



Bass Lake Conservancy District Meeting March 11, 2019

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

PRESENT: Chairman Gene Novello
Director Russ Blais
Director Jerry Broadstreet
Director Larry Collura
Director Gene Ladd
Attorney Scott Bozik
Plant Manager Tom Jordan
Office Assistant Mariann Gappa
Office Assistant Tabitha Dillner

ABSENT: Engineer Lee Nagai

Minutes – Director Broadstreet amended the Feb. 11, 2019 minutes. Under **Financials** he wanted ‘Farm’ added before “Rental income is now \$28,800...”. He also wanted the sentence “Weed control is budgeted at \$20,000” to end there and strike the rest of the sentence out. Then under **Attorney’s Comments** he wanted the sentence to read ...” the 3-year lease for the BLCD property had been signed with Wappel Farms.” Director Blais made a motion to approve the minutes with the revisions from the February 11, 2019 meeting, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

Financials – Chairman Novello presented the February financial report. The fund balances exceed the minimum reserve requirements by \$1,917,478 and the total receipts have exceeded the total expenditures to date by \$46,915. Unmetered collections are \$870 over budget and total operating expenditures are under budget by \$25,504. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the financial report from February 2019, Director Ladd seconded. Motion carried.

Budget – Chairman Novello presented the 2019 BLCD Budget to the board for review. Chairman Novello stated he would like to lower the “Repairs and Maintenance” from \$130,000 to \$80,000. Director Broadstreet stated he wanted to change “Misc Income – State Grant” from \$17,500 to \$5,000. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the 2019 Annual Budget with the revisions, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

Bills to be paid:

NIPSCO	\$607.38 (Lift Stations)
NIPSCO	\$324.47 (Plant)
CenturyLink	\$205.81 (Internet/Phone)
Prime Pay	\$4,024.51 (2/10/19)
Prime Pay	\$4,332.09 (2/24/19)
TCU	\$850.68 (Tom’s Credit Card)
TCU	\$24.70 (Mariann’s Credit Card)
TCU	\$871.25 (Tabitha’s Credit Card)
TCU	\$68.00 (Bank Fees)
Apheus	\$129.00 (Computer/Website)
Flow-Technics, INC	\$1,245.00 (Plant Lift Station)

Pilot News Group
BLPOA
WTH Technology

\$21.38 (Annual Report Legal Ad)
\$135.00 (Annual Garbage Fee)
\$472.00 (Annual Mapping Fee)

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

LARE—Director Broadstreet stated the LARE grant would be tabled until next meeting since there is no new information on it yet.

Farm—Director Broadstreet reported that Wapple Farms has maintained the farm they lease from BLCD in excellent condition. Every year Wapple Farms do the Soil Analysis Report. The results are included as part of the minutes.

Water Testing—After some discussion between the board and Plant Manager Jordan it was agreed that Plant Manager Jordan will continue to do the E-Coli testing once a month for the lake, May through September.

Air BNB/ Bass Lake Rentals—Tabled until new information has come in.

Engineer's Report—Engineer absent - no report.

Tom Jordan's Report—Plant Manger Jordan stated he had contacted CenturyLink about upgrading our speed. CenturyLink stated it would cost around \$8,000. Due to this high cost, BLCD decided to not upgrade at this time. CenturyLink stated to keep calling to request to be part of the fiber lines they have planned. Plant Manager Jordan and the board agreed to hire summer help at the BLCD plant. Plant Manager Jordan then mention the port-a-potty at the public launch. He will contact the ones who installed it and will have them move it further away from the lake. Plant Manager Jordan stated that Lagoon Drive pumping will be done at the end of this month. Once it's finished, he will have it dug up to investigate what is going on and proceed from there. Plant Manager Jordan also mentioned the rainfall for February was 2.07 inches.

Attorney's Comments—Attorney Bozik had nothing additional to add.

Office Assistant's Comments—Office Assistant Dillner stated that Keystone came to train on Wednesday, February 13th for Office Assistant Dillner, Office Assistant Gappa, and Plant Manager Jordan. The training lasted for 3.5 hours and covered billing, running reports, and doing the liens. Office Assistant Dillner stated that 31 liens were filed with a total of \$5,634.53. Since then four homeowners have paid at the BLCD office leaving the new total at \$4,911.72.

Comments from the Board— Vice Chairman Collura wanted it noted that there would be no per diem paid for the presence of Engineer Nagai unless the board invited him to the meeting. Chairman Novello mentioned a list of non-active "Accounts with Balances" in Keystone be adjusted. Director Blais made a motion to clear the non-active accounts, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

Comments from the Audience—Audience had nothing additional to add.

Director Broadstreet made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting will be April 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the BLPOA building.