

**LAKE MINNETONKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

7:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 11, 2015
Wayzata City Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER

Baasen called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Dan Baasen, Wayzata; Jay Green, Mound; Gary Hughes, Spring Park; Gregg Thomas, Tonka Bay; Jennifer Caron, Excelsior; James Doak, Woodland; Ann Hoelscher, Victoria; Gabriel Jabbour, Orono; Chris Jewett, Deephaven; Dennis Klohs, Minnetonka Beach; Dave Lang, Minnetrista; Rob Roy, Greenwood; and Sue Shuff, Minnetonka. Also present: Charlie LeFevere, LMCD Counsel; Greg Nybeck, Executive Director.

Members absent: Deborah Zorn, Shorewood

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes made to the agenda by the Board.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Green moved, Shuff seconded to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. Items so approved included: **4A)** Audit of vouchers (2/24/15 – 3/15/15); **4B)** Motion to approve, authorize, and ratify appeal of the order of the Hennepin County District Court of December 5, 2014 in the case of State of Minnesota vs. James Nils Anderson, District Court File No. 27-CR-13-22946; and **4C)** Motion to approve, authorize, and ratify filing of a petition for review of the order of the Minnesota Court of Appeals of February 10, 2015 in the case of In re Application of EOF Investments, LLC, Court of Appeals File No. A14-2176.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

The Board had a brief discussion on a number of topics, which are summarized below:

- 2015 Lake Minnetonka Watercraft Inspections- Green stated that the Three River Park District (TRPD) Board has a workshop scheduled for March 12th. One of the agenda items is to discuss a plan being put together to allow the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD) to contract with them for watercraft inspections at selected public accesses in 2015. He stated that he would be attending the workshop and that he anticipated approval of an agreement for this project on March 26th by the TRPD Board.
- Ordinance Review Committee- Klohs stated that the committee cancelled the meeting scheduled for this evening (due to the strategic plan workshop that took place at 5:30 p.m.). Ordinance changes for the commercial marinas have been completed and he believed that good progress was being made with the yacht clubs and sailing schools. Although the committee has not met, he believed that this was good framework to discuss possible amendments to the LMCD with the municipalities. He hoped that this could be done in a timely manner.

Baasen concurred with Klohs that progress was being made with the yacht clubs and sailing schools. He and Nybeck met with Jewett and other yacht officials earlier in the week and he anticipated that some changes were being considered to the proposal submitted.

- Pending 2015 Hennepin County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) Save the Lake Proposal- Baasen stated that he, Jabbour, and Nybeck had met earlier this week with HCSO officials (Major Storms and Sandra Westerman) regarding their proposal. He believed that Water Patrol presence on Lake Minnetonka was problematic for part of the 2014 boating season. In summary, the request from the HCSO is for matching funds to ensure that there is a deputy on Lake Minnetonka during peak boating periods. This could be accomplished through a contract or a memorandum of understanding. One aspect that he believed needs to be better defined is the baseline of Water Patrol coverage that already exists for Lake Minnetonka.

Jabbour concurred that this needs to be done right. The HCSO is required, per statute, to provide Water Patrol coverage to Lake Minnetonka. At one time, there were two additional seasonal deputies assigned to Lake Minnetonka, which he had involvement with coordinating. However, this added deputy presence has disappeared over time and this became a problem in 2014. He believed that the "High Water" and the wake restrictions saved our tails (similar to the drought conditions in 1986). One of the challenges with providing funding at the local level could have is the implications this could have with requesting future funding from the Hennepin County Board. He believed that local funding by the LMCD should be for service over and above what is the normal coverage on Lake Minnetonka. He commented that he believed the meeting with the HCSO was productive.

Baasen stated that he and Jabbour asked the HCSO to rework the proposal. Save the Lake Funds available for 2015 was approximately \$50,000 and some funds have been approved for Hennepin County Department of Energy (partial funding for a electronic signage at the Spring Park public access) and Mound Fire Department (matching funds for purchase of public safety equipment). He estimated that approximately \$30,000 could be considered for this project at a future meeting. He asked the Board whether they supported the concept of pursuing better Water Patrol coverage on Lake Minnetonka on a more basis consistent. The Board provided unanimous support to continue to pursue this.

- March 14th Lake Minnetonka Boater Safety Education Course- Baasen stated that first course was planned for this Saturday at the Westonka Educational Service Center. Approximately 35 participants are registered and he encouraged Board members to attend and participate in this event.
- March 19th Save the Lake Banquet- Baasen stated that the banquet was planned for next Thursday at the Lafayette Club. He provided an overview of the program planned for the event (including limited comments from Hennepin County Sheriff Rich Stanek, a keynote speech from MN DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr, and short auction).
- 2014 Performance Review of Executive Director Greg Nybeck- Baasen stated that the Executive Committee is scheduled to meet at 4:00 p.m. on March 24th. He encouraged Board members to attend the meeting or to provide him comments on Nybeck's review.

Jabbour requested that the final approval of Nybeck's performance review needs to be the Board, not the Executive Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Dan Baasen Chair

Gregg Thomas, Secretary