

**BEAR LAKE - LAKE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, February 10, 2022  
North Muskegon City Hall**

Darrell Van Fossan called meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Paul Pek, Craig Howell, Brenda Moore, and Darrell Van Fossan

ABSENT: Doug Brown

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS AND MODIFICATIONS:**

- a. Brenda Moore request an addition to agenda to discuss using Al Steinman to review the BLLB draft Lake Management Plan.
- b. Motion made to obtain Al Steinman's feedback on the BLLB Draft Lake Management Plan allocating up to \$2,500 will be added in tonight's agenda in New Business.
- c. Brenda Moore moved, seconded by Paul Pek.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Board waited 5 minutes but nobody was present at meeting other than the board

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 1/13/22**

- a. Brenda Moore moved, seconded by Paul Pek to approve Minutes.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUDGET**

Craig Howell discussed adding Legal fees to the budget, increasing mailing costs for electronic mailers and Newsletters. Continue to maintain Contingency fund. Budget currently at \$66,000. Craig Howell stated budget now has an excess for more treatment options. Discussed adding line item in Budget for Grants matching 25%. Brenda Moore asked if can put money into CD's. Craig Howell stated that might be a question for attorney.

- a. Paul Pek made motion, Brenda Moore seconded to Accept Changes to Budget as amended.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **COMMUNICATION**

Darrell Van Fossan discussed FOIA request from Houghton Lake Conservation Foundation.  
D. Van Fossan informed the Board that FOIA was received and complied with.

### **WEBSITE SOFT LAUNCH**

Paul Pek discussed availability of documents on new website. [www.blfb.org](http://www.blfb.org)  
Website is a work in progress.

### **POTENTIAL LAKE GRANT**

Brenda Moore read a letter for a potential \$46,000 grant. Discussed possible allocation to Lake front buffers. Part of the grant could help teach lake front property owners how to care for lake front buffers. Money could go towards education, and tree plantings.

- a. Brenda Moore made motion, Paul Pek seconded to Provide letter of support to match \$6,000 in grant money for best management practice.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **RESIDENT SURVEY**

Darrell Van Fossan discussed future residential surveys. Paul Pek mentioned pricing of GVSU providing surveys was pricey compared to Survey Monkey.

**Residential survey discussion was Tabled for now**

### **WAALKEN'S DRAIN**

Brenda Moore gave presentation of the Waalken's Drain with a map of the area. B. Moore discussed the history of the drain when it started in 1900's. The dimensions of the drain and how it operates to control storm water. State of Michigan does not require a permit to operate the Waalken's drain. However, every 5 years it's mandatory to monitor the drain and plans are to do it more often.

### **LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP**

Darrell Van Fossan suggest we cancel the workshops and use Zoom meetings to create contact with outside firms. Paul Pek suggested forming a subcommittee to research all Lake Management firms. Questions were raised for attorney as to what direction Board will move in towards finding new Management firm. **See Attached Key Outcome Document**

- a. Brenda Moore made motion, Paul Pek seconded to Form a Subcommittee to look at all potential Lake Management firms. Darrell Van Fossan and Paul Pek will be the 2 members on the subcommittee.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Darrell Van Fossan brought up PROPOSED ATTORNEY QUESTIONS FROM 2/7/22 WORKSHOP.

D. Van Fossan reviewed the Key Outcomes resulting from the Lake Management Plan Workshop.

- a. Paul Pek made motion, Craig Howell seconded to allow Darrell to contact Attorney up to \$5,000 limit in cost.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **ADDITION TO AGENDA**

Brenda Moore requested to contact Al Steinman, GVSU AWRI Director regarding Lake Management. Costs for Al would be up to a maximum \$2,500 expenditure and not to exceed 20 hours.

- a. Craig Howell made motion, Paul Pek seconded to have Brenda contact Al Steinman, GVSU AWRI Director.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**7:19 p.m.**

**NEXT MEETING MARCH 10, 2022 AT 6:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene J Slorf