



Bass Lake Conservancy District Meeting May 8, 2023

AGENDA:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Minutes
- Financial Report
- Bills
- Plant Manager's Report
- Comments from Attorney
- Comments from Office Coordinator
- Comments from the Board
- Questions or Comments from the Audience

Chairman Gene Novello called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Gene Novello
Vice Chairman Larry Collura
Director Jerry Broadstreet
Director Russ Blais
Director Melissa Long...via phone
Plant Manager Tom Jordan
Attorney Christian Bartholomew

ABSENT: District Office Coordinator Tabitha Dillner

Minutes – The reading of the minutes from the meeting was waived and Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2023 meeting, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

Financials – Chairman Gene Novello presented the April financial report. The fund balances exceed the minimum reserve requirements by \$2,516,069 and the total receipts have exceeded the total expenditures to date by \$77,129. Unmetered collections are over budget by \$11,961. Total operating expenditures are under budget by \$110,003. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the financial report from April 2023, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

Bills to be paid:

NIPSCO	\$ 906.23	Monthly plant
NIPSCO	\$ 492.51	Monthly lift stations
NIPSCO	\$ 3,094.92	Monthly lake pump
Brightspeed	\$ 193.85	Phone service
TCU Credit Card	\$ 632.32	Monthly credit card
TCU Invoice	\$ 123.40	Monthly bank fees
PrimePay-Payroll	\$ 5,605.74	Bi-weekly payroll – 4/3/2023 – 4/16/2023
PrimePay-Payroll	\$ 5,590.66	Bi-weekly payroll – 4/17/2023 – 4/30/2023
PrimePay-Invoice	\$ 178.71	Monthly service charges
HWC	\$ 258.00	Monthly computer fee
Baker Tilly	\$ 2,170.00	Monthly accounting fee

Indiana 811	\$ 42.75	Monthly locates
Northern IN Wildlife	\$ 300.00	Monthly trapper fee
Robert Wennerstrom	\$ 49.10	Sold home with credit
Davis Well Drilling	\$ 16,200.00	New pump & well cleaning for lake pump
Sensaphone	\$ 5,089.80	Annual alarms for all liftstations
Flow-Tech	\$ 6,525.00	New pump 2 @ liftstation 'H'
Flow-Tech	\$ 822.50	Installation of pump 2 @ liftstation 'H'
Accident Fund	\$ 1,344.00	Annual workers comp premium
Travelers Insurance	\$ 17,179.00	Annual insurance fee
Irrigation Solutions	\$ 500.00	Updated tracking system on farm irrigation

Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the bills as presented noting each payee, the dollar amounts, and purpose were read into the May 8, 2023 minutes, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

Plant Manager's Report—Plant Manager Jordan reported that there was 1.10 inches of precipitation for April and the lake pump pumped 36.0 million gallons into the lake. Plant Manager Jordan reported that 20 liens were filed for a total of \$3,510.78. Plant Manager Jordan stated that the truck will now be a 2024 instead of a 2023 because they are not making anymore 2023 according to Shepard Chevrolet. The snow blade had to be cancelled because of the upgrade. Plant Manager Jordan will let keep the Board updated when he has more information about it. Plant Manager Jordan requested from the Board to hire someone for part time summer help on a few projects at the plant, the Board agreed. Plant Manager Jordan let the Board know that he added 220 feet of eight-inch pipeline on East and North Street in Boa Shores because there will be three new homes. Plant Manager Jordan let the Board know that the new side at the BLCD office would cost \$180 per decal (one on each side for a total of \$360). Director Blais made a motion to approve the sign, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried. Plant Manager Jordan presented to the Board pictures of campers that are hookup up the BLCD sewer system. And he requested that we upgrade our hookup ordinance. Plant Manager Jordan also stated that Starke County is also upgrading their RV permit regulations. Attorney Bartholomew stated that he would work on that.

District Office Coordinator's Comments—Office Coordinator Dillner was absent.

Attorney's Comments— Attorney Bartholomew stated that he sent out ordinance information from a homeowner filling out a public information request form. Attorney Bartholomew said that Director Long had turned in her filled in nomination form to continue on the BLCD Board as Director 1 position. Attorney Bartholomew requested a date for the annual meeting so as to have enough time to publish it. After some discussion, July 1st was decided on. The July monthly meeting will follow the annual meeting.

Comments from the Board—Director Broadstreet stated that Aquatic Control would be up one day next week depending on the temperature of the water to do a survey of the lake. Vice Chairman Collura stated that the homeowner near liftstation 'K' did receive the letters from the Attorney regarding the protective posts being installed.

Comments from the Audience—The audience member Tom Busch questioned the March 2023 minutes about Chairman Novello presenting information about the Beach installing additional piers, wondering where that information came from. There was discussion and discrepancy about Chairman Novello being the one that presented that information. After some discussion it was agreed to amend the March 2023 minutes that will be approved at the June 2023 meeting.

Director Broadstreet made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Collura seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting will be June 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the BLPOA building for the regularly scheduled meeting.