

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Meeting August 19, 2020

Board Members Present: Thomas Kruse, Mickey Koehler, Rolando Chilian
Connie Hughes, Nancy Satterlee
Walt Breitinger, Christian Anderson

Board Members Absent: none

Consultants Present: Dale Brewer, Robert Minarich, Dave Hollenbeck

Audience: Tom Banaszak, James Whitcomb, Anmliesjc Sandberg

Tom called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm

Walt moved to accept the minutes; Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.
Tom then suspended the rules and opened the public hearing on the 2021 budget.
Tom Banaszak remarked that he did not have enough time to study the budget.
No other responses and Tom closed the public hearing.

Mickey then moved to approve the claims and accept the financial reports. Tom seconded it.
Motion carried 6-0.

Personnel committee – Tom nothing

Insurance committee – Connie reported that the Anton cost proposal included a cost comparison now and she was okay with the numbers. Nancy moved to accept the proposal and Tom seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

Environmental committee – Walt moved to spend up to \$1000 to camera the old clay tile leading into Kettle Lake. Tom seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Liaison committee – Rolando presented the Public Participation Guideline. Requested that a line to allow the Chairman to extend time for both the length of anyone's comment and the total time allowed. Dave suggested that a #10 be added at the bottom that says that to cover all bases.

Strategic Planning – Christian nothing

Engineering – Nancy discussed the OCRA funding. The next step is for the County to sign the proposal. Walt thanked Nancy for all her work on this project.

Bob's report

Manholes all good.
Niswag August 19th at Porter County Complex.
2 sets of lake samples taken and sent to IU.
Flags for the meeting room.
Proposal from JPR on the Cardinal Lane looping project. \$17,370 + \$400 expenses.
2 trees dropped at the office.
Payment window installed.
Bob M. and Nancy visited the home at 5010 Waters Edge Drive. Not a simple fix and all on private property. No recommendation currently.

Matt's report

New generator installed at Hillcrest lift station.
Odor block installed at Hillcrest Lift station.
2 samples taken and passed.
2 meter changeouts.
25 locates
0 disconnects
0 seasonals.

Accounts Receivable – nothing

Attorney's report – No changes on the survey work.

Dave brought up the gravel issue at the Greenway. Bob M. reported that we still offer to sell the gravel at our cost, haul and spread it as our share.

Write offs. Nothing

Midwest Mole's insurance sent a check for their share, as did Midwest Mole. The additional attorney work was not paid yet.

The stormwater complaint from 1808 Georgia St. appears to be a County issue. Dave will talk to Novotney about this. 50 customers with backflow devices and 10 have not responded with their testing. Dave sent out letters to them and now we are down to two. Mickey voted to terminate their water service and Tom seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

The water meter document needs to be finished next. This is for customers who refuse to allow or schedule a meter replacement time. Bob M. will send him a list of customers after he confers with Nicole and Matt.

A resolution for the 6-month payment plan on delinquent customers due to the Covid 19 pandemic was read. Basically, the amount due divided by 6 plus the current balance.

Mickey moved to accept this plan. Tom seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Jim Whitcomb and Mrs. Sandberg discussed the flooding issue raised by two more home being built near them and allowing their stormwater entering an overtaxed drainage system. They also mentioned two homes from Ridgewood Creek that drain into their neighborhood.

Tom closed the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Attest:

Robert Minarich
General Manager