



White Bear Lake Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting – Approved Minutes

Mar. 21, 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 Meredith Walburg, Chris Churchill, Scott Costello, Diane Longville, Mark Ganz, Darren DeYoung, and Alan Kantrud. Absent: Mike Parenteau, and Susie Mahoney. One director position from Dellwood is vacant. A quorum was present.
2. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Bryan DeSmet.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – Add 4955 Lake Ave status to Unfinished Business. Motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Mark Ganz seconded and passed.
4. **Approval of February Board Meeting minutes** – Motion to approve the February 2023 Board meeting minutes was made by Darren DeYoung, seconded, and passed.
5. **Public Comments** – none
6. **New Business** – Bryan DeSmet
 - Committee assignments – Chair Bryan DeSmet announced assignments to the standing committees as follows: Lake Utilization Committee: Mark Ganz-chair, Chris Churchill-vice chair, Darren DeYoung, Luke Michaud, Scott Bohnen, and Alexander Schwartz; Lake Quality Committee: Mike Parenteau-chair, and Diane Longville; and the Lake Education Committee: Scott Costello-chair, Meredith Walburg, and Susie Mahoney
 - DNR – Commercial Bay Marina summary – The DNR has asked us to keep them informed of the permits we're issuing in Commercial Bay. A letter was sent summarizing permit information from 2020-2022.
7. **Unfinished Business**
 - Approve annual designations – Motion to approve the list of annual designations was made by Brian DeSmet, seconded and passed.
 - Proposed permit application form update – Form 5 – Mark Ganz stated that the LUC reviewed, and approved the updated Form 5 applications that were split into two forms – commercial and non-commercial.

As part of the application review, the LUC discussed the permitting fees for canoe/kayak storage racks, located on- and off-shore. It's the committee's recommendation to remove the payment of storage rack fees from the application, except for commercial operators that are renting canoes and kayaks from their business.

Meredith Walburg added that it might be important to know how many canoe and kayaks are being used regularly on the lake for our next lake use study. The last lake use study noted the number of non-motorized watercraft used/stored on the lake and used that information in its recommendations regarding enforcement on the lake. She suggested an area on the form to note how many non-motorized watercraft are stored on the lake shore. Bryan DeSmet noted it could be valuable in looking at trends over time. Cheri will make changes to the forms, and bring it back for discussion at the next Board meeting.

- Ordinance review - clarifications – (see previous item ‘Proposed permit application form update – Form 5’)
- 4955 Lake Ave. – Chris Churchill dropped off a letter at the residence, and a brother of the absent owner got back to us that he cleaned up as much of the old dock that was in the water. Chris will follow-up with him after ice-out to be sure he understands that everything that is still in the water needs to be cleaned up.

8. Reports/Action Items

- **Executive Committee** – none
- **Lake Quality Committee** – none
- **Lake Utilization Committee**
 - White Bear Yacht Club sailboat racing (May-Sept) event permit application - The LUC reviewed the application with additional racing dates on this year’s calendar. Motion to approve was made by Mark Ganz, seconded and passed.
 - Tally’s Dockside – amended diagram – 2023 permit application – The LUC reviewed the amended dock diagram from Keith Dehnert that met the guidelines set by the Board. Motion to approve the amended diagram was made by Mark Ganz, seconded and passed.
 - Docks of White Bear Lake - application status update – A representative from Docks of WBL was at the LUC meeting and it was restated that they need to submit an amended diagram that shows the docks scaled back to a length of no more than 300 feet distance from the OHW level.

It was also noted that an ADUA survey is in progress and surveyors will mark the corners in the water, and on the shoreline.

- **Lake Education Committee**
 - Annual lake cleanup update – Scott Costello reported that the March 11 lake cleanup fell apart due to several snowstorms that came through after the deadline to remove overnight ice fishing houses. The Boy Scout troop did not participate, but were encouraged to cleanup when they can.
 - Rice Creek watershed district workshop – Scott Costello and Mike Parenteau are each attending a workshop session. Stakeholders in the first session came up with a list of current issues related to climate change.

- Educational outreach – print materials to community – The Lake Education Committee is planning an outreach piece to lakeshore property owners with information on current and potential aquatic invasive species (AIS). Cheri, Meredith and Scott met with Press Publications regarding how they could work with the WBLCD to create a communication piece, either in a special publication, or as a brochure. The committee will meet to discuss other pieces of information that can be put into it, put together a draft, and figure out costs of the project. It will be brought back to the Board for approval next month. It also was suggested that there might be a way to incorporate the canoe/kayak survey into the outreach piece.
- Social media update – Meredith Walburg will update social media with: information on Board meetings, and the open seat on the WBLCD Board for a representative from Dellwood; a watershed map; a post about ice-out, possibly; and something on Earth Day.

9. Treasurer Reports

- Approval of March Treasurer's Report – Motion to approve debt card 5, and checks 4826-4831 was made by Diane Longville, seconded and passed.

10. Board Council Report –

- Alan Kantrud called the organizer of this year's Ice Diving event, Mark Dugger, to remind them to complete an application permit next year if they come back, as they were unaware that they need to complete one. The diving club is interested in doing community service to help clean up the bottom of the lake.
- Michael Tombaga, Ramsey County Sheriff's Office, will be invited to speak at the next Board regarding doing extra patrol in Commercial Bay.

11. Announcements - Review of the 2021 audit report and presentation will take place at the April 18 Board meeting.

12. Adjournment – Motion to approve adjournment at 7:33 pm was made by Mark Ganz, seconded and passed.

ATTEST:

Bryan DeSmet, Chair Bryan DeSmet Date 4-18-2023
 Cheri Howe, Administrator Cheri Howe Date 4/18/2023