

**BEAR LAKE-LAKE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, January 12, 2023
NORTH MUSKEGON CITY HALL**

Chair Darrell Van Fossan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Darrell Van Fossan, Paul Pek, Craig Howell, Dallas Goldberg and County Commissioner Jessica Cook

EXCUSED: Brenda Moore

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Sabina Freeman, City Clerk Lynne Fuller and Laketon Township Trustee Eric Anderson

ROLL

City Clerk Fuller called the roll.

Chair Van Fossan introduced new member County Commissioner Jessica Cook. He also introduced City Clerk Lynne Fuller who will be acting as recording secretary going forward.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Pek moved to approve the agenda. Chair Van Fossan requested additions to Unfinished Business and New Business on the agenda. He also requested that the 2022 Year End Summaries from GVSU/AWRI and PLM be moved to the beginning of the agenda. The motion was supported by Commissioner Cook with the requested amendments and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Howell moved to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2022 meeting with a correction to add Mayor Freeman as being present. The motion was supported by Commissioner Cook and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Jaimee Desjardins, Environmental Scientist, and Jason Broekstra, Biologist, of PLM Lake & Land Management Corp. presented the Bear Lake Management Plan Update for 2022. There was also brief discussion regarding proposed plans for 2023.

Dr. Alan Steinman of the Robert B. Annis Water Resources Institute (AWRI) through Grand Valley State University (GVSU) presented his report regarding results of testing completed in 2022. Discussion was held regarding 2023 plans. Dr. Steinman recommended continuation of the water quality management program to discover possible sources of phosphorus such as septic and yard runoff.

It was decided that Paul will add a list of things that residents can do to limit phosphorus pollution, including requiring annual septic system inspections which the Board could consider subsidizing. A survey will be sent with the Board's newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Howell reported that in 2022 expenditures came in considerably lower than the \$96,000 budgeted. There were three payments to GVSU totaling \$10,600. He noted that the previous year expenditures were higher in the areas of Open Meetings training and legal fees due to development of the By-Laws. He reported that the Board is 100% collected from resident previous 5-year assessment. Currently the cash balance is \$168,498 and investments total \$179,151 for a grand total of \$347,649.

For the proposed 2023 budget, Board members will submit suggestions to Mr. Howell no later than January 26th. The proposed budget will be discussed at the next meeting on February 9, 2023, including contracts with PLM and GVSU. Dr. Steinman had noted that they are extremely busy. Chair Van Fossan suggested it may be prudent to have PLM quote in the event GVSU/AWRI declines to continue; the work however, Mr. Goldberg noted that it may be a conflict to contract with the same company for both testing and treatment.

Mr. Pek moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was supported by Commissioner Cook and carried unanimously.

2023 BLLB OFFICER ELECTIONS

Chair Van Fossan nominated Craig Howell to continue in the role of Treasurer. The nomination was supported by Commissioner Cook and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Cook nominated Brenda Moore to continue as Secretary. The nomination was supported by Mr. Pek and carried unanimously.

Mr. Howell nominated Paul Pek to continue as Vice Chairman. The motion was supported by Commissioner Cook and carried unanimously.

Mr. Pek nominated Darrell Van Fossan to continue as Chairman. The motion was supported by Mr. Howell and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

Chair Van Fossan asked Mr. Pek to act as liaison with PLM as was done last year with the approved treatment protocols. Mr. Pek agreed.

Chair Van Fossan asked Mr. Howell to work with the Muskegon Conservation District for grant writing since lake boards are not allowed to apply for grants. Mr. Howell agreed.

BOARD COMMENTS

Chair Van Fossan submitted the Board's annual insurance policy to the City Clerk to be placed on file.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Lynne Fuller, City Clerk

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