



Bass Lake Conservancy District Meeting March 8, 2021

AGENDA:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Minutes
- Financial Report
- Bills
- Indiana Lakes Management
- Tom Jordan’s Report
- Comments from Attorney
- Comments from Office Coordinator
- 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 Director Gene Ladd
 Vice Chairman Larry Collura-via phone Plant Manager Tom Jordan
 Director Jerry Broadstreet
 Director Russ Blais Attorney Scott Bozik

ABSENT: Office Coordinator Tabitha Dillner

Minutes – The reading of the minutes from the meeting was waived and Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2021 meeting, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

Financials – Chairman Novello presented the February financial report. The fund balances exceed the minimum reserve requirements by \$2,309,018 and the total receipts have exceeded the total expenditures to date by \$47,138. Unmetered collections are \$9,813 over budget and total operating expenditures are under budget by \$20,765. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the financial report from February 2021, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

Bills to be paid:

NIPSCO	\$ 201.39	Monthly plant
NIPSCO	\$ 518.67	Monthly lift stations
NIPSCO	\$ 81.67	Monthly lake pump
CenturyLink	\$ 177.04	Monthly phone
PrimePay-Payroll	\$ 5,365.65	Bi-weekly payroll – 1/25/2021 – 2/7/2021
PrimePay-Payroll	\$ 4,912.40	Bi-weekly payroll – 2/8/2021 – 2/21/2021
PrimePay-Invoice	\$ 179.12	Monthly service charges
Apheus	\$ 137.00	Monthly computer fee
Baker Tilley	\$ 1,895.00	Monthly account fee

Wildman	\$ 54.28	Monthly service fee
BLPOA	\$ 260.00	Annual garbage fee
Flow-Tech	\$ 1,045.00	Liftstation O & G repairs
BL Anderson	\$ 504.78	Flow chart repair
Pilot News	\$ 23.76	Annual report legal ad
Quill	\$ 69.99	Annual membership fee
Starke Co. Co-Op	\$ 471.80	Plant propane
WTH Technology	\$ 472.00	Annual fee for GIS map

Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the bills as presented noting each payee, the dollar amounts, and purpose were read into the March 8, 2021 minutes, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

Indiana Lakes Management—The board stated that this annual conference is April 8th and 9th discussing topics that concern Indiana lakes: water quality, dams & permitting, lake treatments, DNR and IDEM regulations. The BLCD staff and board members will attend this virtual conference.

Tom Jordan’s Report—Plant Manager Jordan reported that February’s precipitation was 1.38 inches. Plant Manager Jordan mentioned that the pump is on and averaging 1.4 million gallons a day being pumped into the lake. The board approved Plant Manager Jordan’s requested to hire someone for summer help and the trapper coming back. Attorney Bozik will construct a letter for the homeowner on Ayers Drive that hooked up to the sewer system without a permit. Plant Manager Jordan received quotes from three companies to install three liftstation generators. Chairman Novello requested a matrix comparing the offers. Plant Manager Jordan said that a fence will go around liftstation O, which is in the utility easement. Attorney Bozik will produce a release form for the homeowner to sign. Plant Manager Jordan mentioned that he would like to replace the chemical tank at liftstation G. A proposal will be presented at the next meeting.

Office Coordinator’s Comments—Office Coordinator Dillner was absent.

Comments from the Board—Director Broadstreet stated that DNR will reach out to us in a few weeks with a list of contractors we can reach out to for bids for the LARE grant to take care of the invasive vegetation. DNR will be at the lake in April for an inspection. Chairman Novello stated that he will have a conference call next week with Attorney Bozik and Dave Collen to discuss commercial rates for the Bass Lake rentals and would report on that at the next meeting, Vice Chairman Collura presented the board with a Koontz Lake newsletter for informational purposes on the many issues they are dealing with. Plant Manager Jordan stated that Koontz Lake Conservancy District and Koontz Lake Sewer District are two separate entities.

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

Comments from the Audience—The audience discussed adding additional pumps to the lake. Chairman Novello stated that there are individuals doing research on this to see if anything can be done or allowed by DNR & IDEM. A homeowner, Donna DeMariam, suggested asking McGrath to review their quote for the generators to see if they would come down in their price. Plant Manager Jordan advised he would check with McGrath.

Director Broadstreet made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Collura seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting will be April 12, 2021 at 6:38 p.m. at the BLPOA building.