



Bass Lake Conservancy District Meeting April 8, 2019

AGENDA:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Minutes
- Financial Report
- Bills
- LARE
- Indiana Lakes Management Conference
- Tom Jordan’s Report
- Engineer’s Report
- Comments from Attorney
- Comments from Office Assistant
- Comments from the Board
- Questions or Comments from the Audience
- Adjournment

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
Director Larry Collura	Office Assistant Tabitha Dillner
Director Gene Ladd	Engineer Lee Nagai

ABSENT:

Minutes – The reading of the minutes from the meeting was waived and Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2019 meeting, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

Financials – Chairman Novello presented the March financial report. The fund balances exceed the minimum reserve requirements by \$1,953,139 and the total receipts have exceeded the total expenditures to date by \$82,577. Unmetered collections are \$2,623 under budget and total operating expenditures are under budget by \$28,239. Director Blais made a motion to approve the financial report from February 2019, Director Ladd seconded. Motion carried.

Bills to be paid:

NIPSCO	\$ 646.60	Lift Stations
NIPSCO	\$ 408.05	Plant
NIPSCO	\$ 76.38	Lake Pump
TCU Credit Card	\$ 843.13	Tom’s Credit Card
TCU Credit Card	\$ 678.20	Tabitha’s Credit Card

TCU-Fee	\$ 68.00	Bank Fees
TCU-Fee	\$ 68.15	Bank Fees
Prime Pay-Payroll	\$ 4,141.69	Bi-weekly Payroll
Prime Pay-Payroll	\$ 4,122.16	Bi-weekly Payroll
PrimePay Invoice	\$ 206.47	Monthly Service Charges
Apheus	\$ 129.00	Monthly Computer Fee
Eugene Novello	\$ 300.00	3 Monthly Meetings
Boyce/Keystone	\$ 900.00	Keystone Training
Quill	\$ 24.00	Quillplus-1 yr subscription
Mark Milo Enterprises	\$ 10,000.00	Lagoon Repair-1 month pumping
Mark Milo Enterprises	\$ 9,400.00	Lagoon Repair-Uncovering Pipe
Gasvoda & Associates	\$ 2,375.60	J Lift Station Service

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

LARE—Director Broadstreet stated that all the LARE grant paperwork was turned in and we were approved for \$3,900 (covering 50% up to \$3,900). This will allow to spray up to 40 acres for milfoil, phragmites, and purple loosestrife. But how many acres is allowed is determined by DNR. Bids were sent out and Aquatic Control was chosen for the job.

Indiana Lakes Management Conference—Director Blais stated that himself along with Director Broadstreet and Plant Manager Jordan went to the conference on March 21. Director Blais mentioned the topics for discussion was protecting water shed, water clarity, lake pumps, and increasing fish population with fish habitats. The board discussed introducing fish habitats from DNR. There was discussion from the board about lake pump. Bass Lake is the only lake in Indiana with a lake pump which was installed in 1960’s. The Conservancy District is not interested in installing one and believes further research is needed if DNR will even allow one to be installed with so many state regulation changes.

Tom Jordan’s Report—Plant Manger Jordan reported that the pumping has stopped going from the south pond to the north pond and exposed the pipe. The pipe is ok, and everything is going to be pumped from the north pond to the south pond. What has been discovered is that muskrats and snapping turtles have made a nest in there causing issues. He has contacted some trappers to resolve this now and do preventative trapping to keep them out. Plant Manager Jordan also mentioned that while everything is open and exposed to do some cleaning of the pipes and dredging sludge. Plant Manager Jordan also presented the board with Boa Shores port a potty permit for approval. The board did approve it for April through September. Plant Manager Jordan also brought to the boards attention that the check scanner is not working properly and needs to be replaced. The cost is \$723 (\$575 for scanner and \$148 for 2-year warranty). After some board discussion it was decided to see if Teachers Credit Union would pay for it. Plant Manager Jordan also mentioned the rainfall for March was 2.93 inches.

Engineer’s Report—Engineer Nagai reiterated what Plant Manager Jordan stated along with some construction projects for the next few years.

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

Office Assistant's Comments—Office Assistant Dillner stated that since last meeting two more homeowners have paid off their liens at the BLCD office. Also, the next three-month batch of pre-lien letters will be done April 11th.

Comments from the Board— Vice Chairman Collura would like office assistant Dillner to have Apheus investigate dictation software for the meeting recordings.

Comments from the Audience—Homeowner Dennis Peters requested that the board refund him the \$3,700 tap on fee he paid in 2015. In 2015 he brought this to the boards attention and after review they voted no. The board agreed that this was already discussed and handled. If he wanted to pursue it further, he could contact a lawyer and talk to the BLCD's attorney to resolve it.

Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting will be May 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the BLPOA building.