

Bass Lake Conservancy District Meeting January 9, 2023

AGENDA:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Minutes
- Financial Report
- Bills
- Budget
- Territorial Engineering Contract
- 'K' Liftstation
- Plant Manager's Report
- Comments from Attorney
- Comments from Office Coordinator
- Comments from the Board
- Ouestions 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 District Office Coordinator Tabitha Dillner

Director Russ Blais-via phone Attorney Christian Bartholomew

Dan Sellers & Bob Aloi, Territorial Engineer Reps

ABSENT:

Minutes – The reading of the minutes from the meeting was waived and Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2022 meeting, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

Financials – Chairman Gene Novello presented the December financial report. The fund balances exceed the minimum reserve requirements by \$2,494,788 and the total receipts have exceeded the total expenditures to date by \$91,804. Unmetered collections are over budget by \$3,957. Total operating expenditures are under budget by \$62,710. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the financial report from December 2022, Director Long seconded. Motion carried.

Bills to be paid:

\$ 247.75	Monthly plant
\$ 917.45	Monthly lift stations
\$ 1,680.72	Monthly lake pump
\$ 193.09	Phone service
\$ 1,680.72	Monthly credit card
\$ 121.90	Monthly bank fees
\$ 5,628.38	Bi-weekly payroll – 10/31/2022 – 11/13/2022
\$ \$ \$ \$	\$ 917.45 \$ 1,680.72 \$ 193.09 \$ 1,680.72 \$ 121.90

PrimePay-Payroll \$ 9,682.57 Bi-weekly payroll - 11/14/2022 - 11/27/2022

- *\$500 for Chairman Novello for 5 months meeting attendance
- *\$600 for Vice Chairman Collura for 6 months meeting attendance
- *\$1300 for Director Broadstreet for 13 months meeting attendance
- *\$1300 for Director Blais for 13 months meeting attendance
- *\$100 for Director Long for 1 month meeting attendance

PrimePay-Payroll	\$ 5,434.48	Bi-weekly payroll – 12/26/2022 – 1/8/2023
PrimePay-Invoice	\$ 277.86	Monthly service charges
HWC	\$ 258.00	Monthly computer fee
Baker Tilly	\$ 1,895.00	Monthly accounting fee
Baker Tilly	\$ 7,191.38	Asset management fee
BCC	\$ 1,450.00	Monthly attorney fee
Wildman	\$ 68.17	Monthly office supplies
Keybank	\$ 36.00	Annual safe deposit box
LARE	\$ 20.00	Annual permit fee for weeds
DS&S	\$ 3,920.00	Cleaned all liftstations
Busse Electric	\$ 458.12	Lake pump wiring
Flow-Technics	\$ 945.00	J Liftstation electrical work
Flow-Technics	\$ 5,424.00	J Liftstation new board
Alliance	\$ 264.00	Annual membership fee
Starke Co. Co-Op	\$ 642.11	Plant Propane

Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the bills as presented noting each payee, the dollar amounts, and purpose were read into the January 9, 2023 minutes, Director Long seconded. Motion carried.

Budget—Chairman Novello presented the 2023 budget stating that there a few big-ticket projects scheduled for 2023 which includes the Asset Management Study, cleaning the lake pump, videoing 'G' and 'H' liftstations, sludge survey for South Lagoon, purchase of Muffin Monster, and a new company truck. The budget will be submitted to the accounting firm, Baker Tilly, for review. After some discussion, Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the proposed 2023 but subject to revision once reviewed by Baker Tilly, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

Territorial Engineering Contract—Territorial Engineers, Dan Sellers and Bob Aloi, presented the 2023 contract and rate structure to the Board. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the 2023 contract and rate structure, Director Long seconded. Motion carried.

Plant Manager's Report—Plant Manager Jordan reported that there was 1.72 inches of precipitation for December and the lake pump pumped 21.0 million gallons into the lake. Plant Manager Jordan presented the 2022 plant annual report to the Board. Plant Manager Jordan let the Board know that liftstations 'G' and 'H' need to have the lines videoed in the spring of 2023. There is 9,500 feet and at the cost of \$1.20 per foot. Plant Manager Jordan let the Board know he received four bids to replace the BLCD company truck. After some discussion, Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the bid from Shepherds from Rochester for the total of \$47,000 for a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado to replace the 2015 Chevrolet Silverado, Director Long seconded. Motion carried. Plant Manager Jordan stated that he would like to get the South Lagoon at the Plant surveyed in the fall of 2023 to check the sludge levels and then to come in 2024 for any removal if needed. Plant Manager Jordan also stated that the lake pump would need to be cleaned and have repairs this spring. After some discussion, Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the cost of \$15,000 for the improvement of the lake pump with the work done by Davis Well Drilling, Director Long seconded. Motion carried. Plant Manager Jordan discussed with the Board purchasing a Muffin Monster equipment for liftstation 'J'. After some discussion Vice Chairman Collura

made a motion to approve the purchase for a total of \$60,000 for parts and labor done by JWC Environmental, Director Long seconded. Motion carried.

'K' Liftstation—Territorial Engineer, Dan Sellers, presented to the Board a description of the sewer easement at liftstation 'K' and after discussion with Attorney Bartholomew the post to protect the liftstation is within the utility easement. Chairman Novello requested Attorney Bartholomew reach out to the homeowner in a written letter stating that BLCD will move forward with installing the post.

District Office Coordinator's Comments—Office Coordinator Dillner gave the annual report for 2022 as follows: 1048 keystone accounts which 372 live at the lake year-round, 254 have second homes in Indiana, and 422 have second homes outside of Indiana. This year 47 homes sold, 413 on eft, 6 new hookups, 1 disconnect, 26 Bass Lake Rentals advertised. There is a total of 639 collected emails and 23 emails for 2022 were sent out.

Attorney's Comments— The Attorney had nothing additional to add.

Comments from the Board—Director Broadsteet stated that the grant applications have been signed and sent in to DNR to start the process for the treatment for the invasive vegetation in the lake. Vice Chairman Collura stated that he would like to move forward with the Bass Lake Rentals and wanted it on February's meeting agenda.

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

Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Director Long seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting will be February 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the BLPOA building for the regularly scheduled meeting.