

**BEAR LAKE-LAKE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, December 8, 2022, 4:00 PM  
N. MUSKEGON CITY HALL**

Chair Darrell Van Fossan called the meeting to order at 4:00p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ABSENT:** Doug Brown (unexcused)

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

Brenda Moore motioned, Paul Pek Seconded to approve the agenda.

**VOICE VOTE**

**ALL IN-FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS CORRECTED FOR 10/13/2022**

Paul Pek motioned; Brenda Moore seconded to approve agenda as corrected

**VOICE VOTE**

**ALL IN-FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- a. No Public Comments

**BUDGET C. HOWELL**

- a. Received 3 GVSU invoices
- b. Received invoice from PLM for 2023 permit. Discussion around delaying payment on PLM until after new year so it falls in the 2023 expenses. Pek brought up a question whether PLM is including a permit for potential future Phoslock treatments in Fenner's Ditch.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS CORRECTED FOR 10/13/2022**

Brenda Moore motioned, Paul Pek seconded to approve payments of the 3 GVSU and 1 PLM invoice (In January for the PLM payment).

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**ALL IN-FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Discussion around several residents (Mimi Morphew and Barb Stawsk) bringing up concerns with some residents (or their lawn care providers) blowing leaves into the lake, as well as response informing residents this is bad for the health of the lake as well as illegal. Will look for future communication around this.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. January 12, 2023, PLM and GVSU AWRI will give their yearend reports.
- b. Van Fossan gave an update on working with the Conservation District on a potential grant for invasive species signage and boat wash
- c. Moore gave an update on some progress toward a draft for a new Lake Management Plan that she is working with GVSU AWRI.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Van Fossan started discussion on trying to get a Spring newsletter out in April or May.
- b. Van Fossan announced 2023 BLLB Officer Elections will take place at the January 2023 meeting.
- c. Van Fossan requested input from other Board members in compiling a list of 2022 accomplishments to present in January.
- d. Van Fossan shared Muskegon Conservation District proposed letter to residents. Board members to send comments to Van Fossan.
- e. Van Fossan discussed possible Riparian education on nutrient control and plant identification
- f. Van Fossan presented Lake Board meeting schedule for 2023

## **APPROVAL OF 2023 BLLB Meeting Schedule**

Brenda Moore motioned, Paul Pek seconded to approve 2023 schedule.

## **VOICE VOTE**

**ALL IN-FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- a. None

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

- a. Van Fossan informed the Board that he received the policy for the Board insurance
- b. Van Fossan confirmed the grant has been submitted for the boat wash and signage grant
- c. Moore brought up a new treatment method called Biochar that MSU has been studying and will be having her department look further into it. This has potential to be another type of treatment.
- d. Moore started conversation about investigating whether the BLLB can work with the drain commission and others to improve upstream habitat by looking into project like buying farmland to turn into wetland buffers. Pek mentioned that the BLLB likely doesn't have legal ability to fund or partially fund initiatives outside of the legal boundaries of the board.
- e. Moore announced she will be checking with some other lake groups to see if there are any best-practice type of items we could look at

## **NEXT MEETING**

January 12, 2023 at 6 p.m. North Muskegon City Hall

**ADJOURN**  
5:10 p.m.

Approved by:

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Paul Pek