

LYTLE LAKE WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Official Newsletter of the LLWCID



2022 Directors Election

On May 7th, the LLWCID held its Director's Election. Mr. Rusty Beard and Mrs. Patty Knight were elected as Directors. Mr. Beard was nominated to be Secretary and Mrs. Knight was nominated as Treasurer.

Both Mr. Beard's and Mrs. Knight's terms will run until 2026. The next Director's Election will take place in May 2024 where Mr. McCathren's, Mr. Crowe's, and Mr. Barnett's seats will be up for election.

Please be sure to send your regards and appreciation to Mr. Beard and Mrs. Knight for their willingness to serve on the Board. Please also send your thanks to departing Director Dr. Courtney Queen for her years of service to the District.

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Lytle Lake History

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By Jim McCathren

it is November 29, 1913 and the dam has just failed. Thirty minutes before the big dam went out, the keeper of the structure passed over it. At that time there was no indication that there was anything in disorder. For the past three months the lake has been full of water and several inches of water was running over the spillway

Sunday morning a short time before the dam gave way under the strain. When the first intimation came of trouble, it was noted that water was boiling under the dam and then there was a large breach through which the water passed with an outer rim over it. With the terrific pressure of the water against the hole made in some unaccountable manner, the dam was quickly eaten away for more than 150 feet, though the entire dam was so badly shattered and weakened that the attorney for the water company stated Monday morning that the entire structure is a wreck and that \$20,000 will be required to put the dam as it should be.

The break seems to have been gradual. There was no sudden break, it is said, though the rushing water soon ate away all conflicting material in its path. The water spread over the entire valley for many feet and water rose near the Abilene and Northern railroad depot, where the tracks of that company go under the Texas and Pacific viaduct. Through this viaduct water rushed swiftly and washed away some of the ballast. Many head of stock were marooned in the pastures in the river bed, though it was said none were drowned.

The first intimation that Texas and Pacific employees had of the bursted dam was when water began to rise conspicuously upon the pumping station of the road. The pumper had just left the pump station, leaving a new hat and about \$10 worth of tools therein. In a short time, his attention was attracted to the water rising up on the structure. The water carried the shack under the bridge.

The terrible strains of the fire calliope called people from over the entire city to the stream. When the word circulated that the big Lytle Lake dam had gone out there was some consternation among the residents in the lower part of the city, but those who know say that the water at no time during the high rise reached anything like the record that has been seen.

Lytle Lake-
Circa 1914

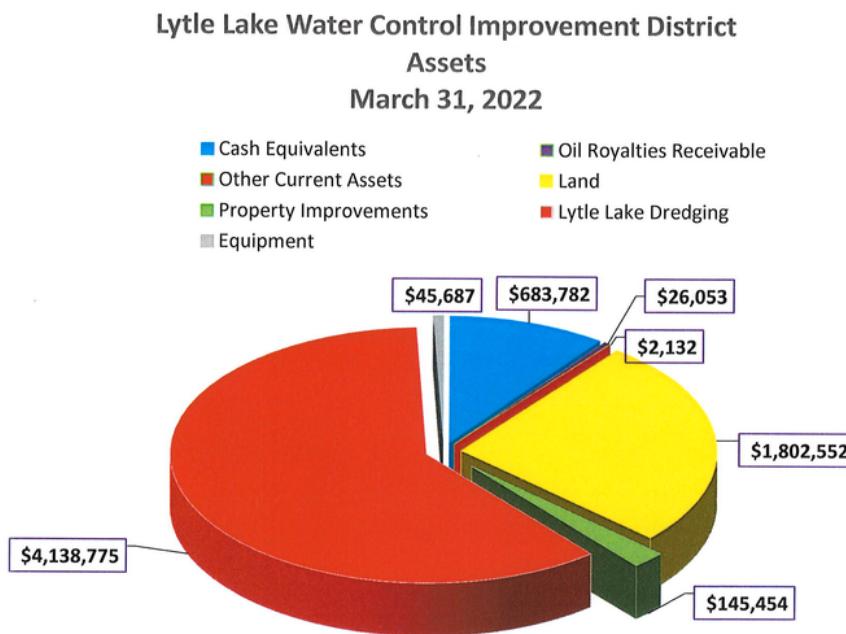


**Report to the
Taxpayers of the
Lytle Lake Water Control Improvement District
For the Six Months Ended March 31, 2022**

This is a report of the finances of the Lytle Lake Water Control Improvement District ("LLWCID" or "District") to the taxpayers of the District. It details the assets of LLWCID as of March 31, 2022 and its income and expenses for the six months ended March 31, 2022 compared to the annual budget for the year ending September 30, 2022. Because the schedules present only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the District.

The financial statements of the District are audited annually by Eide Bailey. A full copy of the audit report for the year ended September 30, 2021 is available on the District's website at the following link: <http://llwcid.org/generalinformation.html>.

Total assets of LLWCID as of March 31, 2022 were \$6,844,434. The only liabilities were payroll taxes payable of \$2,608. The asset breakdown was as follows:



Lytle Lake was dredged in 2004. Cost of the dredging was \$5,555,403. Accounting principles require that this amount be shown as an asset of the District and depreciated over the estimated 50- year life of the dredging. The depreciated value of the dredging as of March 31,2022 is \$4,138,775.

In 2001, West Texas Utilities deeded the lake along with other properties to the District. Relative values of the various parcels of real estate were assigned at that time. These included \$455,023 for the 600 plus acre farm and ranchland south of the lake, \$340,659 for the approximate 3 acre tract of Willow Point land, \$226,346 for approximately 31 acres located north of the Lake's dam, \$163,765 for the approximate 152 acre lake bed and \$5,350 for various smaller tracts. In, 2018 the District purchased approximately 17 acres fronting Oldham Lane at a cost of \$611,409. Collectively, these holdings comprise the \$1,802,552 value shown for land on the previous graph.

Other current assets consist of \$26,053 of royalty payments receivable from BML for oil and gas production on the 600 acres of farm and ranchland referenced above.

No funds have been spent by the District on capital improvements through the first six months of the fiscal year although improvements at Tittle Park totaling approximately \$45,000 are anticipated for the last half of the fiscal year.

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Here are the District's Operating Expenses for the six months ended March 31, 2022 compared to the budget for the year ended September 30, 2022.

Lytle Lake Water Control Improvement District Actual to Budgeted Expenses For 6 Months Ended March 31, 2022

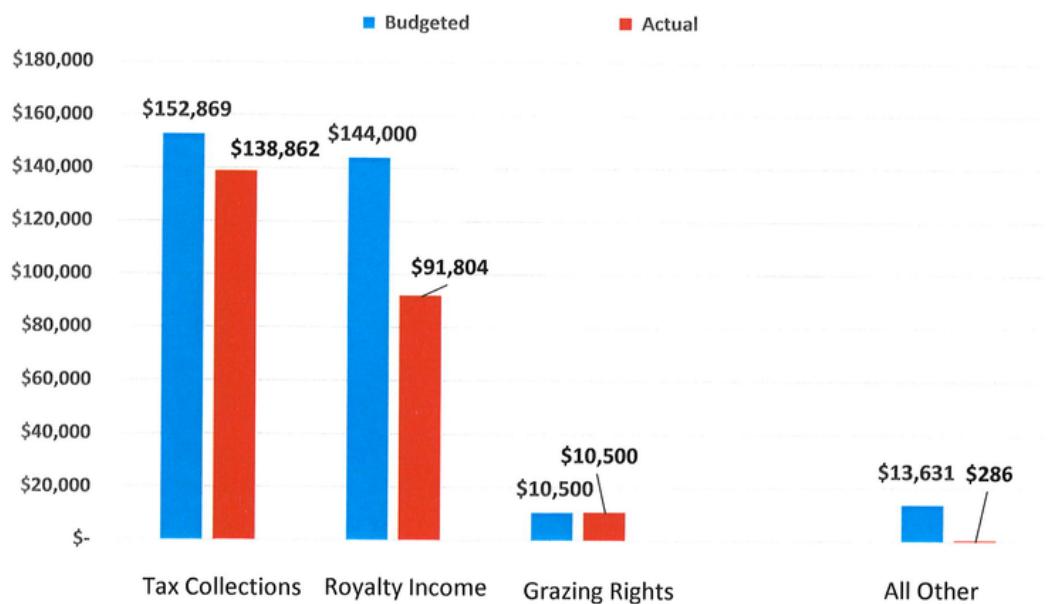


The budget for professional services for the year ended September 30, 2022 is as follows: Accounting and auditing \$26,100; legal fees \$18,000; engineering and surveying \$10,400; tax collection fees paid to the Central Appraisal District of Taylor County \$2,700 and all other \$3,000.

Questions concerning this financial presentation may be directed to any Board member or to the District's accountant by contract, Bob Benham, at bob.benham@e-ht.com.

Total budgeted revenue for the District for the year ended September 31, 2022 is \$321,000. Actual revenues received for the six months ended March 31, 2022 were \$241,452. The chart below compares budget to actual by major component:

Lytle Lake Water Control Improvement District
Actual to Budgeted Revenues
Six Months Ended March 31, 2022



"All Other" includes a budgeted \$12,631 transfer from District reserve funds to balance the budget.

The District receives oil royalties from wells drilled on District land. Through March 31, 2022 the District's oil and gas royalties have averaged \$15,300 per month.

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Latest News

Boat Parking

Tittle Park has recently been updated with 8 new boat parking spots conveniently located near the Tittle Park launch ramp!

If you would like to reserve a spot for your watercraft, please contact the lake manager at llwcid@llwcid.org.

Parking spots rentals are \$50 annually with a one time \$150 initial non-refundable deposit.

Lake Levels are Low

The lake level is down 5' so it's a good time to inspect your seawalls and make repairs. Please remember that repairs require a permit so talk with the lake manager about your plans.

Please also remember, when the water level in Lytle Lake drops between four and six feet from the spillway elevation, watering is restricted to two days per week. When the Lake level goes more than six feet below the spillway, the use of water from the Lake is prohibited.

**Next Meeting
July 21st @
11am!**

The next meeting of the LLWCID Board of Directors is scheduled for **July 21st at 11am**. The meeting will be the Board's annual planning retreat and will take place at the Abilene Country Club Board Room. If you have topics or concerns you would like to present to the Board please plan to attend. If you have any questions about the upcoming retreat please contact the lake manager at llwcid@llwcid.org

Let's Prevent Zebra Mussel Infestations!



What Can You Do?

Follow These Simple Steps

Clean

Remove all plants, animals, and mud and thoroughly wash the boat and trailer. A quick trip to the car wash to use high-pressure spray nozzles can help clean crevices and hidden areas. (Remember that boats stored on infested waters may need to be professionally decontaminated.)

Drain

Pull the plug! Drain all water before leaving the area, including livewells, bilges, ballast, and engine cooling water.

Dry

Allow your boat to dry completely before launching in other waters—ideally for a week or more.

Boaters in Texas are also required by law to remove any visible plants and animals from all watercraft and trailers before leaving the vicinity of a lake, river, or bay. By following the Clean, Drain and Dry procedure described below, you can minimize the chances of accidental transfer.



For information on transporting a boat that has been stored on a zebra mussel-infested water body or has zebra mussels attached, please contact TPWD at (512) 389-4848 a few weeks before you plan to move the boat. You may need to have your boat professionally cleaned with high-pressure scalding hot water (>140°F) before transporting to any other body of water.

Take notice that a meeting of the Board of Directors of Lytle Lake Water Control and Improvement District will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 21st 2022, at the Abilene Country Club Board Room in the City of Abilene, Texas to receive, discuss, consider, review, approve and/or take other action with respect to the following agenda items.

AGENDA
141st Board Meeting

Call to Order and Invocation

Receive Comments from Public and/or District Members

Minutes of Previous Meetings

- 140th Meeting—May 19th, 2022

Mission, Vision, Goals

Financial Report

- Financial Statements, Investments Reports, and Expense Vouchers
- FY21 Budget Amendments
- General Fund Budget FYE 2023
- Recommended Tax Rate
- Designate Officer to Calculate and Publish Tax Information

President's Report

- FEMA Grant Status
- Evaluation of Spillway / Dam Requests for Engineering Proposals
- Tabletop Exercise
- Lytle Lake Dredging
- Oil Lease

Other Business

- Policies, Rules, and Regulations
- Lake Aeration
- Major Improvements Projects FYE 2023
- Tittle Park Improvements
 - Privacy Fence Extension
 - Deck Update
 - Boat Ramp Improvements Update
- Trespassing Prevention at Pond Crossings
- Lytle Way Circle Easement
- Policy for Guest Use of Lytle Lake
- Civil vs. Criminal Prosecution of Violations
- Randy Barnett Mooring

Manager's Report

- Groundskeeper Projects Update
- Fish Kill Update
- Board Calendar 2023

Deliberate and act on proposed items for discussion and possible action on the 142nd Agenda. (This discussion is by the entire Board, for the sole purpose of determining if there is sufficient support or merit for placing an Agenda item on a later Agenda. No actual specifics or dynamics of the actual item may be debated / discussed at this time.)

Adjournment

If during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item should be held in executive or closed session, the Board will convene in such executive or closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

The Lytle Lake Water Control and Improvement District (the "District") is a governmental entity in the State of Texas. District Board Directors have official immunity from actions arising from the performance of their discretionary duties, in good faith, within the scope of their office; and are indemnified for certain tort claims pursuant to Civil Practice and Remedies Code §102.002; and are covered parties under the provisions of the District's comprehensive liability insurance.