



Bass Lake Conservancy District Meeting August 12, 2024

AGENDA:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Minutes
- Financial Report
- Bills
- Farm Lease
- Territorial Engineer
- Anchorage
- Surf Internet
- 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	Plant Manager Tom Jordan
	Director Jerry Broadstreet	
	Director Russ Blais	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 June 29, 2024 meeting, Director Long seconded. Motion carried.

Financials– Chairman Gene Novello presented the June financial report. The fund balances exceed the minimum reserve requirements by \$2,564,019 and the total receipts have exceeded the total expenditures to date by \$46,337. Unmetered collections are over budget by \$9,404. Total operating expenditures are under budget by \$113,533. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the financial report from June 2024, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

Financials – Chairman Gene Novello presented the July financial report. The fund balances exceed the minimum reserve requirements by \$2,575,393 and the total receipts have exceeded the total expenditures to date by \$54,978. Unmetered collections are over budget by \$15,281. Total operating expenditures are under budget by \$128,597. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the financial report from July 2024, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

Bills to be paid:

NIPSCO	\$ 381.51	Monthly plant
NIPSCO	\$ 1,430.30	Monthly lift stations
NIPSCO	\$ 1,638.90	Monthly lake pump

HWC	\$ 258.00	Monthly computer fee
Brightspeed	\$ 196.43	Monthly phone fee-june
Brightspeed	\$ 196.43	Monthly phone fee-july
PrimePay*	\$ 7,180.57	Bi-weekly payroll – 6/22/2024 – 7/5/2024
PrimePay	\$ 6,690.40	Bi-weekly payroll – 7/6/2024 – 7/19/2024
PrimePay	\$ 5,938.61	Bi-weekly payroll – 7/20/2024 – 8/2/2024
PrimePay	\$ 270.35	Monthly service fees-june
PrimePay	\$ 286.25	Monthly service fees-july
Baker Tilly	\$ 2,085.00	Monthly accounting fees
Indiana 811	\$ 84.55	Monthly locates-june
Indiana 811	\$ 72.20	Monthly locates-july
Everwise	\$ 1,005.86	Monthly credit card-june
Everwise	\$ 3,771.17	Monthly credit card-july
Everwise-Invoice	\$ 127.30	Monthly bank fees-june
Everwise-Invoice	\$ 127.75	Monthly bank fees-july
BCC	\$ 4,546.00	Monthly attorney fees
HML	\$ 70.00	Monthly e-coli test-1 for lake, 1 for plant lagoons
Don’s Sewer & Septic	\$ 460.00	Videoed sewer line-SR 10-600 S
Don’s Sewer & Septic	\$ 720.00	Jetted & videoed sewer-5374 S CR 210
Don’s Sewer & Septic	\$ 960.00	Videoed manhole & unclog lagoon line-M3-M4
Don’s Sewer & Septic	\$ 460.00	Videoed sewer line-6406 S CR 210
Territorial Engineering	\$ 390.00	Work at anchorage
McGrath	\$ 801.00	Serviced liftstation generators H, I, K
Dan Gillespie	\$ 34.10	Sold home with credit
Tabitha Dillner	\$ 53.60	July mileage
		*\$100 Director Long (included in payroll 6/22/2024)
		*\$800 Director Novello (included in payroll 6/22/2024)

Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the bills as presented noting each payee, the dollar amounts, and purpose were read into the August 12, 2024 minutes, Director Long seconded. Motion carried.

Farm Lease—Director Broadstreet and Director Blais met with Wapple farms since the change in the crop they had in their contract to grow. After some discussion between the Board and Attorney Bartholomew it was decided that bids would go out for the new farm lease with the goal of having them for October’s meeting.

Territorial Engineer—Territorial Engineer representative, Bob Aoli, stated that their company has joined forces with JPR Engineering, and he would be working for them. When the current contract ends, they will present the Board with a proposed contract under the new company’s name for review. JPR representative, Ken Jones, introduced himself.

Anchorage—Plant Manager Jordan stated that the issues had been resolved earlier in the day, so it didn’t need to be discussed.

Surf Internet—Chairman Novello let the Surf representatives present at the meeting know that the Board and the homeowners are upset with the lack of consideration for the sewer system in place. This observation is due to the fact that so far 6 lines have been hit and had to be repaired, which could have been avoided if they had taken the steps necessary to avoid causing damage. Plant Manager Jordan stated that himself and Vice Chairman Collura met with Surf representatives to devise a plan so that when they dig, they won’t hit the lines. The Board requested something in writing that if some lines are hit that there is protection to the homeowners that the repair costs are covered by Surf Internet now and in the future.

Plant Manager's Report—Plant Manager Jordan reported that there was 8.21 inches of precipitation for July, the lake pump pumped 15.0 million gallons into the lake. The pump was turned back on August 9th. Plant Manager Jordan presented the Board an invoice for installing generators at liftstations 'M' and 'N' for \$9,219.30 each and at the BLCD office for \$11,927.60 for a total of \$30,366.20. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the generator, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried. Attorney Bartholomew is going to investigate if bids need to be sent out for bid due to the amount.

District Office Coordinator's Comments—Absent.

Attorney's Comments—Nothing additional to add.

Comments from the Board—Director Long stated that the Boa Shores porta potty tipped over again in the last big storm. Plant Manager Jordan stated that he had contacted the person who filled out the application and they contacted the Boa Shores President right away. Plant Manager Jordan will reach out to them about something better to better anchor it down. Vice Chairman Collura stated that him and Plant Manager Jordan met with the engineer of the weir at the weir (boat launch) last week to discuss the weeds. Vice Chairman Collura stated that he was told that as tempting as it is to remove the weeds from the lake side at the weir it is in the lakes' best interest to have them. The weeds help filter out the phosphorus and other harmful elements that get into the lake that can cause harmful algae. Due to this conversion, it was decided to start testing the lake for phosphorus along with the e-coli tests just to make sure the lake is as healthy as it should be. Vice Chairman Collura also mentioned that some states have already outlawed wake boats and Indiana is looking into proposing the same things for certain lakes.

Comments from the Audience—Homeowners had comments about 2nd pump, and it was stated that it was best to reach out the County on that topic.

Adjournment--Director Broadstreet made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Collura seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting will be September 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the BLPOA building.