

**BASS LAKE CONSERVANCY  
DISTRICT MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14, 2016**

PRESENT    Chairman Gene Novello                                  Vice Chairman Larry Collura  
              Director Jerry Broadstreet                              Director Russ Blais  
              Director Dennis Kraftor                                      Plant Manager Tom Jordan  
              Office Assistant Mariann Gappa                              Engineer Lee Nagai  
              Attorney Nate Vis

ABSENT:    CPA Firm, Umbaugh & Associates Jeff Rowe (not required to attend)  
              Attorney Ethan Lowe

Chairman Gene Novello called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes** – The reading of the minutes was waived and Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2016 meeting, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

**Financials** – Chairman Novello presented the financial report. The fund balances exceed the minimum reserve requirements by \$1,246,575 and the receipts have exceeded expenditures by \$212,602. Operating expenditures are under budget by \$55,068. The next principal and interest on the bond is due January 1, 2017. Director Kraftor made a motion to approve the financial statement, Vice Chairman Collura seconded. Motion carried.

**Bills to be paid:**

Prime Pay	\$115.59 (October)
Prime Pay	\$3444.14 (10/23/2016)
Prime Pay	\$3372.77 (11/06/2016)
Umbaugh	\$1695.00 (October)
Gasvoda	\$1607.00 (Labor)
Npes	\$1820.00 (Engineer – 10 Months)
TCU	\$57.65 (October)
TCU	\$639.18 (Plant Manager Credit Card)
TCU	\$130.00 (Office Assistant Credit Card)
Apheus	\$12.95 (Computer)
NAPA	\$12.91 (UPS)
Aquatic Control	\$2789.00 (LARE Treatment)
Element	\$140.00 (Testing)
Indiana 811	\$134.90 (Quarterly Ticket Fee)
Flow-Technics	\$4950.00 (New Pump at G Station)
Flow-Technics	\$700.00 (G Station Repair)
Larry Collura	\$27.43 (Map Frame)
Sandy Lewandowski	\$11.74 (Refund on Sold Home)

Vice Chairman Collura asked about the Gasvoda bill. Plant Manager Jordan will check on it before it is approved for payment. Director Broadstreet stated the Aquatic Control bill was for work done in the summer, but the original bill was sent to the wrong e-mail address and not received at BLCD. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the bills with the exception of the Gasvoda bill, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

**5 Year Plan** – Chairman Novello inquired about significant dollar projects that may need to be added to the 5-Year Plan. Director Broadstreet stated the irrigation system is 30 years old and may need replacing in the near future as the life of such a system is approximately 30 years. It will probably cost around \$100,000 to replace the system. Director Blais asked about the maintenance cost of the weir. It wasn't clear who is responsible for maintaining the area around the weir. It was suggested that the DNR be asked about what they maintain and who should take care of the trees and other problems around the weir. Director Broadstreet also asked about having an alarm system on all the pumps. There was a problem over the week-end and a blown fuse resulted in having the pump back up. Vice Chairman Collura explained about a cellular system that would let Plant Manager Jordan know when a lift station is out so he could take care of it immediately. Plant Manager Jordan had received a quote for all the lift stations for \$48,000.

**6339 S SR 10** – Office Assistant Gappa reported that the property with 4 houses on it had been sold recently and the new owner planned to demolish all the houses and build a single house on the property. There were 2 tap-ons and she asked about the maintenance fee. Plant Manager Jordan responded that one of the tap-ons was going to be capped off so only one maintenance fee should be charged after the houses are demolished.

**LARE Grant** – Director Broadstreet recapped the spraying of the weeds this past summer. The total cost was \$10,137.80 and BLCD only paid about \$1500.00 because the LARE grant took care of the remaining cost. 11.4 acres of milfoil were sprayed and 6.4 acres of phragmites were sprayed.

It's predicted that next year only 2 acres of phragmites will need to be sprayed for a cost of approximately \$1,000. The LARE grant does not cover the phragmites. He also commented that the native vegetation was down by 43% and that accounted for the murkiness of the lake. Vegetation is needed to keep the lake clear. Vice Chairman Collura and Director Blais will work on the computer work needed for the 2017 grant.

**Internal Controls** – everyone has listened to the webinar and signed off on it and the certificates will be on file in the BLCD office.

**Tom Jordan's Report** – Plant Manager Jordan supplied the Directors with a map of a new home on Beach St. that has paid the tap-on fee. The closest sewer line is on Pine St. and the owner will have to extend the sewer line under Beach St. and another property to hook up. He advised BLCD to extend the sewer line from Pine St. to Beach St. as more homes may be built on Beach St. He will get bids from 3 contractors for the extension. Attorney Vis stated that the amount required for publication is \$25,000 for the project. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to have Plant Manager Jordan secure bids from 3 contractors to extend the sewer line from Pine St. to Beach St. with an engineer's drawing of what is needed, Director Kraftor seconded. Motion carried.

Plant Manager Jordan inspected the property at 2890 CR 210 in September of 2013 and the owner wanted to keep it a duplex. They should be paying \$101.91 for a duplex but they are still paying \$87.51 for the beauty shop it had been when they bought the property. Attorney Lowe

advised that Plant Manager Jordan should again inspect the property to see if anything has changed.

Pump has been replaced in the G Lift Station.

The owner of 6027 S SR 10 plans to disconnect from the lateral at 6049 S SR 10 and hook up to the lateral at 6027 this winter. The owner wants to know who is responsible for the cost. It was decided that the owner stated at an earlier meeting that he would take care of it and it is the property owner's responsibility. A tap-on fee will not be charged.

The pump house needs a new roof so Plant Manager Jordan had someone look at it and he will receive a quote to replace it.

Aquatic Control has treated the North pond.

**Attorney's Comments** – Attorney Vis presented the revised agreement between BLCD and Purdue University. Attorney Lowe is asking for feedback from the Board so he can have a final agreement ready at the December meeting.

**Office Assistant's Comments** – Office Assistant Gappa stated that 7 new accounts had been set up and one new tap-on. The Directors were presented with claim forms for meeting payments and she asked that they be returned by Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. The rent check from Wappel was received on October 24 for \$21,000. There was a waived payment granted at the last meeting and that payment was later received. She asked about another no-pay on a sold property. She was told to contact the person again before the Board would grant a waiver.

**Comments from the Board** – Vice Chairman Collura attended the BLPOA meeting and presented the Bass Lake bathymetric map to be hung in the BLPOA building.

**Comments from the Audience** – Audience member Jerry Taylor stated that he thought the county surveyor should take care of the ditch at the weir. Vice Chairman Collura responded that he and Director Blais had talked to the DNR rep and they were told that the DNR responsibility ended after the water went over the stilling pond. The ditch starts there.

Jerry Taylor commented that many years ago Mr. Tatgenhorst tried to get BLCD to extend the sewer lines so he could subdivide his property. BLCD responded that it was his responsibility and refused to do so Tulip Trail was never hooked up. It was questioned if there is even a road there or just a trail.

Chairman Novello asked why the property at 2890 CR 210 was charged \$87.51 and Plant Manager Jordan explained that was the charge for the business and the employees working there.

Director Blais made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Collura seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting is at 5:30 p.m. on December 12, 2016 at the BLPOA building.

