

Bass Lake Conservancy District Meeting November 13, 2023

AGENDA:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Minutes
- Financial Report
- Bills
- 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	Plant Manager Tom Jordan		
	Director Jerry Broadstreet			
	Director Russ Blais	Attorney Christian Bartholomew		
ABSENT:	Director Melissa Long	District Office Coordinator Tabitha Dillner		

Minutes – The reading of the minutes from the meeting was waived and Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2023 meeting, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

Financials – Chairman Gene Novello presented the October financial report. The fund balances exceed the minimum reserve requirements by \$2,442,532 and the total receipts have exceeded the total expenditures to date by \$65,489. Unmetered collections are over budget by \$4,264. Total operating expenditures are under budget by \$203,825. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the financial report from October 2023, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

Bills to be paid:

NIPSCO	\$	291.69	Monthly plant-167.71 credit (pd twice)			
NIPSCO	\$	867.28	Monthly lift stations			
NIPSCO	\$	1,419.54	Monthly lake pump			
Brightspeed	\$	194.23	Monthly phone			
HWC	\$	258.00	Monthly computer fee			
Everwise	\$	1,324.77	Monthly credit card			
Everwise	\$	125.05	Monthly invoice			
PrimePay-Payroll	\$	5,931.35	Bi-weekly payroll – 10/2/2023 – 10/15/2023			
*\$100 for Melissa Long for director pay for 1 meeting						
PrimePay-Payroll	\$	6,062.59	Bi-weekly payroll – 10/16/2023 – 10/29/2023			
PimePay-Invoice	\$	246.07	Monthly service charge			

Baker Tilly	\$ 1,950.00	Monthly accounting fee
Indiana 811	\$ 44.65	Monthly locates
Northern IN Wildlife	\$ 300.00	Monthly trapper fee
Starke Co. Co-Op	\$ 533.32	Plant propane refill
Shepherd's Chevrolet	\$ 50,138.00	New blcd truck (\$16,500 refund off of this total)
DS&S	\$ 400.00	Annual bypass exercise for 'J' liftstation
DS&S	\$ 6,235.00	Annual cleaning of 16 liftstations & 21 man-hole valves
Flow-Tech	\$ 7,325.00	South lagoon survey
Greenmark	\$ 975.16	Labor for old sickle
Greenmark	\$ 1,683.85	Service & repair tractor
Greenmark	\$ 5,400.00	New sickle

Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the bills as presented noting each payee, the dollar amounts, and purpose were read into the November 13, 2023 minutes, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

Plant Manager's Report—Plant Manager Jordan reported that there was 4.90 inches of precipitation for October and the lake pump pumped 30.0 million gallons into the lake. Plant Manager Jordan stated that the lagoons had been surveyed on Friday, October 13 and the report came back positive. Plant Manager Jordan also reported that the truck came and just waiting on a few parts for it. Attorney Bartholomew asked it Plant Manager Jordan had heard anything from Purdue. Plant Manager Jordan stated that he had met with a Purdue representative. The pipe that comes from Purdue to the lake has been there for years along with other storm drainage that goes into the lake. Attorney Bartholomew will get in touch with the Purdue representative to have the water tested. Plant Manager Jordan will reach out to the Starke County Surveyor to find out what the Starke County Drainage Board knows.

District Office Coordinator's Comments-Office Coordinator Dillner was absent.

Attorney's Comments— Attorney Bartholomew passed out a proposal for the rate ordinance updates for the Board to review. The changes will account for the short-term rentals and auxiliary structures that have bathrooms.

Comments from the Board—Chairman Novello stated that an Executive Session (closed to the public) will be December 11 at 5pm before the regularly scheduled meeting for employee reviews. Director Broadstreet mentioned that the DNR meeting was three weeks ago to discuss weed treatment for next year. As of right now DNR is proposing to treat 165 acres. Vice Chairman Collura mentioned the Thanksgiving email to go out this month.

Comments from the Audience-Nothing additional to add.

Director Broadstreet made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Collura seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting will be December 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the BLPOA building for the regularly scheduled meeting.