



Bass Lake Conservancy District Meeting June 13, 2022

AGENDA:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Minutes
- Financial Report
- Bills
- Annual Meeting
- Starke County Parks Department
- 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	Director Melissa Long
Vice Chairman Larry Collura-phone	Plant Manager Tom Jordan
Director Jerry Broadstreet	District Office Coordinator Tabitha Dillner
Director Russ Blais	Attorney Christian Bartholomew

ABSENT:

Minutes – The reading of the minutes from the meeting was waived and Director Broadstreet made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2022 meeting, Director Long seconded. Motion carried.

Financials – Chairman Gene Novello presented the May financial report. The fund balances exceed the minimum reserve requirements by \$2,493,588 and the total receipts have exceeded the total expenditures to date by \$90,574. Unmetered collections are over budget by \$7,372. Total operating expenditures are under budget by \$59,105. Director Blais made a motion to approve the financial report from May 2022, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

Bills to be paid:

NIPSCO	\$ 205.63	Monthly plant
NIPSCO	\$ 637.35	Monthly lift stations
NIPSCO	\$ 1,055.49	Monthly lake pump
CenturyLink	\$ 190.61	Monthly phone
TCU Credit Card	\$ 2,113.03	Monthly credit card
TCU Invoice	\$ 118.90	Monthly bank fees
PrimePay-Payroll	\$ 5,747.02	Bi-weekly payroll – 5/2/2022 – 5/13/2022
* \$300 for Director Long for 3 months meeting attendance		
PrimePay-Payroll	\$ 5,116.57	Bi-weekly payroll – 5/16/2022 – 5/29/2022
PrimePay-Invoice	\$ 176.27	Monthly service charges

HWC	\$ 258.00	Monthly computer fee
BBC Attorney	\$ 1,944.00	Monthly attorney fee
Baker Tilly	\$ 1,787.00	Monthly accounting fee
Wildman	\$ 66.83	Monthly office supplies/services
Northern IN Wildlife	\$ 750.00	Monthly trapper fee
HML	\$ 40.00	Monthly lake E-Coli test
Aquatic Control	\$ 1,050.00	Spring tier 2 survey
Aquatic Control	\$ 36,997.20	Spring weed treatment
Naylor Pipe	\$ 425.72	Liftstation pipes-shipping
Naylor Pipe	\$ 90.00	Liftstation pipes-shipping
Rosemary Valek	\$ 886.60	Sold home with credit
Flow-Tech	\$ 2,340.00	All liftstations service

Director Broadstreet made a motion to approve the bills as presented noting each payee, the dollar amounts, and purpose were read into the May 9, 2022 minutes, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting—After some discussion between the Board and Attorney Bartholomew it was voted that the annual meeting would be July 9, 2022 at 8AM and held at the BLCD office. Chairman Novello made a motion to approve the meeting change, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

Starke County Parks Department—After Board discussion, it was agreed that the donation of \$1,000 to the Starke County Parks Department will be made only once we hear the project is going through.

Plant Manager’s Report—Plant Manager Jordan reported that there was 2.06 inches of precipitation for May and the lake pump pumped 20 million gallons into the lake. Plant Manager Jordan let the Board know that NIPSCO is replacing the lights at liftstation J and the Lake Pump to LED lights that cause less light pollution. Plant Manager Jordan stated that the generators for liftstations H, I and K have been installed but waiting for NIPSCO to finish it up. Plant Manager Jordan is looking into cost to plant trees on the homeowner’s side of the liftstations. Plant Manager Jordan mentioned that Territorial Engineer came to look at liftstation lines and manholes at liftstations A, B, and C. Plant Manager Jordan let the Board know that Flow-Tech came to remove four pumps, one each from liftstations M, F, Lakewinds, and at the Lagoon. The total cost would estimate to be around \$4,087.81. Director Blais made a motion to approve the amount of \$4,087.81 to cover the costs to repair the liftstation pumps, Director Long seconded. Motion carried.

District Office Coordinator’s Comments—Office Coordinator Dillner had nothing additional to add.

Attorney’s Comments— Attorney Bartholomew passed out the final revision of the port-a-potty ordinance 22-01 for the Boards signatures and approval. Director Blais made a motion to approve the 22-01 Port-a-potty resolution which also approves the 22-01 ordinance, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

Comments from the Board—Director Broadstreet stated that Aquatic Control was out May 6th to treat 172 DNR approved acres of Milfoil. Aquatic Control will be out next week to survey the treated areas. Director Blais discussed the Bass Lake rentals. After some discussion between the Board and Attorney Bartholomew it was decided to table the discussion until after the Asset Management Study was complete.

Comments from the Audience—The audience had nothing additional to add.

Vice Chairman Larry Collura made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting will be July 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the BLPOA building for regularly scheduled meeting.