

**BASS LAKE CONSERVANCY
DISTRICT MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2015**

PRESENT: President Gene Novello
Director Jerry Broadstreet
Director Dennis Kraftor
Office Assistant Mariann Gappa
Engineer Lee Nagai

Vice President Larry Collura
Director Russ Blais
Attorney Ethan Lowe
Plant Manager Tom Jordan

ABSENT: CPA Firm, Umbaugh & Associates Jeff Rowe (not required to attend)

President Gene Novello called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The reading of the minutes was waived and Vice President Collura made a motion to approve the minutes, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

The reading of the minutes of the special meeting of Sept. 21, 2015 was waived and Vice President Collura made a motion to approve the minutes, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

President Novello reported that the Bill.com fee would be an extra \$25.00 per month or \$300.00 per year. There were no objections to the increase.

Engineer Nagai reported that the survey at Lift Station J was all done and iron rods were in place. Attorney Lowe will inform the homeowner that the generator will be moved to that location. It was advised not to have a drip pan.

President Novello gave the financial report. There are several outstanding checks and the bank balance is over \$1,700,000. The minimum required balance is over by \$913,104 and the next bond payment is due 1/1/2016. The receipts are over budget by \$18,497 but the disbursements are over receipts by \$48,208 and lien payments will be coming in Dec. The higher disbursements are due to land clearing costs. Rental income is due in November. Director Broadstreet asked if the grant money was deducted from the weed control disbursement. President Novello answered that the grant money showed up in misc. income, but he will check with Jeff Rowe from Umbaugh. Vice President Collura made a motion to approve the financial statement, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

Bills to be paid:

NIPSCO	\$125.69(Bldg. Pump)
NIPSCO	\$382.23(Lift Stations)
NIPSCO	\$12.68(Pump)
Century Link	\$46.64
Century Link	\$189.56
Mariann Gappa	\$508.40(Liens)
Element	\$70.00(Testing)

D.S.&S.	\$3600.00(Cleaned & Pumped Lift Stations)
Prime Pay	\$4278.30(10/02/15)
Prime Pay	\$3355.86(10/16/15)
GIS	\$484.00(Commercial Package Increase)
Cincinnati Ins.	\$952.00(Work Comp Audit Increase)
Cincinnati Ins.	\$828.00(Amending Payroll)
Umbaugh	\$2961.25(Monthly Fee + Special Meeting)
TCU	\$48.65(August)
TCU	\$52.85(September)
TCU	\$437.47(Credit Card)
Smith's Farm Store	\$218.54(Misc. Supplies)
NAPA	\$64.13(UPS & Misc. Supplies)
Les Jensen	\$800.00(Seal Driveway)
Blachy,Tabor,Bozik	\$1409.63

President Novello stated that he was not satisfied with the insurance bills and thought that it might be a good idea to bid the insurance needs out when the policy is up. The insurance policy ends in May, 2016.

Vice President Collura made a motion to approve the bills as presented, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

Aquatic Control Lake Map – Director Broadstreet commented that the depth of the lake had not been measured in many years. He attended a DNR meeting last week and the DNR would like to see a current map of Bass Lake. DNR would like to see the bathymetric map changed from a 3foot to a 1foot. Director Krafter added that this would be a help in weed control and President Novello commented that the recreational users of the lake would also benefit from knowing the depth of the lake. Aquatic Control would charge \$3750.00 for the map. President Novello made a motion that the District purchase a bathymetric map of Bass Lake and Director Krafter seconded. Motion carried.

Weed Control – Director Broadstreet stated that he attended a state meeting and Bass Lake is one of the top lakes in Indiana for weed control. He explained the problems that Koontz Lake is having regarding weed control. Director Broadstreet stated that he applied for 150 acres of milfoil to be sprayed next year and the DNR approved it. BLCD will know by March 1st if a grant was received from the state. He also talked about the common reed around the lake and how it is becoming a major problem. A permit will be needed for this. The DNR is in favor of spraying for this nuisance weed.

Website Update –Vice President Collura stated that the new website will be available in November. The developer will meet with Vice President Collura at the plant office on Nov.4th to finalize BLCD-IND.ORG and the new website. Vice President Collura asked Plant Manager Jordan to get some sunny day pictures of the pond. Director Blais asked about adding a statement that samples are taking weekly for e-coli control. Attorney Lowe stated that he checked the opening statement for legal interpretations. Vice President Collura commented that more items can be added to the website than were available before when it was a free website.

5065 S SR 10 – Attorney Lowe explained the sewer use ordinance established in 1996. He stated the first step is to notify the property owner that BLCD believes there is a violation of this

ordinance and invite him to attend the Nov. meeting. He will work with Plant Manager Jordan on the legal letter to be sent to the homeowner.

Truck Bids – Attorney Lowe opened 2 truck bids that were received after legal notice was published and before 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 19, 2015. A bid for \$9,700.00 was received from Jerry Gouker with a check for \$3,000.00 enclosed. A bid for \$9,875.00 was received from Director Jerry Broadstreet with a check for \$2,500.00 enclosed. Attorney Lowe stated that a disclosure statement would have to be filled out by Director Broadstreet and approved by the Board at the Nov. meeting and then submitted to the County Clerk and state agencies. After the disclosure statement is approved, then the Board can enter into a contract with Director Broadstreet for the truck.

Tom Jordan's Report – Plant Manager Jordan reported that he is not able to use the path all the way along the force main because of a low, wet area. He will contact the owner to see if BLCD can use the dirt that is piled up there to fill the low, wet area. He will get some bids to fix the problem before the next meeting.

Rocktenn Corp. has added 2 pieces of equipment that contribute to the discharge into the sewer system. The discharge is being tested by a private lab.

Plant Manager Jordan will be on vacation next week, but he has 2 replacements in case of a problem while he's gone.

Attorney's Comments – Attorney Lowe will be sending out to the Directors a copy of the letter that will go out to the second batch of users who will have their rates changed in January. He will also respond to an inquiry from a homeowner about when the rates will cease.

Office Assistant's Comments – Office Assistant Gappa stated there were 44 liens filed and 1 lien release filed. The check from the county covering the liens will be coming in early December. There are 2 properties listed for tax sale in November and both properties have multiple liens. There were 4 closings since the last meeting. The Starke County Chamber of Commerce is having an awards dinner on Nov. 5th and the Directors are invited to attend. The "canned letter" was discussed briefly. She mentioned that the 3rd Monday in Dec. is the 21st with Christmas being on that Friday. She asked if the Directors wanted to consider having the meeting on the 2nd Monday. The Directors decided to wait until November to make that decision.

Board Members Comments – Director Kraftor had talked with a homeowner who is selling property without a home on it. He asked what is necessary to get the rate reduced to a maintenance rate since the new owners don't plan to build until 2017.

Director Broadstreet commented that he had several calls from homeowners about a rumor that BLCD is planning on hooking up a water system with Knox. There is no truth to the rumor.

Vice President Collura asked about Dennis Olp buying the Shriner's Building. He was told it is being used for storage.

Audience Comments—Ray Mix stated he thought the map should have a disclaimer that the depth is for reference only. He also stated that earlier the force main property had been cleared of all obstructions and the road was in good shape. He said the original contract called for the road to be leveled and cleared. He felt that the contractor should fix the current problem at his cost. Director Broadstreet commented that there was so much rain this year that the runoff could not be controlled and he felt the contractor did what was asked of him.

President Novello made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Director Krafter seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting is at 6:00p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2015.