

Bass Lake Conservancy District Meeting January 13, 2020

AGENDA:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Minutes
- Financial Report
- Baker Tilly Year End Financial Report
- Baker Tilly Annual Contract
- Bills
- LARE
- Resolution 1-2020
- Tom Jordan's Report
- Comments from Attorney
- Comments from Office Assistant
- Comments from the Board
- Ouestions 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

> Plant Manager Tom Jordan Vice Chairman Larry Collura Director Russ Blais Office Assistant Tabitha Dillner

Director Jerry Broadstreet Guest Speaker: Jeff Rowe-Baker Tilly

Attorney Scott Bozik (present through conference call)

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 December 9, 2019 meeting, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

Financials – Jeff Rowe from Baker Tilly presented the December financial report. The fund balances exceed the minimum reserve requirements by \$2,098,423 and the total receipts have exceeded the total expenditures to date by \$227,861. Unmetered collections are \$7,200 under budget and total operating expenditures are under budget by \$32,659. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the financial report from December 2019, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried. Jeff Rowe also commented that the 2019 financials for BLCD is in excellent financial condition.

Bills to be paid:

•	NIPSCO	\$ 182.00	Monthly plant-November
•	NIPSCO	\$ 353.89	Monthly lift stations-November
•	NIPSCO	\$ 78.08	Monthly lake pump-November

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•	NIPSCO	\$	81.71	Monthly lake pump-December
•	CenturyLink	\$	117.53	Monthly phone service-December
•	TCU-Credit Card-7020	\$	1,176.06	Tom credit card-December
•	TCU-Credit Card-7046	\$	845.62	Tabi credit card-December
•	TCU-Fee	\$	70.30	Bank fees-December
•	PrimePay-Payroll	\$	7,660.20	Bi-weekly payroll – 12/2/19 – 12/15/19
•	PrimePay-Payroll	\$	451.80	Bi-weekly payroll – 12/2/19 – 12/15/19
•	PrimePay-Payroll	\$	4,088.77	Bi-weekly payroll – 12/16/19 – 12/29/19
•	PrimePay-Invoice	\$	157.56	Monthly service charges – 11/15/19 – 12/20/19
•	PrimePay-Invoice	\$	74.22	Monthly service charges – 12/16/19 – 12/24/19
•	Apheus	\$	139.00	Monthly computer fee
•	BBC Pump & Equipment	\$	656.73	Lift station parts
•	Baker Tilly	\$	17,870.00	Financial management services – Feb 2019 – Nov 2019
•	Flow-Technics	\$	288.62	Lift station k repair
•	Flow-Technics	\$	6,421.79	Valve replacement, lift station d
•	Flow-Technics	\$	7,850.00	New pump, lift station d
•	Keybank	\$	36.00	Safe deposit box
•	George Mammarella	\$	34.10	Homeowner sold home w/credit
•	Starke County Co-Op	\$	529.63	Propane fill
•	DNR	\$	5.00	Annual aquatic vegetation control permit fee
•	Alliance Indiana	\$	240.00	Annual membership dues
•	Cummins Sales & Services	\$	694.45	J Generator Repair

Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the bills as presented and each bill and dollar amounts were read into the minutes, Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

Baker Tilly Contract—Jeff Rowe presented the board with a two-year contract for February 2020 and 2021. The services for both years will stay the same as they have been. The rate will not increase for 2020 but will increase by 2% for 2021. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the contract as presented, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-01—Attorney Bozik approves the resolution as presented. Vice Chairman Collura motioned to approve Resolution 2020-01 authorizing a district purchasing card account and establishing procedures for the use of city purchasing cards (credit cards). Director Broadstreet seconded. Motion carried.

LARE—Director Broadstreet stated that the Aquatic Vegetation (LARE) grant application has been completed and submitted. He also mentioned that the Aquatic Vegetation Control Permit will be sent in this month as well. Currently, BLCD is waiting to hear if the grant has been granted. If so, the survey will be done in March and if DNR allows, the spraying for invasive vegetation will be in early May.

Employee Reviews—Chairman Novello stated the Board had met earlier and approved raises for the Plant Manager Jordan and Office Assistant Dillner retroactive to January 1st. Vice Chairman Collura made a motion to approve the raises for BLCD employees Plant Manager Jordan and Office Assistant Dillner. As well as Plant Manager Jordan's overtime hours for 2019, Director Blais seconded. Motion carried.

Tom Jordan's Report—Plant Manger Jordan stated that one of his 2020 goals is to video record all the lines on the state highway. Plant Manger Jordan also mentioned purchasing generators for

four lift stations. Plant Manager Jordan also presented the year-end report of the plant operation, included with the minutes. Plant Manager Jordan also mentioned the rainfall for December was 2.48 inches.

Office Assistant's Comments—Office Assistant Dillner stated that in December of 2019 a check was received from Starke County Treasurer totaling \$7,081.17 releasing 32 liens. Also, in January 33 prelien letters were sent out. Office Assistant Dillner also stated that the year-end reports are done and filed. Office Assistant Dillner presented the year-end report of the office operation.

Comments from the Board—Vice Chairman Collura questioned if the newer homeowners are opting more for the EFT, which Office Assistant Dillner confirmed that they are.

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

Comments from the Audience—Homeowner Rick Anderson stated that he went out in a boat with DNR representatives: Deb King, Tom Bacula, Rod Edgell and a college intern. On July 17, 2019 they did the rack test at varies locations around the lake. This test produced almost no vegetation pulled out of the lake. There is concern about the amount of invasive vegetation due to the lack of ice freezing.

Director Blais made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Collura seconded. Motion carried. The next meeting will be February 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the BLPOA building.