



White Bear Lake Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting Minutes - Draft

February 18, 2025, 7:00 p.m.,
White Bear Lake City Hall Council Chambers
(6 pm., LUC meeting)

1. **Roll Call/Quorum** – Present: Chair Bryan DeSmet, Vice Chair Meredith Walburg, Secretary-Treasurer Mike Parenteau, Mark Ganz, Scott Costello, Diane Longville, Chris Churchill, Shari Salzman-Hankins, and Alan Kantrud. Absent: Mark Wisniewski and Susie Mahoney. A quorum was present.
2. **Call to Order** – Bryan DeSmet called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm
3. **Approval of Agenda** – The McCartney Estates permit application was removed, and a motion to approve the agenda was made by Mark Ganz, seconded and passed.
4. **Approval of previous Board Meeting minutes** – A motion to approve the January 21, 2025 meeting minutes was made by Mike Parenteau, seconded and passed.
5. **Public Comments** none
6. **New Business**
 - Executive Board member elections – No additional nominations to the election were made to the slate announced at the January Board meeting. A motion to approve the slate as presented - Bryan DeSmet for chair, Meredith Walburg for vice chair, and Mike Parenteau for secretary-treasurer, was made by Mark Ganz, seconded and passed.
7. **Unfinished Business**
 - Ordinance 6 revision numbering – The Board discussed the merits of renumbering an ordinance once it is amended, as has been done in the past, versus keeping the same ordinance number when amended. Alan Kantrud stated that keeping the number the same would be better when working with Ramsey County and State reporting systems. Going forward, and including Ordinance 6, the Board will keep the same ordinance numbers after amendment and continue to list chronological changes to ordinances on the title page of the WBLCD Ordinance document.
 - Board activity annual calendar approval – A motion to approve the annual calendar was made by Bryan DeSmet, seconded and passed.
 - 2024 annual report approval – A motion to approve the annual report was made by Bryan DeSmet, seconded and passed.
 - Lake use study – Meredith Walburg reported that she has not received the study draft, but is planning for it to be available before the March Board meeting.
8. **Reports/Action Items**
 - **Executive Committee** – The committee did not meet.
 - **Lake Quality Committee**
 - Lake level – Mike Parenteau reported that the lake level today was 922.76 ft.
 - DNR AIS grant – Parenteau reported that the WBLCD application for DNR AIS management funds was denied for a second year in a row. He called the DNR program coordinator who said that 64 of the 289 applicants received grants, and that applicants should expect to receive a grant every two to four years.

- **Lake Utilization Committee** – The LUC reviewed the following permit applications and made recommendations to the Board.
 - Forest Heights Improvement Assn noncommercial permit renewal (same as last year) – A motion to approve a permit for 10 watercraft, contingent on naming the WBLCD as certificate holder on its public liability insurance, was made by Mark Ganz, seconded and passed.
 - Hickory Street Dock Assn noncommercial permit renewal (same as last year) – A motion to approve a permit for five (5) watercraft was made by Mark Ganz, seconded and passed.
 - Chateauguet Condo Assn noncommercial permit renewal (same as last year) – The application was tabled for a more detailed diagram and measurements, and to name the WBLCD as certificate holder on its public liability insurance.
 - Manitou Island Assn water structure permit (same as last year) – The application was tabled for a missing diagram.
 - Russ Becker water structure permit (same as last year) – The Board reviewed the application and had questions about several items and measurements on the diagram. The Board also questioned the request for, and purpose of, buoys beyond the swim raft on the diagram. After discussion, a motion to approve the permit was made by Ganz, but failed to pass with Bryan DeSmet, Mike Parenteau, Diane Longville, and Shari Salzman-Hankins voting no.
- **Lake Education Committee**
 - Educational outreach update - Scott Costello reported that the annual lake cleanup will be held on March 8. The WBLCD Board is assigned to the Memorial Beach area and will meet at 10 am. A decision on whether the ice is safe to walk on will be made closer to the date with the alternative of cleaning up the park grounds area instead, if needed.
 - Social media update – Meredith Walburg reported that she will post about the ice cleanup, the amended Ordinance 6, and a reminder that snowmobiles need to keep a 250 ft distance from the shoreline.

9. Treasurer Reports

- 2025 January Treasurer's Report – A motion to approve debit card purchases 2025-01 through 2025-03, and checks 5005 through 5010 was made by Mike Parenteau, seconded and passed.

10. **Board Council Report** – Alan Kantrud stated that the Ramsey County deputy reported that two (2) vehicles had gone through the ice. One car is still in the ice, and the owner had a few days left to remove it, but has not been cited. Meredith Walburg stated that she would like the owner to receive a citation.

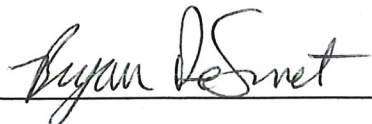
11. Announcements

- The administrator is working with SCC to resolve issues that are preventing the uploading of the January WBLCD Board meeting video.
- The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18.

12. **Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn at 7:51 pm was made by Chris Churchill, seconded and passed.

ATTEST

Bryan DeSmet, Chairperson



Date

3-18-2025

Cheri Howe, Administrator



Date

3/18/2025