



**White Bear Lake Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting Approved Minutes**

Nov. 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m., White Bear Lake City Hall Council Chambers
(6:00 pm LUC meeting)

1. **Roll Call/Quorum** – Present: Chair Bryan DeSmet, Vice Chair Mark Ganz, Secretary/Treasurer Mike Parenteau, Diane Longville, Chris Churchill, Meredith Walburg, Scott Costello, Susie Mahoney, and Darren DeYoung. Absent: Board Counsel Alan Kantrud. One director position from Dellwood is vacant. A quorum was present.
2. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by Bryan DeSmet
3. **Approval of Agenda** – Under LQC, add 'Water Quality DNR Grant', and under LUC, move the 'City of White Bear Lake' to the top of the order, and 'Tally's' second. Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by Mike Parenteau, seconded, and passed.
4. **Approval of October Board Meeting minutes** – Motion to approve the October Board meeting minutes made by Mark Ganz, seconded, and passed.
5. **Public Comment's** – none
6. **New Business** – none
7. **Unfinished Business**
 - WBL City Code Regarding Marine Rental Businesses at Public Parks –
 - The City corresponded with us that NPQD and SilverFinn are not to use Matoska Park, or any other public park to run a business per City Code, Section 905.320. The WBLCD will need to deny applications such as these in the future.
 - As a point of information, the WBLCD office will send a letter to the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation department that the WBLCD will not approve any applications for businesses to operate at a City public park.
 - USGS response re: publications and survey account closure –
 - Mindy Erickson, USGS, sent a letter listing all the websites with published information they have from the lake level studies that they completed. We can access everything online.
 - The links to the studies will be posted on the WBLCD website.
 - The remaining funds in the study, \$599.62, are being returned to the USGS to close out the account on our books.
8. **Reports/Action Items**
 - Executive Committee – no meeting
 - Lake Quality Committee – Mike Parenteau
 - Lake level: Level today is 922.48 ft; that's 9 inches lower than last year at this time.
 - Lake temperature: Temperature today is 33 °F; it was 40 °F last year at this time.
 - DNR Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Program: The 2023 application for treating Eurasian Water Milfoil has been completed and sent in for consideration.

- Lake Utilization Committee – The LUC reviewed the following applications, and recommends that the Board approve the following for 2023 permits. Motion to approve the following permits was made by Mark Ganz, with each voted on individually:
 - City of White Bear Lake:
 - Matoska Park – multi-boat dock license renewal: Approved, seconded and passed with the stipulation that a copy of all licenses and permits with the Ramsey County Sheriff's office need to be sent to the WBLCD office when received.
 - Municipal Marina – multi-boat dock license renewal: Approved, seconded and passed with the stipulation that the pending DNR amended permit (for docks not to exceed 300') be submitted to the WBLCD when received.
 - Veterans Memorial Park Pier – permanent dock license renewal: Approved, seconded, and passed with the annual permanent dock fee waived, but application fee accepted.
 - Tally's Dockside multi-boat dock license renewal: Approved, seconded, and passed with the stipulation that the 280' south dock be scaled back to 140' and moved to where the next dock north is, and an additional slip fee of \$75 be charged for one boat slip not added to count. Tally's will send an updated diagram showing the approved configuration.
 - Docks of White Bear multi-boat license renewal: Approved, seconded, and passed - Susie Mahoney opposing - with the stipulation that dock length is no longer than 300' from the OHM, 240 boats are able to egress and access without going into northern and southern neighbor's ADUA.
 - It was noted by the LUC chair that the committee recommends that if there is any consternation between operators in Commercial Bay during with dock placement, and ADUA's in 2023 that the WBLCD will hire a professional surveyor to mark where the ADUAs are; the parties of the contested ADUAs will be billed for surveyor, which is stated in our ordinances.
 - VFW Post #1782 multi-boat dock license renewal: Approved, seconded, and passed with the stipulation that they pay their application fee, and all permits are in.
 - Polar Plunge/Special Olympics event license (Jan. 28, 2023): Approved, seconded and passed with the stipulation that a copy of the insurance be sent to office when ready, and as a fundraiser the application fee is waived.
 - Horseshoe on Ice/VFW Post #1782 event license (Feb. 18, 2023): Approved, seconded, and passed. As a fundraiser, the application fee is waived.
 - Your Boat Club commercial sales/services license renewal: Approved, seconded and passed.
- Lake Education Committee
 - Adopt-A-Drain Challenge October Final – Scott Costello
 - The Adopt-A-Drain Challenge (from March 2022 to Oct. 31, 2022), was a challenge to the five lake communities to double the number of adopted drains registered with the state-wide program. We started at 298, our goal was 596, and we got up to 535 drains, so we did make a difference.
 - The positives of the challenge include: steady progress was made every month; the City of White Bear Lake doubled their number of adopted drains and more than doubled the number of participating households; the White Bear Township more than doubled the number of participating households and came within 5 of doubling their number of adopted drains; and Mahtomedi was ahead in the beginning of the challenge as they started out with a higher percentage of adoptions than other city. Dellwood does not have an urban stormwater system, and when they went to look at the 21 drains that were in the state

database, they noted that most were not drains. Birchwood might be in the same position - we don't know how rural they area, but the available data shows they had the highest percentage of adoptions of all the communities.

- The challenge was a big success, even though we were shy of the goals: we increased participation every month, and increased public awareness of water quality issues related to drains. We probably won't do it again next year, as we are maxed out on what we can do with this data. Thanks to Scott and Meredith for their work on this program.
- Social media update – Meredith Walburg reported that the next 2 month's posts will include: the RCWD water stewards program; starry stonewart; ice-in date; recommended ice thickness from the DNR for ice safety; marking the ends of docks - from the ordinance passed last year - to prevent any snowmobiles, or other things from hitting docks that are left in; and being careful about potential chloride getting in the lake.
- Treasurer's Report – Mike Parenteau
 - November 2022 Treasurer's Report and payments: Motion to approve payments of checks #4804 to #4810, and 3 debit card purchases, made by Mike Parenteau, seconded, and passed. Debit card purchases should be numbered on future Treasurer Reports, so they can be traced.
 - Estimated December 2022 Treasurer's Report: Approved, seconded, and passed. The official December 2022 report, with actual income and expenses, will be presented at the January 2023 board meeting.
- Board Counsel Report –
 - Ramsey County Water Patrol – 2022 Enforcement Summary: Bryan DeSmet presented the enforcement summary showing number of hours, and the number of checks, citations, and warnings.

9. Announcements

- Meeting dates for the 2023 Board and LUC are on the back page of the packet; the next meeting will be held Jan. 17, 2023.
- An email with information from the RCWD Water Stewards program is copied on the back of the Treasurer's Report for board members to help promote the program.
- The WBLCD office will be closed Weds. Dec. 7 to Fri. Dec. 9; emails and phone calls will be monitored.

10. Adjournment –At 8:03, a motion to approve adjournment was made by Mark Ganz, seconded and approved.

ATTEST:

Bryan DeSmet, Chair



Date: 1-17-2023

Cheri Howe, Administrator



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