

**BEAR LAKE-LAKE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, March 9, 2023
LAKETON TOWNSHIP HALL**

Vice Chairman Paul Pek called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Darrell Van Fossan, Paul Pek and Brenda Moore

EXCUSED: County Commissioner Jessica Cook and Council Member Adam Schultz

ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk Lynne Fuller, Gary and Rose Charles, 174 N. Bear Lake Road.

ROLL

City Clerk Fuller called the roll.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Moore moved to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion about receiving a legal opinion on Lake Board expenditures. The motion was supported by Mr. Pek and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Moore moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2023 meeting. The motion was supported by Mr. Pek and carried unanimously.

OFFICER REPORTS

Mr. Pek reported that the web site has been updated to include information on the Conservation District's support for the treatment of phragmites. He will also ask residents for input on the questions to be included in the upcoming survey.

2023 BUDGET

The final budget for 2023 was tabled until the April meeting.

2023 WATER TESTING

The Board reviewed the proposal from GVSU for monitoring Bear Lake during the 2023 sampling season. The total cost of \$43,076 was broken down as follows: \$24,929 for the same activity as 2022 with the addition of the month of April; \$5,364 for additional chlorophyll samples; tributary samplings (baseflow and storm events); and \$4,964 to include wells along Fenner Ditch.

Board members agreed that monthly sampling may not be necessary. In addition, they don't think additional chlorophyll samples and the inclusion of the wells along Fenner Ditch are necessary but Ms. Moore requested clarification about the reasons for those portions of the proposed project.

Chairman VanFossan moved to accept the proposal from GVSU **up to** \$24,929 for regular sampling and tributary sampling (baseflow and storm events) in the amount of \$7,819. At this time they request further clarification on the chlorophyll and Fenner Ditch wells portions of the proposal. The motion was supported by Mr. Peck and carried unanimously.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT NATIVE PLANT SALE COOPERATIVE

Ms. Moore suggested the Board not participate in the Conservation District's native plant sale until the results of the Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership Program grant application are received. She also said they need to make sure residents are planting in the buffer zone as is intended. Ms. Moore will check on the status of the grant application as well as the application for signage.

NEWSLETTER

Board members discussed contents of the upcoming newsletter. Topics include continued promotion of lake management, contact information for Board members, septic system maintenance, fall leaf removal, 2022 accomplishments and brief summaries of the PLM and GVSU 2022 presentations. Mr. Pek will present a draft of the newsletter to the Board in April.

SURVEY

At last month's meeting Ms. Moore said she wanted to discuss obtaining a legal opinion about spending special assessment funds for watershed improvements. She reported that a legal opinion will cost approximately \$700 but was told those funds can only be used to improve water quality in areas adjacent to the lake.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Next meeting: April 13, 2023

Lynne Fuller, City Clerk