



Bass Lake Conservancy District Meeting October 9, 2023

AGENDA:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Minutes
- Financial Report
- Bills
- Aquatic Control
- 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
 Leif Willey-Aquatic Control

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 September 11, 2023 meeting, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

Financials – Chairman Gene Novello presented the September financial report. The fund balances exceed the minimum reserve requirements by \$2,459,266 and the total receipts have exceeded the total expenditures to date by \$51,935. Unmetered collections are over budget by \$6,856. Total operating expenditures are under budget by \$173,479. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the financial report from September 2023, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

Bills to be paid:

NIPSCO	\$ 167.71	Monthly plant
NIPSCO	\$ 1,015.86	Monthly lift stations
NIPSCO	\$ 1,867.49	Monthly lake pump
HWC	\$ 258.00	Monthly computer fee
Everwise	\$ 1,730.37	Monthly credit card
Everwise	\$ 124.30	Monthly invoice
PrimePay-Payroll	\$ 5,841.54	Bi-weekly payroll – 9/4/2023 – 9/17/2023
PrimePay-Payroll	\$ 6,073.49	Bi-weekly payroll – 9/18/2023 – 10/1/2023
*\$100 for Melissa Long for director pay for 1 meeting		

PimePay-Invoice	\$ 237.07	Monthly service charge
Baker Tilly	\$ 1,950.00	Monthly accounting fee
Indiana 811	\$ 41.80	Monthly locates
Northern IN Wildlife	\$ 375.00	Monthly trapper fee
BCC	\$ 1,537.50	Monthly attorney fee
Aquatic Control	\$ 1,800.00	Annual LARE Tier 2 Survey (dnr credit \$360)
Cummins	\$ 320.86	General service on generators

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

Aquatic Control—Aquatic Control representative, Leif Willey, presented the Board with the annual report for 2023’s invasive lake vegetation treatment and the proposed request to DNR for 2024. Leif Willey mentioned that after the survey they did in August, they would be requesting from DNR to treat 165 acres of milfoil for 2024. This treatment would happen towards the end of May to the beginning of June depending on the lakes temperature, which needs to be between 60-65 degrees. Currently, there is 17% of native vegetation in the lake and DNR ideally wants that to be between 40-80%. Leif Willey requested that Office Coordinator Dillner send out the IDNR Lake Survey to the homeowners to be returned by October 31, 2023 and to send him the results.

Rate Ordinance—The Board discussed the rate ordinance changes to address short term rentals, trailers, condos, and pole barns. Attorney Bartholomew will bring a draft of the rate ordinance to be reviewed at November’s meeting.

Plant Manager’s Report—Plant Manager Jordan reported that there was 1.14 inches of precipitation for August and the lake pump pumped 30.0 million gallons into the lake. Plant Manager Jordan reported to the Board that homeowner at 4888 S. CR 210 (near ‘K’ liftstation) painted the yellow safety polls green. After some discussion between the Board and Attorney Bartholomew it was decided that a police report be filed for vandalism and Attorney Bartholomew will send him a letter not to touch the private property of the BLCD. Plant Manager Jordan stated that the lagoons had been surveyed on Friday, October 13 and he would have that report ready for next meeting. Plant Manager Jordan let the Board know that the sickle on the tractor to mow had broken. The purchase was made in 2015 and he wanted to know if they wanted it repaired or replaced with a new one. After some discussion, it was decided that Plant Manager Jordan would get a quote for a new one if they take the old one as a trade in. That will be reported on at the next meeting.

District Office Coordinator’s Comments—Office Coordinator Dillner stated that liens would be started next week, and a report would be given at November’s meeting.

Attorney’s Comments—Attorney Bartholomew stated that he has not heard back from Purdue about hooking up to our system. Attorney Bartholomew is going to reach out again and if he does not hear anything back, he will send the homeowner a letter.

Comments from the Board—The Board had nothing additional to add.

Comments from the Audience—Homeowner asked about the second pump and the Board informed them that was being handled by the BLPOA board.

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