

Bass Lake Conservancy District Meeting September 11, 2023

AGENDA:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Minutes
- Financial Report
- Bills
- Rate Ordinance
- 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 Vice Chairman Larry Collura Director Jerry Broadstreet Director Russ Blais Director Melissa Long Plant Manager Tom Jordan District Office Coordinator Tabitha Dillner Attorney Christian Bartholomew

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 August 14, 2023 meeting, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

Financials – Chairman Gene Novello presented the August financial report. The fund balances exceed the minimum reserve requirements by \$2,444,105 and the total receipts have exceeded the total expenditures to date by \$38,951. Unmetered collections are over budget by \$8,797. Total operating expenditures are under budget by \$144,154. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the financial report from August 2023, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

Bills to be paid:

NIPSCO	\$	224.38	224.38 Monthly plant				
NIPSCO	\$	1,278.88	8.88 Monthly lift stations				
NIPSCO	\$	1,664.68	Monthly lake pump				
Brightspeed	\$	193.25	Phone service				
HWC	\$	258.00	Monthly computer fee				
Everwise	\$	2,881.13	Monthly credit card				
Everwise	\$	124.00	Monthly invoice				
PrimePay-Payroll	\$	6,170.45	Bi-weekly payroll – 8/7/2023 – 8/20/2023				
*\$100 for Melissa Long for director pay for 1 meeting							
PrimePay-Payroll	\$	6,155.67	Bi-weekly payroll – 8/21/2023 – 9/3/2023				

PimePay-Invoice	\$ 259.98	Monthly service charge
Baker Tilly	\$ 1,950.00	Monthly accounting fee
Indiana 811	\$ 61.75	Monthly locates
HML	\$ 40.00	Monthly E-coli test
Northern IN Wildlife	\$ 300.00	Monthly trapper fee
BCC	\$ 1,076.92	Monthly attorney fee
ADT	\$ 877.80	Annual security cameras
Aquatic Control	\$ 222.00	Lake water samples
Aquatic Control	\$ 1,435.00	Annual phragmites treatment
BL Anderson	\$ 800.00	Annual calibration of flow meters
J&K Excavating	\$ 525.00	Limestone for plant

Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the bills as presented noting each payee, the dollar amounts, and purpose were read into the September 11, 2023 minutes, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

Rate Ordinance—The Board discussed that the rate structure is almost 30 years old and needs some revisions to keep up with the changes and inflation. The Board has had an Asset Management Plan drawn up to show what needs to be done now and, in the future, to make sure the system stays in optimal health. Currently, the monthly rate covers the sewer, lake pump and invasive vegetation treatments for the lake. Included in the discussion was a letter from a concerned homeowner about possible rate increases. After some discussion, it was decided that further discussion was needed and will be tabled until October 9, 2023 meeting.

Plant Manager's Report—Plant Manager Jordan reported that there was 4.06 inches of precipitation for August and the lake pump pumped 32.0 million gallons into the lake. Plant Manager Jordan informed that from the auto dealer that the truck is being built but not sure of timing because of the potential strike.

District Office Coordinator's Comments—Office Coordinator Dillner had nothing additional to add.

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

Comments from the Board—Chairman Novello stated that he was approached by Larry Wickert about using the BLCD farmland for solar farms. The Board stated that there is no interest in doing that and their only interest is preserving the land for possible future growth of the system. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion stating that the Board is not interested in turning the BLCD farmland into solar farms, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried. Director Broadstreet stated that BLCD turned in a sample of vegetation from the lake to be tested to Aquatic Control. The test confirmed that the vegetation was a common non-toxic aquatic fungus.

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

Director Blais made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Collura seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting will be October 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the BLPOA building for the regularly scheduled meeting.