

Minutes
Bass Lake Improvement Board

Minutes of the meeting of the **Bass Lake Improvement Board** held on Thursday, **September 21, 2023** at the Summit Township Hall, 4479 West Deren Rd., Ludington, Michigan, and beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chris Dunn, Steve Hull, Wayne Kelly, Rob Allard, and Kyle Chapman.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: members of the public.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Dunn at 6:00 p.m.

Allard conducted the Roll Call and all members were present.

Agenda

Chairman Dunn presented the agenda to the board. A motion was made by Hull to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Chapman, **motion carried.**

Minutes

Kelly noted that the minutes from September 1, 2022, Review Budget for 2023, erroneously listed board member Hull as both making a motion and seconding it. Kelly made a motion to accept the minutes from September 1, 2022 with the correction as Kelly, not Hull seconding the motion, seconded by Hull - **Motion carried.**

Treasurers Report:

Allard presented the Treasurer's Report and voucher orders 134 thru 141, posted on August 31, 2023. Allard noted that voucher 0141 was not in the original packet mailed on September 11, 2023.

Order #	Amount	For/To
0134	16,910.00	Aquatic Nuisance Plant Control
0135	11,118.00	Aquest Corporation
0136	1,500.00	Aquatic Nuisance Plant Control
0137	1,960.00	Aquest Corporation
0138	4,550.00	Aquest Corporation
0139	200.00	Mason County
0140	75,750.00	Aquatic Nuisance Plant Control
0141	3,185.00	Keiser & Associates (*Aquest Corp)
Total	\$115,173.00	

A motion was made by Chapman, and seconded by Hull to approve the treasurer's report and vouchers as presented - **Motion carried.**

Public Comment

Dunn opened the floor to the public for questions or comments and two people spoke.

Mr. Russ Cross, Vice President of the Bass Lake Property Owners Association told the board that he thought

they were doing a good job. He further spoke to the return of snails and clams and the clarity of the water. Mr. Cross encouraged the board to communicate with his association as well as the public.

Mrs. Chapman inquired about an annual report from Dr. Pullman. Chairman Dunn commented that Pullman is working on it but it is not yet completed.

Annual Contract for County Financial Services

Allard presented the accounting services agreement between the county treasurer and the lake board for money handling and accounting services. Allard explained that the county treasurer is already doing this service for the board at a cost of \$200.00 annually. The contract is a formal directive for these duties. Hull made a motion to accept the services agreement, seconded by Kelly – **Motion Carried**. Chairman Dunn and Secretary Allard signed the agreement and will be passed onto the appropriate county members for approval and signature.

Review Budget for 2024

The annual 2024 budget was discussed by the board. Chairman Dunn said that Dr. Pullman did not expect any fee increases for next year but was not sure about chemical prices. He further stated that chemical prices may increase somewhat but the budget surplus could support it. Dunn also noted that Richardson's Pondweed is becoming more prevalent and problematic. With no chemical option for treating it, weed harvesting may be the only option. Chapman suggested beginning a conversation with a harvesting company before it was necessary to begin harvesting. Allard stated that he would get a harvester contact from another lake board that has been routinely harvesting. With agreement that the budget surplus could handle most of the unknowns, Hull made a motion to continue the 27% reduced assessment and maintain the 2023 rates for 2024, seconded by Kelly, the **-Motion passed unanimously.**

Board Chairman Resignation and Election

Chairman Dunn announced to the board that he was stepping down from the chairmanship but would remain on the lake board. Dunn nominated Kyle Chapman as board chair, seconded by Kelly. Chapman accepted and the board voted unanimously – **Motion carried.**

Public Comment

None spoke.

Next Meeting Date

No meeting date was set.

With no further public comment **Chairman Dunn adjourned the meeting at 6:33pm.**