## BASS LAKE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2016

PRESENT Chairman Gene Novello Director Jerry Broadstreet Director Dennis Kraftor Office Assistant Mariann Gappa Attorney Nate Vis Vice Chairman Larry Collura Director Russ Blais Plant Manager Tom Jordan Engineer Lee Nagai

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

Chairman Gene Novello called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes** – The reading of the minutes was waived and Director Blais made a motion to approve the waiving of the minutes from the November 14, 2016 meeting, Director Kraftor seconded. Motion carried. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2016 meeting, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

**Financials** – Chairman Novello presented the financial report. The fund balances exceed the minimum reserve requirements by \$1,304,534 and the receipts have exceeded expenditures by \$270,561. Operating expenditures are under budget by \$54,538. The next principal and interest on the bond is due January 1, 2017. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the financial reconciliation dated November 30, 2016 as submitted by Umbaugh & Associates, Director Kraftor seconded. Motion carried.

Bills	to	be	paid:
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NIPSCO	\$260.90 (Pump)
NIPSCO	\$468.69 (Lift Stations)
NIPSCO	\$76.99 (Bldg. Pump)
Century Link	\$34.14
Century Link	\$164.85
Prime Pay	\$115.59 (November)
Prime Pay	\$3456.74 (11/20/2016)
Prime Pay	\$3276.21 (12/04/2016)
Umbaugh	\$1695.00 (November)
Gasvoda	\$1607.00 (Replace Pump-J Lift Station)
Aquatic Control	\$3307.00 (Lagoon Treatment)
TCU	\$57.50 (November)
TCU	\$705.00 (Office Assistant Credit Card)
Apheus	\$12.95 (Computer)
NAPA	\$12.91 (UPS)
Blachy, Tabor, Hartman	\$2852.41 (Legal Fees)
Electrical Installations	\$720.00 (Outdoor Lights)

Key Bank	\$36.00 (Safe Deposit Rental)
D.S.&S.	1785.00 (Manholes Cleaning)
D.S.&S.	\$3600.00 (Lift Stations Cleaning)
Gasvoda	\$6933.00 (J Lift Station Pump)
MCSP	\$6300.00 (Lined K Lift Station)
Boyce	\$43.41 (Forms)
Jerry Broadstreet	\$1200.00
Gene Novello	\$300.00
Larry Collura	\$300.00
Dennis Kraftor	\$400.00
Russell Blais	\$1000.00

Director Broadstreet asked about the Aquatic Control bill from last month that was received late. It was paid last month. Director Kraftor made a motion to approve the bills with the changes made for Aquatic Control for \$3307.00 for lagoon treatment, Gasvoda for the new pump at J Lift Station, and outside lights instead of plant lights, Vice Chairman Collura seconded. Motion carried.

**Rate Study** – Director Kraftor presented some of the topics that he and Director Blais discussed with Jeff Rowe of Umbaugh & Associates about a rate change when the bond is paid off. They talked about changing the title of the debt pay-off to capital improvements. They also discussed changing the multiplier rate in the ordinance from .75 to 1 for condos, mobile homes, and apartments. There was much discussion about whether to charge per bathroom for sewer usage and pole barns with bathrooms. The Culver rate structure was compared to what BLCD now uses as Culver charges per bathroom. A change in the rate ordinance would have to be approved by the Starke County Circuit Court. Jeff Rowe will be at the January, 2017 meeting to discuss the rate study and present the yearly financial report.

**Internal Controls**—Attorney Vis explained Resolution 2-2016 deals with a financial question if \$500.00 or more is unexplained or missing. It requires the Board to have an internal investigation as required by state law and notify the Indiana State Board of Accounts. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve Resolution 2-2016 by the Board of Directors of the Bass Lake Conservancy District for reporting the losses or variances of public funds or properties. This is a subset of Resolution 1-2016. Director Kraftor seconded the motion. Motion carried. All Directors signed Resolution 2-2016. All Directors and employees had previously viewed the webinar for Internal Controls and signed off on it. Attorney Vis asked about the proposed Purdue contract and the Directors were in favor of it so it will be sent to Purdue.

**Tom Jordan's Report**—Chairman Novello opened the only bid for the work at Beach and Pine streets. It was for \$7300.00 from Impagna & Sons. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to accept the bid for the extension of the sewer line at Beach and Pine streets for \$7300.00 from Impagna & Sons, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

Plant Manager Jordan stated that nothing has been done yet to 6047 S SR 10. That property is hooked up to the neighbor's line. He talked to another neighbor about getting his own lateral and being removed from the lateral at 6047 and 6049. A tap-on fee was paid in 1997 for 6047.

3.5 inches of rain last month, 39.92 inches for the year (average is 38.15 inches) and over 1 inch so far this month.

Vice Chairman Collura asked about putting a sign up by the pump to warn snowmobilers. It was decided this was not necessary as the pump is turned off.

Vice Chairman Collura also asked about the estimates for the alarm system. Plant Manager Jordan replied that is a New Year project.

Director Blais asked about a property that was under discussion at a previous meeting and Plant Manager Jordan replied that he will check that also in the new year.

## Attorney's Comments –None

**Office Assistant's Comments** – Office Assistant Gappa stated that 2 new accounts had been set up. 26 liens will be filed and 70 releases will be sent out for the \$15,681.76 received by BLCD from the county for previous liens. A previous bill on a sold property was received and deposited today. The bond payment due on January 1, 2016 was received today and will be sent to Umbaugh for payment. She asked about renewing the Keystone back-up system for \$275.00 and was told to renew it.

**Comments from the Board** – Vice Chairman Collura inquired about when the LARE information would be needed. Director Broadstreet replied that nothing is done until the new year. Director Blais asked if the number of fish in the lake is declining. Director Broadstreet replied that the DNR survey in the spring showed more fish this year. Chairman Novello stated that Jeff Rowe will be here in January for the rate study and year end financials and he also requested an executive meeting at 5:15 for the Board to review the employees performances records.

Comments from the Audience – No audience members present.

Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting is at 6:00 p.m. on January 16, 2017 at the BLPOA building with an executive session at 5:15 p.m.