

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Board Meeting

December 20, 2023

Board Members Present: Mickey Koehler, Walt Breitinger, Christian Anderson, Kyle Hauber, Michael Cantieri and Richard Tegt

Board Members Absent: Connie Hughes

Consultants Present: Alicia Barber, Dale Brewer, and Dave Hollenbeck

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Jeff Marsten, Kenneth Hill, Jacob Ballah (BF&S), and Chad Kuehl

Motion to approve Dales official bonding. Kyle motioned and Walt seconded. Motion passed.

Motion to approve Dale to transfer funds needed until end of the year. Walt motioned and Kyle seconded. Motion passed.

Public Participation

Tom inquired about sediment pond project.

Motion to approve last months meeting minutes. Christian motioned and Walt seconded. Motion passed.

Motion to approve financial claims and statements. Mickey motioned and Kyle seconded. Motion passed.

BF&S provided pricing information for the pump for kettle lake to reduce storm water.

Personnel- Alicia requested personal time off. Motion to approve time off. Christian motioned and Michael seconded. Motion passed.

Insurances- Nothing to report.

Storm Water Management- Walt asked about sharing the agenda and minutes. Walt expressed he is pleased with the completed work at the sediment pond and ditch.

Public Liaison- Nothing to report

Strategic Planning- Christian expressed gratitude towards everyone for completing the sediment pond and ditch project. Christian informed everyone about a conference by Indiana Lake Management Society being held in March 2024.

Engineering- The computer equipment has been cleaned up and secured.

Finance- Nothing to report

General Managers Report- Sediment pond and Listenberger Ditch have now been completed. Alicia informed the board that Trust Tech is increasing their fees, she gathered information from different companies to replace Trust Tech. She gave details on information acquired and recommended Brainstorm to the Board to provide IT services to VLACD.

Motion to approve Brainstorm Computer Inc to take over as our IT services. Christian motioned and Richard seconded. Motion passed.

Engineers Report- Nothing to report

Attorneys Report- Dave informed that Michael ran unopposed for his board seat and will be sworn-in at the February meeting. Area II will be a contested election. Dave invited both candidates to introduce themselves to the Board.

Dave provided the freeholder list from Directorship Area II. Discussion followed concerning voting process.

Motion to send ballots to the list provided by Dave and also the out-of-town addresses obtained from the County Auditors website. Richard motioned and Christian seconded. Motion passed.

The Board agreed to put the candidate's names on the ballot alphabetically.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Attested to by Alicia Barber

General Manager VLACD