

**BASS LAKE CONSERVANCY
DISTRICT MEETING
APRIL 18, 2016**

PRESENT: President Gene Novello
Director Jerry Broadstreet
Office Assistant Mariann Gappa
Attorney Scott Bozik for Attorney Ethan Lowe
Vice President Larry Collura
Director Russ Blais
Plant Manager Tom Jordan

ABSENT: CPA Firm, Umbaugh & Associates Jeff Rowe (not required to attend)
Engineer Lee Nagai
Director Dennis Kraftor
Attorney Ethan Lowe

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 from the Mar. 21, 2015 meeting, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

Vice President Collura made a motion to approve the minutes from the Executive Session Meeting of Feb. 15, 2016 with the addition of Director Russ Blais being absent. Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

President Novello presented the financial report. The fund balances exceed the minimum reserve requirements and the receipts have exceeded expenditures. The next principal and interest on the bond is due July 1, 2016 (June 25). The approved budget hasn't been added to the Comparative Schedule of Actual Cash Receipts and Disbursements yet. Vice President Collura made a motion to approve the financial statement, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried

Bills to be paid:

NIPSCO	\$378.91 (Bldg. Pump)
NIPSCO	\$128.63 (Lift Stations)
NIPSCO	\$73.36(Pump)
Century Link	\$193.07
Century Link	\$48.76
Prime Pay	\$3815.58(4/1/2016)
Prime Pay	\$3400.91(4/15/2016)
Umbaugh	\$1695.00 (March)
TCU	\$54.65
TCU	\$3259.21 (Credit Card)
Smith's Farm Store	\$209.95 (Misc. Supplies)
NAPA	\$13.29 (UPS)
Blachy, Tabor, Bozik	\$2122.96(Legal Charges)

Element	\$97.00 (Testing)
GIS	\$250.00 Bond-Plant Manager)
Larry Collura	\$300.00 (Meetings)
Weaver-Fox Excavating	\$19,365.25 (Farm Tiling)
Pilot News	\$13.85(Legal Notice)
Apheus	\$189.00 (Computer Repair)

Director Broadstreet explained the Weaver-Fox Excavating bill and stated it was about \$2,000 less than the estimate. Audience member Jerry Taylor asked why the tiling was necessary and Director Broadstreet replied that the area was too wet last year to farm and that tiling had never been done there. About 15 acres were lost last year. Director Broadstreet explained that Wappel did a lot of work at their own expense.

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

5 Year Plan—President Novello stated this is the second attempt to try to figure out financially what will be needed when the bond is paid off in 14 months. Umbaugh is preparing to do a rate study for BLCD but they haven't started yet. Vice President Collura made a motion to approve the 5-Year Plan as presented, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

LARE Update – Director Broadstreet stated that BLCD received a LARE grant for \$34,000. \$30,000 of this goes toward eradicating up to 150 acres of milfoil and the other \$4,000 goes toward an update of the weeds in Bass Lake. The weed check cost \$5,150 so BLCD only has to pay \$1,150 for the weed report. A permit number has been received from the state so the work can be done on the lake. There are about 2 acres of phragmites that need to be taken care of and the cost will be about \$1500 for them. BLCD has to pay for phragmites eradication. Aquatic Control will treat the weeds and also take care of about ¼ acre at the Beach, probably around the end of July. Aquatic Control will also place signs around the lake where they are spraying so people will be aware of the situation. They are also coming out to do a map study of the depth of the lake soon.

Crypto E-Mail—Vice President Collura stated that BLCD was the victim of an e-mail lock-up last week. Mariann contacted Apheus Solutions and a representative arrived an hour later to work on the problem. Rather than pay a ransom to get the computer back in working order, Vice President Collura instructed the representative to eradicate the computer. Fortunately, Plant Manager Jordan is very diligent about backing up the office computers and nothing was lost. The representative took the computer over the week-end and returned it Monday morning in working order. Apheus Solutions recommended Carbonite Pro Basic as a new back-up option. The cost would be \$269.99 per year and the set-up of \$449.99. Vice President Collura made a motion to contract with Apheus Solutions to install Carbonite Pro Basic as a back-up computer system, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

E-Coli Testing—Vice President Collura stated e-coli testing would start on May 11, 2016 and end on September 14, 2016. The results will be posted on the BLCD website. The previous price was \$25.00 per test.

Tom Jordan's Report – Plant Manager Jordan reported the electricians were out for Lift Station J, but it is not ready yet. Davis was supposed to get the pump but they haven't done that yet so Plant Manager Jordan may call Bill Anderson to take care of it. The Board was okay with this. He inquired about buying a lap-top to have in the truck so he doesn't have to return to the office when he needs information while in the field. Vice President Collura will work with Plant Manager Jordan about purchasing one with enough Gigabits to satisfy the storage needs. Plant Manager Jordan stated he had a quote of \$275.00 for 5500 ft. for spraying the ditch bank. He and Director Broadstreet also would like to have the North and South banks of the farmland done. President Novello made a motion to approve \$500.00 for the spraying, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried. Plant Manager Jordan spoke with ADT about upgrading the system and adding another camera on the East side pointing to the pond so he could check that while at home on week-ends. The monthly increase would be \$13.00 and the cost of a new camera would be approximately \$225.00. Vice President Collura inquired about placing cameras inside both buildings. Plant Manager Jordan will speak with the ADT representative and get more information. Rainfall for the month of March was 3 ½ inches.

Attorney's Comments—Attorney Bozik gave out nominating petitions for District 2 and stated the petitions had to be postmarked by May 31, 2016.

Office Assistant's Comments – Office Assistant Gappa reported that only 1 new account was opened since the last meeting and that was a tap-on. She will file liens on Friday and this is the least amount she has filed. She also complimented Apeus Solutions on their prompt response to the computer virus problem. She will be out of the office on Wed.

Comments from the Audience—Ken McCormick inquired about what the DNR was doing in the lake over the week-end. Director Broadstreet replied that they were doing a fish count and they do this several times a year. Jerry Fedorenko inquired about the cost of the tap-on fee and was told it is \$3700.

Vice President Collura made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting is at 6:00p.m. May 16, 2016 at the BLPOA building.

