

Barron Lake Association
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am. Present were Bruno Eidietis; President, Rick Marneris; Vice President, Tom Hable; Treasurer, and Debbie Floor; Secretary. Guest Jeff Van Belle; Cass County Drain Commissioner

Augmentation Well

Bruno called the meeting to order at 10:00am and introduced Jeff Van Belle. Our hydrogeologist is a great expert. We are slightly under budget. The 72 hour test is complete with results being about as good as you can get. The submersible pump has been ordered and is expected to arrive in 10 days. The contractor is scheduled out for 3 weeks. Electric will be single phase. Well depth is 260'. We are hoping to find out the electrical status on Monday. A new wire is coming from the closest transformer. A crane will be used to hook up the pipe.

Diana Seward has concerns about the height of the grass on the lot and the smell of the water. The lot will be redressed with natural stone before the electric is turned on and a yard barn will be installed at the well site. This well will be able to be controlled by phone and has gauges that will show the volume of water being pumped. Jeff stated that he will have a landscaping crew fill in the trenches and weed eat the tall weeds.

The old well needs to be run occasionally. There will be no cone of depression with the new well. Old well was supposed to pump 900 gpm, now pumping 400-450 gpm. New well should pump 1,000 gpm with 85% efficiency. It is more efficient to run the new pump.

We borrowed \$200k - We are slightly under budget and will not use it all - will make the first installment in 2023. Loan rate is 6%. The special assessment has a term of 4 years. Jeff was satisfied with the price of the new well and felt that we were fortunate to be able to borrow the funds due to the recent bank failures.

Treasurer's Report

\$40,745.16 in savings, \$10,492.92 in Checking for a total of \$51,238.08 Total Balance has been reduced due to attorney fees reviewing the bylaws. Investment of our funds was discussed. Tom should have an update in July. Motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. Report was approved.

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Secretary's Report

Minutes of the August 13, 2022 meeting were read by the Secretary. Motion was made to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved.

Weeds

Tom Hable reported that 7.8 acres were treated two weeks ago - last year we treated 14 acres. Cost of chemicals has tripled. Spot treating is working. We will continue to inspect every month. Only treating milfoil and no native weeds. Our water clarity is good and the last time that we had the water quality tested was 2022.

The lake level has not been monitored this year.

Bylaws

The bylaws were posted to the website on June 9th. Members are welcome to add comments about the bylaws on the website. We will review all comments and if there are no major concerns - the Board will approve the bylaws next month. One of the changes will be that 4 Board members will increase to 5 Board members. Bill Landgraf was the attorney that was used.

Muskrats

Discussion was held about the damage that the muskrats have caused. Several members had issues with the muskrats damaging the wire harnesses on their boats. One member suggested the Muskrat wrap for \$19. Deb Floor to share a name and contact number of a service that can trap the muskrats.

Drought conditions 60-70% of water evaporates when you water your lawns during midday vs early morning or late at night. Plus you will have better results. One half inch of water between 6:00-8:00pm will help the grass survive.

Large rock - hard to get out - Brian Floor volunteered to mark the large rock with a buoy.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.
Next meeting is July 8, 10:00 am at Kiddie Korral Park

Debbie Floor

