



Bass Lake Conservancy District Meeting June 30, 2018

Chairman Gene Novello called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Gene Novello
Vice Chairman Larry Collura
Director Jerry Broadstreet
Director Russ Blais
Engineer Lee Nagai

Attorney Ethan Lowe
Plant Manager Tom Jordan
Office Assistant Tabitha Dillner
Office Assistant Mariann Gappa

Minutes – The reading of the minutes from the meeting was waived and Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2018 meeting, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

Financials – The financial report was waved until the following meeting in August since the June report was read at the June 18th meeting and there was nothing new to report.

Bills - The reading of the bills was waved since no bills had come in. Chairman Novello and Vice Chairman Collura will work together to review and approve any bills that come in July at the BLCD office.

Weir at 300 East – Plant Manager Jordan mentioned that the weir is in the juristically bounds of the Bass Lake Conservancy District. He also stated he was in contact with the state inspector and IDEM and they say it is up to BLCD what they want to do with the weir. Plant Manager Jordan is not comfortable doing anything with the weir since it was IDEM wanted the weir in over 20 years ago. Plant Manager Jordan and Engineer Nagai will work with Attorney Lowe putting a letter together to IDEM stating what the BLCD will do with the weir and have them respond back so BLCD has something in writing that it is ok to do. Plant Manager Jordan suggest if the weir is removed the stairs going down into the weir also be removed. The Board has no interest in removing the cement pillars in the weir since it could mess up the flow of the ditch discharge. There have been no problems with the weir in the 20 years it has been there. Plant Manager Jordan & Engineer Nagai will ask Bill Crase, Starke County Surveyor, to write a letter asking in detail why they want the cement removed. Engineer Nagai stated that his recommendation to do nothing at the weir until there is documentation from the state.

Tom Jordan's Report – Plant Manager Jordan reported that the pump has been on since June 22, 2018. So far 38 million gallons of water has been pumped in. That's a flow rate of 1.7 million gallons a day. There was 3.2 inches of rain in June. He questioned if the BLPOA did the phosphates test on the water yet. Vice Chairman said none has been done. Plant Manager Jordan also stated he will be on vacation July 16-20.

Attorney's Comments – Attorney Lowe mentioned that Koontz Lake has been court order approved to establish its conservancy district. BLCD will keep their third Monday of the month meeting.

Office Assistant's Comments – Office Assistant Gappa stated there were three new accounts since the last meeting. Also, she asked Attorney Lowe if this meeting was part of last years meeting or the new year. Attorney Lowe stated it was the first one for the new years meeting.

Comments from the Board – Director Blais stated that in his opinion that if the state wants the weir taken out they should be held responsible for the costs since it was the state that wanted it in. The board agreed. Vice Chairman Collura mentioned that he has been working with Office Assistant Dillner to add extra details to the Bass Lake Bathymetric Map from Aquatic Control. When he is at the BLPOA meetings giving the BLCD report he is asked where different things are he is mentioning. So, added to this map is the layout of the BLCD Districts, public boat launch, marina, lake pump, Bass Lake Beach, Gull Point, Cedar Point, Cranberry Point, and Boa Shores. This will be added to the BLCD website and as a handout at the meetings. Chairman Novello would like a disclaimer added to the map for the depths are average and subject to change since the lake depths do change. Attorney Lowe will work with Vice Chairman Collura on the disclaimer to add.

Comments from the Audience – Bass Lake homeowner, Joe ? asked what happened to the issue of possible sump pump users at the lake. Plant Manager Jordan stated that a line had been videotaped and a couple of possible ones and one for sure. The homeowner was contacted. And the area will be videotaped again in the fall. Joe was content with the resolution.

Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m., Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting will be August 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the BLPOA building.