

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**7:00PM WHITE BEAR LAKE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Minutes of the May 17, 2022 Meeting**

**Approved Minutes**

**1. Call To Order** of the May 17, 2022 meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was made by Bryan DeSmet at 7:00pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**-Present: Chair Bryan DeSmet, Chris Churchill, Meredith Walberg, Scott Costello, Mark Ganz, Mike Parenteau, Scott O'Connor, Darren DeYoung and council Alan Kantrud. Absent Diane Longville, Susie Mahoney.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**-Add Budget Worksheet to Treasurer's Report and City of WBL barge to LUC Report. Motion by DeSmet to accept agenda and changes, seconded by Walberg and passed.

**4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**- Motion by Ganz, seconded by DeYoung and passed.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**-None.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**-Payment of the Water Patrol for 2021 will be paid tonight. 2022 Water Patrol Agreement for 240 hours at \$41 per hour. Motion by DeSmet to approve Water Patrol for 2022, seconded by Ganz and passed. Sheriff to come next month to hear our concerns. WBL Fireworks donation letter requesting funds for this years show. Motion by Parenteau to donate \$100.00, seconded by DeSmet and passed.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**-Wake boat study letter with concerns written by DeSmet to be sent to the study group for a response. Motion by Ganz to send this letter, seconded by Walberg and passed. Administrative Assistant Position was decided after interviewing three of six applicants. The decision to hire Cheri Howe was made. Motion by DeSmet to hire Cheri Howe as our administrative assistant at \$24 per hour at 16 to 20 hours a week with 6 to 8 hours in the office with no paid sick leave or paid vacation and no PERA, seconded by Parenteau and passed. She can start soon. Rice Creek Watershed District coordination and support, DeSmet reach out to them and has had no response.

**8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS**- Executive Committee met and discussed admin. Position.

**Lake Quality Committee**-Swimmer itch letter to go out the communities to pay for first treatment.

Treatment Bid Motion by Parenteau to use Lake Management for our EWM treatment this summer using their products, seconded by Ganz and passed.

Lake level today is 924.16

Lake temperature is 62 degrees

**Lake Utilization Committee**-NPQD Rentals still need to get their insurance so the Motion by Ganz to approve the permit but not issue the permit until the insurance is in place naming the Conservation District, seconded by DeYoung and passed.

Hollywood Pyrotechnics Motion by Ganz to permit a fireworks display at a home on the lake, seconded by DeYoung and passed.

WBL Fireworks- Motion by Ganz to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks on WB Lake without a fee, seconded by Walberg and passed.

City of WB barge-Motion by Ganz that the City barge is OK as long as the boat count at the City dock stays at 160, seconded by DeYoung and passed.

FYI the marina docks need to have submitted by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July a survey showing their docks comply with our ordinance measuring 300 feet from OHW.

**Lake Education**-Adopt-A-Drain is increasing in number of drains adopted and we would really like to double the number drains recorded in March by October. Wayne and Duane are doing fine.

Meredith reported we are getting 3000 hits a week in social media. Topics for Meredith to post were discussed. Things like the fireworks display and EWM treatment date, jet skis need to be off the lake one hour before sunset.

**Treasurer's Report**-Motion by Parenteau to approve and pay checks #4758 thru #4763, seconded by Ganz and passed.



QuickBooks Support-Charisse Ent. Sent us proposal for bookkeeping. Motion by DeSmet to use Charisse Ent. For our monthly bookwork and help with the audit by increasing the amount committed by \$1500.00 there by adding to the \$1000.00 already committed for a total of \$2500.00 for bookkeeping, seconded by Ganz and passed. We will need to find some QuickBooks training for Cheri Howe.

Budget Worksheet- The worksheet was gone through and discussed resulting in some additions. Please review the worksheet for the June meeting and approval. Also, decide how much we want to deficit spend from our reserves, if any.

**Board Council Report**-Alan will reach out to Ramsey County and Washington County along with the DNR to come to the June meeting to discuss what they do for us.

**9.ANNOUNCEMENTS**-Ganz thanked board members for their help during this transition period to a new hire.

**10.ADJOURNMENT** Motion by Ganz to adjourn, seconded by DeYoung and passed.

Attested: Bryan DeSmet, Chair  Date 6-21-2022  
Mark Ganz, Vice Chair  Date 6-21-2022