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REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 pm White Bear Lake City Hall
Minutes of June 19, 2018

APPROVAL DATE: ~~Not approved~~ *Approved 7/17/18*

1. **CALL TO ORDER** the June 19, 2018 meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was called to order by Chair Bryan DeSmet at 7:00 pm in the White Bear Lake City Hall Council Chambers.
2. **ROLL CALL** Present were: Chair Bryan DeSmet, Secretary/Treasurer Diane Longville, Directors: Mike Parenteau, Brady Ramsay, Scott Costello, Geoff Ratte, Barton Winter, absent were Vice Chair Mark Ganz, Directors Marty Rathmanner, Susie Mahoney. A quorum was present.
3. **AGENDA** - Chair DeSmet asked for any changes to tonight's agenda
Would like to add Presentation from H2O for Life under Executive Committee
Add under Lake Education New website review.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF** – May 15, 2018 board meeting Motion (Ramsay/Second) Moved to approve all aye passed.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT TIME** - None
6. **NEW BUSINESS** - None
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None
8. **REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS**
Executive Committee – The executive committee did not meet this month.
 - H2O for Life presentation, requesting a \$10,000 one-time grant to assist in the continued progress of their Race to Reduce Project. Judy Onufer Education Project Manager from H2O for Life presented the Race to Reduce Project and how it is used in the curriculum of our White Bear Lake students. Currently being used K-5. Has impacted approximately 3,000 students. Is also being used by White Bear Lake Catholic Schools and Mahtomedi Schools are using it in the 3rd and 4th grades with hope to expand into more grades. They have won both State and National awards for this project. How they are different is that they have incorporated their project into the standards curriculum using water resource education as part of the standards learning. In the past they have been funded by legislative dollars and other donations, but the legislature has told them they will not be able to fund this project for the 2018-19 year but H2O has been told it will be funded again by the legislature after this year. Therefore, they are asking for this one-time grant to continue their work through this year to continue implementation of their program and completion through grade 8.
After Board discussion it was felt that this was a good fit for our Lake Education. Motion (Longville/Costello) to fund this project through our education budget in the amount of

\$10,000. Money will have to be used from our reserve fund. All in favor 6 aye 1 Geoff Ratte abstained, vote passed.
Requested an invoice to be sent to us from H2O and then the invoice will be paid at next month's meeting.

9. Lake Level Resolution Committee – Barton Winter

Currently reviewing court documents and obtaining copies of all court documents. Having some difficulties obtaining all the copies without paying a fee of \$10 a page and there are 25-50 pages. Asked what is the goal of retrieving all of these documents? Suggested that Director Winter start by reading the judges decision as all pertinent information is there regarding the court case. Board suggests that Director Winter go back to his committee and have a meeting to determine what they feel their goal is at this current time and how they would like to proceed. Once they have done this bring that to the board for further discussion.

10. Lake Quality Committee – Mike Parenteau

- **Lake Level** – as of today 923.68 which is 4 inches higher than last month and 4.5 inches higher than last year
- **Lake water temperature** – 72 degrees same as last year
- **EWM** – Received a map that the dots indicate where milfoil was found over the years. The red dots are the areas being treated this year. Also received DNR permit so will do the treatment weather permitting as soon as tomorrow or Thursday if this does not work then next week. We are way ahead of schedule. The cost has come in within our budget. Kim has posted the treatment dates on the website and made the lake communities aware.

11. Lake Utilization Committee

Multiple Docks License (all reviewed and approved)

- **Gene Altstatt**
- **Wildwood Condos – Variance** approved with the possibility if the current water levels remain they may be asked to return to their original configuration.
- **Shadowgate development** – has put up a roped off area for swimming which is in violation of our ordinance. We will have the LUC send a letter to them having it removed immediately.

12. Lake Education – Scott Costello

Presentation of new website for review and discussion of its many new options. Asked that each member take some time and review the website tab by tab for corrections and changes etc. send all by email to Scott & Kim.

13. Treasurer's Report – Motion (Longville/Second) approval of July 2018 Treasurer's report and payment of check numbers 4495-4501 All Aye passed. FYI check 4501 was payment of reimbursement to White Bear Township for swimmer's itch.

2019 Budget – We have provided two versions of the budget one with a deficit spending of \$1,477 and one adding this deficit into the assessment amounts billed to the lake communities thus giving us a balanced budget. Which version does the board prefer, all agreed the increase is a small amount and they did not have to pay anything for 2018 that they would like the

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approval of the balanced version. Motion (Longville/second) to approve the balanced version of the 2019 budget all aye passed.

Assessments will be calculated by Kim and Diane after obtaining the necessary information needed from the 5 communities. Once all has been calculated the chart along with a cover letter will be sent out to each community by the required date of July 1st. A copy will also be emailed to each board member.

14. Board Counsel

Court Case Update -The enforcement order has been put on hold for a year of water restrictions and regulations. The lake is busy but so far, no issues have hit the courts.

15. Consent Agenda – Motion (Longville/Second) Move to accept the consent agenda. All Aye Passed.

16. Announcements - None

17. Adjournment – Motion (DeSmet/Second) Move to adjourn. All aye Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

ATTEST:

Kim Johnson
Executive Administrative Secretary

Date: 7/17/18

Bryan DeSmet
Board Chair

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