July 24th, and July 31st.

b. During Marketfest 2014 we handed out the following:

- 335 low flow faucet aerators for an estimated water savings of 2,714,800 gallons per year.

- 4 low flow showerheads and 1 dual flush toilet for an estimated water savings of 47,700 gallons per year. We had 195 people sign up for the drawing, and the winners were:

1. Toilet donated by Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery, Mahtomedi with installation furnished by Paul Carlson (AKA Paul the Plumber), WBL – Jim from WBL won the toilet.

2. Showerheads provided by the WBLCD – Carol from WBL, Cindy from WBL, Susan from Vadnais Heights, and Joan from Roseville all won low flow showerheads.

- 107 water conservation water wheels.

- 87 toilet leak detection kits provided by the MPCA.

- 76 children's water conservation activity books and 25 pencils provided by Met Council.

2. Climate Stations

a. The equipment for the station that is being provided by Dr. Bolstad and the U of M is installed and is gathering data. This equipment will be removed when the lake ices up.

b. The equipment for the station authorized to be purchased by the WBLCD Board has been received and has been deployed. This station has been gathering data for about three weeks. This equipment will be removed when the dock it's attached to comes out.

c. The two climate stations that will be purchased by DNR have been ordered. It's questionable whether these stations will arrive in time to be deployed this season. If they're not deployed, the plan is to assemble them in Dr. Bolstad's lab and make sure that all of the equipment is working well together so that it's ready for deployment next Spring.

3. LLRC Meeting Schedule – The LLRC is going to start meeting on a quarterly basis. The meeting schedule for the next year is October 14, 2014, January 13, 2015, April 14, 2015, and July 14, 2015.

8b. Lake Quality Committee

8b1. Water temp is 62 degrees. In August 75 degrees.

8b2. Lake Level 921.51. 1 inch lower than August. 1&1/2 ft higher than last September

8b3. Rainfall: 5.3 inches of rain since July.

St Germain – regarding zebra mussels, if we have a problem what is our response? What was the response on Christmas lake?

Parenteau – On Christmas lake they found a clump of them near the boat launch and were able to treat. The rapid response seems to have worked. McComas will be here in Oct and can answer

St Germain – would be nice to be prepared

Harper – Scott has been talking with RCWD on educational side. There is some funding out there, he can report next month

DeSmet – On Christmas they were able to block off area by boat launch and treat it. On a similar lake it was too widespread to treat.

8c. Lake Utilization Committee

8c1. Dock application revision. Change header of item 15 from parking to “local ordinances”

MOTION #3 (Ganz/Altstatt) Move to adopt this language for dock permit & change header of item #15 to “local ordinances”. All aye passed.

8d. Lake Education Committee

8d1. Website usage was higher in June & July. Aug drop, may be seasonal.
Advertising seems to have worked.

8d2. Merge website of “save wbl.org” with ours. Will come back with recommendation after more discussion and info is gathered

8d3. Invasive species. Will have speaker in November - DNR invasive species coordinator

Harper – regarding the website, the content has to be information; not opinion or supporting a certain position.

St Germain – who maintains?

Altstatt – we would maintain. Doing a lot of the same things already.

DeSmet – can we take the info and go thru it and review, be sure it fits our purpose?

Kantrud – WBLCD would be responsible for and cannot take any positions on anything we would publish. Someone needs to go thru and scrub for accuracy. Read thru, edit as necessary, be sure it’s factual, accurate, relevant. No position. Would be nice to have it printed out for review. Would recommend WBLCD maintains control.

DeSmet – initially this site was produced to give up to date info on lake. Now we’re duplicating. He’ll give the info to us. If board decides to accept, then we own the content, don’t need to publish the first day. We can take month or so to review and cull.

Kantrud – as Brian said, need control over all content and take responsibility for.

Kantrud – recommend sit down with material and bring it next month for review.

8e. Treasurer’s Report

MOTION#4 (Longville/ Parenteau) Approve Treasurer’s report for August and approve checks. All aye, passed.

MOTION #5 (Longville/ St Germain) Move to approve Treasurer’s report for September and pay checks 4251 – 4253. All Aye, passed

MOTION #6 (Harper/Ganz) Move to sign statutory limit form and check “does not waive”.

Discussion

Altstatt – what does this mean?

Kantrud – liability is capped at limit – this is an annual declaration that we are not waiving the limit. If you waive it you can be sued for more. You are a city for purposes of liability

Motion Vote

All aye, passed.

8f. Board Counsel Report

No report

8g. Administrative Staff Report

Items included in packet this month:

- Agenda
- July draft minutes

- July Finance reports
- August Treasurers Report
- Revised form #5 (change to item #15)

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION # 7 (Parenteau/St Germain) Move to approve consent agenda. All aye passed

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date