

Bass Lake Conservancy District Meeting January 8, 2024

AGENDA:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Minutes
- Financial Report
- Bills
- Baker Tilly Contract
- 2024 Budget
- 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	Director Melissa Long		
	Vice Chairman Larry Collura-via phone	Plant Manager Tom Jordan		
	Director Jerry Broadstreet	District Office Coordinator Tabitha Dillner		
	Director Russ Blais	Attorney Christian Bartholomew		
	Guest Speaker-Rob Barr from Baker Tilly Accounting Firm			
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ABSENT:

Minutes – The reading of the minutes from the meeting was waived and Director Blais made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2023 meeting, Director Long seconded. Motion carried.

Financials – Chairman Gene Novello presented the December financial report. The fund balances exceed the minimum reserve requirements by \$2,469,963 and the total receipts have exceeded the total expenditures to date by \$85,129. Unmetered collections are over budget by \$509. Total operating expenditures are under budget by \$255,721. Director Broadstreet made a motion to approve the financial report from December 2023, Director Long seconded. Motion carried.

Bills to be paid:

NIPSCO	\$ 109.29	Monthly plant
NIPSCO	\$ 562.94	Monthly lift stations
NIPSCO	\$ 1,581.86	Monthly lake pump
Brightspeed	\$ 196.49	Monthly phone
HWC	\$ 258.00	Monthly computer fee
Baker Tilly	\$ 1,950.00	Monthly accounting fee
Everwise	\$ 125.80	Monthly invoice
PrimePay-Payroll	\$ 5,915.37	Bi-weekly payroll – 11/27/2023 – 12/10/2023

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*\$500 for Chairman Novello for 5 meeting attendance						
*\$700 for Vice Chairman Collura for 7 meeting attendance						
*\$1300 for Director Broadstreet for 13 meeting attendance						
*\$1300 for Director Blais for 13 meeting attendance						
*\$100 for Director Long for 1 meeting attendance						
PrimePay-Invoice	\$	288.02	Monthly service charge			
Alliance		324.00	Annual membership fee			
Boyce/Keystone	\$	310.00	Annual software disaster recovery fee			

Director Broadstreet made a motion to approve the bills as presented noting each payee, the dollar amounts, and purpose were read into the January 8, 2024 minutes, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

Baker Tilly Contract—After review and discussion from Board, Director Blais made a motion to approve the 2024 contract and fee schedule from Baker Tilly Accounting Firm. Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

2024 Budget— Baker Tilly representative, Rob Barr, stated that he would have a budget for review the third week of January and would be ready for February's meeting for approval.

Rate Ordinance—Attorney Bartholomew presented the Board Ordinance 24-01 (An Ordinance Amending Rates and Charges for the Sewer System) to be approved and signed. Director Blais made a motion to approve Ordinance 24-01, Director Long seconded. Motion carried. Attorney Bartholomew stated that he would get Ordinance 24-01 published.

Plant Manager's Report—Plant Manager Jordan reported that there was 3.59 inches of precipitation for December and the lake pump pumped 31.0 million gallons into the lake. Plant Manager Jordan presented the board with the systems annual report pointing out that the system is great shape.

District Office Coordinator's Comments—Office Coordinator Dillner had nothing additional to add and stated that Vice Chairman Collura would be reading the annual numbers.

Attorney's Comments— Nothing additional to add.

Comments from the Board—Director Blais stated that he would like it if we could investigate opening a CD to earn better interest rates. Chairman Novello requested that Attorney Bartholomew research the legal requirements necessary. Vice Chairman Collura gave the annual report for 2023 as follows: 1053 keystone accounts which 377 live at the lake year-round, 264 have second homes in Indiana, and 412 have second homes outside of Indiana. This year 43 homes sold, 435 on eft, 34 Bass Lake Rentals advertised, 5 new hookups, and 1 disconnect. A total of 635 email addresses are on file and 20 email broadcasts for 2023 were sent out. The BLCD Board offers its condolences to the family of Rich Linkus and to the BLPOA Board on the loss of their Vice President.

Comments from the Audience—There was discussion about the lake pump and its annual expenses.

Director Broadstreet made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting will be February 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the BLPOA building for the regularly scheduled meeting.