



Bass Lake Conservancy District Meeting February 11, 2019

Chairman Gene Novello called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Gene Novello Attorney Scott Bozik
 Director Russ Blais Plant Manager Tom Jordan
 Director Jerry Broadstreet Office Assistant Mariann Gappa
 Engineer Lee Nagai Office Assistant Tabitha Dillner

ABSENT: Director Larry Collura
 Director Gene Ladd

Minutes – The reading of the minutes from the meeting was waived and Director Broadstreet made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2019 meeting, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

Financials – Chairman Novello presented the January 2019 financial report. The fund balances exceed the minimum reserve requirements by \$1,900,351 and the total receipts have exceeded the total expenditures to date by \$29,788. Unmetered collections are \$3,944 over budget and the total operating expenditures are under budget to date by \$6,842. There isn't a budget yet for this year. Director Blais made a motion to approve the financial report from January 2019, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Novello stated he had increased the items on the budget by a short amount while Umbaugh had increased the items by 3%. He had discussed capital expenditures with Plant Manager Jordan and put \$50,000 in capital improvements in the budget. Farm rental income is now \$28,800 instead of \$42,000. Weed control is budgeted at \$20,000. He will compare his budget with the Umbaugh budget to see if he missed anything.

Bills to be paid:

NIPSCO	\$399.65 (Plant)
NIPSCO	\$567.55 (Lift Stations)
NIPSCO	\$76.63 (Lake Pump)
Prime Pay	\$4,266.22 (1/13/2019)
Prime Pay	\$10,222.01 (1/27/2019)
Prime Pay	\$256.98 (December Charge)
Prime Pay	\$139.98 (January Charge)
TCU	\$1,196.97 (T's Credit Card)
TCU	\$67.85 (January Charge)
Century Link	\$205.81 (Internet/Phone)
Indiana 811	\$68.40 (4 th Quarter Payment)
Apheus	\$129.00 (Computer/Website)
Starke Co. Co-op	\$476.20 (Propane)
Blachy, Tabor, Bozik, & Hartman	\$1,196.80 (Legal Fees)
Umbaugh	\$1,748.88 (Monthly Charge & Mileage)

Director Blais asked about the increase in the Apehus bill. Director Broadstreet made a motion to approve the bills as presented, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

LARE—Director Broadstreet stated the LARE grant this year would be \$5000 for maintenance and BLCD will match that for milfoil. Aquatic Control will do the spraying but the state controls what can be sprayed. Director Blais will help Director Broadstreet with the LARE work.

Air BNB/ Bass Lake Rentals—Plant Manager Jordan stated there is a rental that is currently paying \$58.93 a month. The new owners contacted him years ago about removing the larger fee, but he told them an inspection was needed and they never contacted him again. Director Broadstreet commented on a neighbor who had planned to open a bed & breakfast but found out the county tax would be too much as each bedroom would be charged. Plant Manager Jordan will check with the county on the charges for a bed & breakfast establishment.

Tom Jordan's Report—Plant Manager Jordan stated he and Engineer Nagai had been working on the lagoon problem. Engineer Nagai explained the problem to the Board about repairing lagoon drive which involves lowering the levels of the lagoons. Director Blais made a motion to approve the initial start of pumping of water and the bid process for lagoon repair at a possible cost of \$30,000 for the pumping and \$30,000 to \$50,000 for the repair, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried. Engineer Nagai stated more than 3 contractors would be asked to bid on the project and he would have the bids by the March meeting. Plant Manager Jordan commented that a person had asked about building a house on property next to the old golf course and he will let him know about the cost involved. After much discussion it was decided to wait and see what the property owner decides to do about building. Plant Manager Jordan mentioned that the Lakes Management Conference is coming up in March and he needed to know if the Board approved him attending along with Directors Blais and Broadstreet. Chairman Novello made a motion to approve Plant Manager Jordan's registration for the Lakes Management Conference, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried. Plant Manager Jordan stated that he had talked with CenturyLink about improving the service at the plant. CenturyLink replied that a new line is needed, and it would have to be buried about a half mile from the plant. The cost involved could be around \$2000 and CenturyLink couldn't tell yet how much of that BLCD would pay. The change would upgrade the internet and whole system. A tap-on fee was paid for the property next to the boat launch and another owner is now being charged for a completed residence. Engineer Nagai stated the county highway department is looking at several places where storm water stands around the lake and he will keep the Board informed of the results.

Attorney's Comments—Attorney Bozik commented that the 3-year lease for the BLCD property had been signed with Wappel Farms.

Office Assistant's Comments—Office Assistant Dillner stated that Keystone will be here Wednesday, February 13th for training.

Comments from the Board –None

Comments from the Audience--None

Director Broadstreet made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting will be March 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the BLPOA building.