

BASS LAKE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

PRESENT Chairman Gene Novello Vice Chairman Larry Collura
 Director Jerry Broadstreet Director Russ Blais
 Director Dennis Kraftor Engineer Lee Nagai
 Office Assistant Mariann Gappa Attorney Ethan Lowe

ABSENT: CPA Firm, Umbaugh & Associates Jeff Rowe (not required to attend)
 Plant Manager Tom Jordan

Chairman Gene Novello called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Aquatic Control—Mr. Jarrod Richeson from Aquatic Control passed out a survey form to be filled out and returned before he left. He gave the history of Aquatic Controls treatment of the weeds at Bass Lake since 2013. A bathymetric mapping of the lake was done this Spring and a large one was given to BLCD to be framed. The plan updates are due Nov. 15 and the grant applications are due Jan. 31. Mr. Richeson also discussed the future treatment of the weeds at Bass Lake. Vice Chairman Collura asked about the cloudiness of the lake. Mr. Richeson responded that the lack of native vegetation can contribute to the cloudiness and Bass Lake is below the INDR recommended amount of vegetation. Vice Chairman Collura also asked about the restricted area of the lake and was told that there is native vegetation so spraying is not allowed. An audience member asked if the lack of native vegetation is because of over treatment of the lake. Mr. Richeson responded that is hard to determine the reason for the lack of native vegetation. Director Broadstreet mentioned that the last time the whole lake was treated was in 2011 by sonar. Since then, the treatment of the lake is less each year.

Minutes – The reading of the minutes was waived and Director Blais made a motion to approve the minutes from the Aug. 16, 2016 meeting, Vice Chairman Collura seconded. Motion carried.

Financials – Chairman Novello presented the financial report. The fund balances exceed the minimum reserve requirements by \$1,140,696 and the receipts have exceeded expenditures by \$106,723. Operating expenditures are under budget by \$48,307. The next principal and interest on the bond is due Jan 1, 2017. Chairman Novello stated that it has been a good year. Director Kraftor made a motion to approve the financial statement, Vice Chairman Collura seconded. Motion carried

Bills to be paid:

NIPSCO	\$812.54 (Lift Stations)
NIPSCO	\$414.73 (Plant Pump)
NIPSCO	\$423.15(Pump)
Century Link	\$53.80

Century Link	\$203.63
Century Link	\$217.82
Prime Pay	\$115.59 (August)
Prime Pay	\$3418.95(8/19/2016)
Prime Pay	\$3427.36 (9/2/2016)
Prime Pay	\$3314.22 (9/16/2016)
Umbaugh	\$1695.00 (August)
TCU	\$56.75 (August))
TCU	\$2555.81 (Plant Manager Credit Card)
TCU	\$928.60 (Office Assistant Credit Card)
Aquatic Control	\$3750.00 (Lake Mapping Services)
NAPA	\$12.94 (UPS)
HML	\$120.00 (Testing)
Gasvoda & Associates	\$6993.00 (Pump)
Blachly, Tabor, Bozik	\$2700.19 (Attorney Fee)
Apheus	\$99.00 (Printer)
BL Anderson	\$149.55 (Sensor)
BL Anderson	\$1856.65 (Transmitter)
Flow Technics	\$610.70 (Plant Upgrades)
Quill	\$104.97 (Misc. Supplies)
Quill	\$29.99 (Misc. Supplies)
Quill	\$195.97 (Misc. Supplies)
Larry Collura	\$300.00
Gene Novello	\$500.00
Dennis Kraftor	\$600.00

Vice Chairman Collura asked which pump was affected by the lightning strike and if BLCD needed some type of protection. It was decided to ask Plant Manager Jordan when he returns. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the bills and Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

Engineers Report—Engineer Nagai reported that there is some future work that needs to be done at the weir, but contact with the County should be done first as the County may be responsible for some of it. Vice Chairman Collura asked about the roof on the pump house. Director Broadstreet stated it is bad shape and needs to be replaced. Director Broadstreet asked about 6047 S SR 10. Engineer Nagai said a video camera may be necessary, but that is up to the homeowners to determine.

Outlet Structure -- Vice Chairman Collura reported that the repair of the outlet structure is done and it looks good. He also stated there are some low hanging branches that need to be removed and that is not the responsibility of the DNR. There are also some concrete chunks that need to be removed.

5 Year Plan-Ditch Maintenance—Director Blais did not have a dollar figure for the 5-Year Plan yet. He talked to the DNR rep to determine what can be removed besides the trees as there are regulations. Chairman Novello stated he had met with Jeff Rowe from Umbaugh and they discussed the possible rate change when the bond is paid off next year. They considered that the system will be 20 years old and they tried to formulate a plan to consider the needs of the next 5-

15 years. By the next meeting he will have a preliminary estimate. He also hoping that the rate may be lowered by approximately \$15-\$20 per month.

5050 S SR 10 – Mr. Dennis Peters purchased the old Bamboo Lounge in 2004 and tore the Lounge down after the purchase. He was paying \$101.91 per month for the Lounge property and the single place across the street. He later converted the single place into a duplex and continued to pay \$101.91 per month. In 2015 he built a new house at 5055 S SR 10 and was charged a tap-on fee of \$3700.00. He is contesting the tap-on fee as he had been paying \$101.91 for some years when there was nothing on the property. He asked for a refund of the \$3700.00 or an adjustment when he paid \$101.91 for the 6 years when the property was vacant. Research will be done on the accounts and available at the next meeting.

Attorney's Comments – Attorney Lowe stated that he had met with Engineer Nagai concerning the new Purdue Research Facility, former fish hatchery, and he would have a draft of the sewer connection agreement for the Facility at the next meeting.

Office Assistant's Comments – Office Assistant Gappa stated that 5 new accounts had been set up and there were 3 tap-ons in August resulting in payments of \$11,100. NIPSCO contracts have been signed by Chairman Novello for the 18 lift stations and pumps. A payment from the state was received for \$2231.20 for the LARE projects. There was 1 no-pay as the house was sold and only 1 month was owed. Director Broadstreet made a motion to waive the payment owed for 6651 S. Lombardy Lane, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

Comments from the Board – Vice Chairman Collura stated that the bathymetric map is on the BLCD website so homeowners could print a copy for themselves and there are copies here at the meeting. The maps cannot be sold. Director Blais asked about posting one at the weir. Vice Chairman Collura stated that the E-Coli testing is done for the year and results are good as the average is 30.6 and anything above 230 is alarming. Vice President Collura also complimented Office Assistant Gappa on her work managing the liens.

Comments from the Audience – Audience member Ken McCormick stated he had a 1924 map of Bass Lake and will drop it off at the office. Audience member Jerry Taylor asked about adjusting the rates for Summer businesses when the bond is paid off. He felt a suspension or lower rate would help these businesses and Bass Lake needs the businesses. Vice Chairman Collura asked about changing the dates of the Nov. and Dec. meetings because Thanksgiving and Christmas are during the proposed meeting weeks. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to move the Nov. meeting to Monday, Nov. 14 at 5:30pm and the Dec. meeting to Monday, Dec. 12 at 5:30pm. Director Blais seconded. Motion carried. Audience member Scott Pelke asked if a decision had been made on the rates at his property. He stated Plant Manager Jordan had made an inspection after the last meeting. Since Plant Manager Jordan was not present, no decision could be made. Chairman Novello promised a decision would be made before the next meeting and Mr. Pelke would be notified.

Chairman Novello adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is at 6:00p.m. on October 17, 2016 at the BLPOA building.