



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL  
MINUTES of June 17, 2008

APPROVAL DATE: 7/15/08

**1. CALL TO ORDER** The June meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by Vice Chair Luke Michaud at 7:05 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL** Present were: Vice Chair Luke Michaud, Secretary Diane Longville, Directors Greg Donovan, George St. Germain, John Steinworth, Mike Parenteau, Mike Stawnychy, Yale Norwick, Sue Cernohous. Absent was Tom Hoffman (excused). A quorum was present. Recording secretary was Julie Yoho.

**3. AGENDA**

Add item 6a1 new board member intro

**MOTION #1 (Parenteau/St Germain) Move to approve agenda as amended. All aye, PASSED.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

add George St. Germain to May roll call

**MOTION #2 (Parenteau/St Germain) Move to approve May minutes as amended. All Aye, PASSED**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME**

Mary Sue Simmons, Birchwood

Thank you to Greg Donovan for representing Birchwood for the past 8 years.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

6a. Welcome to Yale Norwick new board representative for Mahtomedi.

6a1. committee appointments. Citizen member Mark Ganz, East Shore Dock Assoc member

**MOTION #3 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to appoint Mark Ganz to Lake Utilization Committee as citizen member. All aye, PASSED.**

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7a 2009 budget

**MOTION #4 (Longville / Michaud) Move to approve the 2009 budget.**

Discussion

Steinworth – are there funds to do survey needed next year?

Donovan – mini survey this year.

Steinworth – amendment to include extra funds for 09?

Longville – no

Parenteau – at workshop we agreed to do study in 2010, mini in 08.

Norwick – will not participate on these issues since not involved in previous discussion

***Motion vote***

8 aye, 1 no (Steinworth) . PASSED

Copies will be sent to all and the 5 communities

7b. Meeting minutes. Proposal to post them on the website once approved, not send them out in monthly packets to board.

Steinworth – needs to be posted as .pdf file.

***MOTION # 5 (Michaud/Steinworth) Move to not send out approved minutes but post on website as .pdf file.***

Discussion

Steinworth – what format is best?

Michaud – We can change if we need to in the future.

***Motion VOTE***

***All aye, PASSED.***

**8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS**

8a. 922.53 lake level on 6/17/08. Higher than last month by 2 inches  
water temp 67 degrees 18 inches below surface

8a2. Milfoil report

Parenteau – 2, 4-D cannot be used due to new legislation prohibiting endocrine disruptors if grant money is involved. Substitute is available, being used on Minnetonka.

-DNR report found milfoil in areas a & b, not enough for reimbursement. Areas C & D could become bad enough for reimbursement of treatment.

-Steve McComas report – found some in area c & d. Does not recommend treatment now. Not at surface yet, but can become nuisance in future.

We can treat areas now and be proactive, or be reactive and treat bigger area. Recommends to get bids based on these findings and apply for permit to be prepared for possible treatment.

Steinworth – more complicated than this, there are other scenarios. Treating small amount now does not necessarily mean we won't have to treat later.

Also no certainty that large problem area will erupt if we do nothing. On the e-mail thread from Chip W. it refers to map and WBLCD position.

When did this happen? I never saw it. States to DNR that these areas need treatment.

Michaud – at the April meeting, Mike was given permission to apply for grant, and submit the map.

St Germain – map came from Steve McComas, the committee put x's on for location of concern areas.

Parenteau – x's were put in by committee where Steve had indicated milfoil had grown. Committee narrowed down.

Steinworth – problem is with submitting document as position of Board when it is not. He has never seen map. How can we resolve? Foundation for DNR work is not true. Now 2, 4-D has been found to be unsafe. In early 90s this came before board and was seen as crazy. ‘Milfoil problem’ discussion has always been based that we would use 2, 4-D since it allegedly only kills milfoil. Now new chemical is here with no history, unknown, federal or state approval does not mean it’s safe.

Michaud – 2, 4-D has not been outlawed, just cannot be used with grant money.

St Germain – we instructed mike to apply for grant, provided areas of concern, DNR checked, found that 2 sites were grant worthy.

Stawnychy – we paid Steve to create map and identify areas.

***MOTION # 6 (Parenteau/ Stawnychy) Move to get bids for identified areas to treat areas of concern and get a copy of the permit application so that we know what it costs and what we’re facing.***

Discussion

Steinworth – no reason to expedite this. Can be done quickly if needed. Don’t put into motion.

Donovan – what chemical is being used now?

Parenteau – will follow up with LNCD on the triclopyr. Can get bids on various treatment options.

Michaud – only on reimbursable?

Longville – gather information. As Board we need to vote on treatment or not. Full board will have to make decision.

Steinworth – have to have delineation to apply for permit. Board has not made that decision. Need to specify area first

Norwick – we’re not voting to do treatment today

***Motion vote***

***8 Aye, 1 (Steinworth) PASSED***

### **8b. Lake Utilization Committee**

#### **fireworks permit**

***MOTION #7 (Parenteau / st germain) Move to approve July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks permit application. All Aye, PASSED***

Complaint from Mr. Andrews about neighbors that have combined docks. No action tonight, will try to work out between themselves.

Birchwood dock dispute with Dellwood Dock Assoc. and Mr. Sampair. They will try to work out differences. LUC suggested committee document changes and re-permit site thru city.

Jim Greely, 407 lake ave, neighbor

-When will there be rules on length of dock and number of boats rather than treating each situation as unique? Make it easier. Birchwood docks are on public land. Length of docks should be consistent with area. This dock is twice as long.

City doesn't follow rules, WBLCD won't enforce. 12 boats & canopy's on 50 ft lakeshore is too much. How can board agree to it? Who do we ask for help?  
Michaud – board is trying to help. If everyone cooperates it can work.  
Greely – rules are there, they aren't being followed. Boats are getting huge. They encroach whenever they move. City won't help. DNR has guidelines of 6 boats for 50 ft.  
Michaud – we're trying. Has been discussion about tighter rules

**8c. Lake Education Committee**

Sue Cernohous – looking for dates for the lake cruise

Michaud – board books / Welcome committee could be role of LEC

**8d. Treasurers report**

8d1. Treasurers report

***MOTION # 8 (Longville/Parenteau) Move to approve June Treasurers report and pay checks 3838 - 3843. All aye, PASSED.***

**8e. Board Counsel report**

slow month

**8f. Administrative staff report**

none

***MOTION # 7 amendment (Michaud/Donovan) Move to waive fee for fireworks committee application.***

***All aye, PASSED***

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

***MOTION #9 (St Germain / Cernohous) Move to approve consent agenda. All aye PASSED***

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

none

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

***MOTION # 10 (St Germain/ Cernohous) move to adjourn. All Aye, PASSED.***

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

ATTEST:

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Administrative Secretary

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Date

APPROVED:

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Board Chairperson

Date