

**BASS LAKE CONSERVANCY
DISTRICT MEETING
JUNE 20, 2016**

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

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

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

The reading of the minutes was waived and Vice President Collura made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2016 meeting, Director Kraftor seconded. Motion carried.

Dr. Steven Hawkins and Mark Townsend talked about the ponds at the Fish Hatchery and the plans to renovate 2 of them now and all of them later. Dr. Hawkins asked about the fees for connecting to the sewer system to drain the ponds when needed. Engineer Lee Nagai presented a plan for determining the fee based on the ERU (equivalent residential usage). He estimated that the cost would be approximately \$200.00 per month. After discussion it was determined that the rate would be based on the actual usage. President Novello asked Engineer Nagai to put his plan for the rate structure in writing so the Board could review it at the next meeting. Plant Manager Jordan also mentioned that the tap-on fee needed to be considered. When questions were asked about the drainage from 1 or 2 ponds and pipes needed, Dr. Hawkins and Mr. Townsend presented a hatchery map for the Directors to examine and then explained what needed to be done and where the drainage would occur. The plan is to start construction in late Summer and hopefully have it done by Winter with usage starting in the Spring. It was decided to charge 1 tap-on fee now with the option to review this later.

President Novello presented the financial report. The fund balances exceed the minimum reserve requirements by \$990,018 and the receipts have exceeded expenditures by \$237,804. Operating receipts are under budget by \$38,934. Overall, BLCD is under budget by \$1,847 but that will catch up soon. The next principal and interest on the bond is due July 1, 2016 (June 25) and that was approved by President Novello today. Vice President Collura made a motion to approve the financial statement, Director Kraftor seconded. Motion carried

Bills to be paid:

NIPSCO	\$381.89 (Lift Stations)
NIPSCO	\$233.96 (Bldg. Pump)
NIPSCO	\$12.22(Pump)
Century Link	\$195.51
Century Link	\$48.76

Prime Pay	\$160.25 (May)
Prime Pay	\$3502.45 (5/27/2016)
Prime Pay	\$3352.35 (6/10/2016)
Umbaugh	\$1695.00 (May)
TCU	\$55.25 (May)
TCU	\$3380.29 (Plant Manager Credit Card)
TCU	\$940.00 (Office Assistant Credit Card)
Smith's Farm Store	\$91.60 (Misc. Supplies)
NAPA	\$12.86 (UPS)
Element	\$140.00 (Testing)
HML	\$145.00 (Testing)
Blachy, Tabor, Bozik	\$1075.00 (Legal)
Apheus	\$90.00 (Computer)
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Flow-Technics	\$8,960.00 (New Pump)
Webb Printing	\$170.00 (Envelopes)
D&K Builders	\$840.00 (Concrete Pad)
D&K Builders	\$1,800.00 (Anchor Unitv & Genarac)
Cincinnati Ins.	\$2,071.00 (Workman's Comp)
Cincinnati Ins.	\$9,222.00 (Renew Policy)
Cincinnati Ins.	\$804.00 (Machinery)
State Revolving Fund Loan	\$264,790.00 (Bond)
Electrical Installations	\$150.00 (Generator Electric)
Larry Collura	\$300.00 (Meetings)
Milestone Fence	\$2,003.39 (Generator Fence)
BL Anderson	\$386.10 (Plant Flow Meters)
D.S.&S.	\$400.00

Vice President Collura made a motion to approve the bills and Director Kraftor seconded. Motion carried.

Insurance—President Novello expressed his displeasure with GIS about receiving the Cincinnati Insurance bills late. He will look into an alternate solution for next year.

Outlet Structure Update—Vice President Collura explained that IDNR has accepted a bid from Northern Indiana for \$71,945 and they have applied for permits. They will begin the work around the end of August. They also want to do some work on the property just North and West of the structure because of erosion. The alternate bid for the erosion is \$10,185.

Phragmite Treatment—Director Broadstreet reported a permit has been issued from the state and treatment will be Wed. (June 22) if weather permits. The spraying is \$750.00 per acre and the money is in the budget for weed control. Vice President Collura stated that the notice to homeowners about the spraying had been posted on the BLCD website, the BLPOA website and the Bass Lake Facebook page that Tabitha Dillner maintains. A map of the areas to be sprayed was also included.

Grants—President Novello mentioned that Deb Mix from the Chamber of Commerce had sent the Directors a memo on grants available, but that the BLCD did not have need for any grants at this time.

5065 S SR—Mr. Ed Brauer asked about hooking up a building that had been disconnected. He uses the building as storage and wants to reconnect the toilet. Plant Manager Jordan had inspected the building and he provided pictures that showed there wasn't a stove in the building. After much discussion, it was decided that there needs to be an amendment to the ordinance regarding what the BLCD can charge for buildings that are not inhabited, but still maintain bathrooms for use. President Novello asked Attorney Vis to work on the situation with Attorney Lowe. It was decided that Mr. Brauer could hook up to the sewer system again.

Tom Jordan's Report – Plant Manager Jordan reported that the generator is hooked up and the fence is up at Lift Station J. An extra outlet needs to be added. He asked if the Board wanted trees planted at the station. Engineer Nagai suggested that trees not be planted because of the power lines. It was decided not to plant trees.

ADT will be sending an annual bill instead of monthly.

The new plant pumps are working fine now.

Bielava campground has permission from the county to add 10 new hook-ups which means an increase of \$11.00 per hook-up to their bill.

The beach campground has been having issues and Plant Manager Jordan has been there with the county inspector, the health inspector and the state inspector. There are 60 hook-ups but not that many campers. No one has any drawings of the site. The campground has its own lift station with 2 pumps.

K Lift Station needs to be lined because of infrastructure problems. Director Blais made a motion to accept a bid from MCSP for \$6300.00 to do the work needed, Vice President Collura seconded. Motion carried.

C Lift Station needs a new pump. Director Kraftor made a motion to replace the pump for \$4150.00, Vice President Collura seconded. Motion carried.

In May, there was 2.88 inches of rain and 2.5 inches so far this month and the pump is on.

Plant Manager Jordan will be on vacation July 18-22.

Director Blais asked about a homeowner on 625 E. that was not connected to the sewer and Plant Manager Jordan replied that they are now connected. He also asked about a garage being built that may have living quarters above it. Plant Manager Jordan will check it out.

Director Broadstreet asked about the Liedty property and Plant Manager Jordan replied that Attorney Lowe was supposed to send a letter to the homeowner. Mr. Grajewski stated that an attorney from Pulaski County had been hired to tend to this problem. Letters were supposed to be sent out to the homeowner and BLCD. The property is still being advertised with a sewer connection on Realtor.com. Mr. Grajewski mentioned a lot of activity on the property and Mrs. Liedty had promised last year that she would have the sewer installed and nothing has happened yet. Attorney Vis suggested that a letter be sent to Mrs. Liedty giving her 60-90 days to correct the problem before the BLCD does anything.

Attorney's Comments—Attorney Vis stated that the election notices had been posted according to state code.

Office Assistant's Comments – Office Assistant Gappa reported that Apheus has been very prompt in taking care of the computer problems. There are 8 new property owners with 3 more pending and she will be out of the office on Wed.

Comments from the Board—Director Blais expressed the sympathies of the Board on the passing of President Novello's Mother last week.

Comments from the Audience—Ken McCormick asked about people being near the generator at J Lift Station when the generator is running. He was told the fence is completely around it and no one would be harmed by heat from the generator.

Director Blais made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Director Kraftor seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting is at 6:00p.m. July 18, 2016 at the BLPOA building.