

# Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

## Minutes of Board Meeting

February 15, 2023

**Board Members Present:** Mickey Koehler, Nancy Satterlee, Walt Breitinger, Connie Hughes, Christian Anderson, Kyle Hauber and Michael Cantieri

**Board Members Absent:** None

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

**Audience:** Kevin Chalmers and Tom Banaszak

Mickey called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**Motion to approve the minutes of last months meeting.** Connie motioned and Kyle seconded. Motion passed.

**Motion to approve the financial claims and statements.** Nancy motioned and Christian seconded. Motion passed.

Reports from Standing Committees are as follows.

**Personnel-** Nothing to report

**Insurances-** Nothing to report

**Storm Water Management-** Walt expressed concerns with a property on Long Lake attempting to build there is a ongoing controversy over the sea wall that was built two years ago.

**Motion to task Dave to contact Porter County Building Dept and ask them to hold off on allowing any construction to take place until we have further communications with the army core of engineers.** Walt motioned and Connie seconded. Motion passed.

Mickey suggested that Walt and anyone else involved with this issue should contact the press and legislators.

**Public Liaison/Customer Relations-** Someone on Claussen lane suggested a kayak launch be installed. Further information and suggestions were recommended by Nancy.

**Strategic Planning-** Christian passed out literature pertaining to erosion prevention.

**Engineering-** Nancy expressed her extreme frustration with Eric from Antero to perform his engineering duties with the Blackhawk Beach Project. Eric is deferring his responsibilities onto Grimmer Construction. Mickey suggested that Dave speak with Antero. Antero has been paid approximately \$40,000 thus far.

**Finance-** Nothing to report

**General Managers Report-** Alicia mentioned the LARE grant which would spray the lake for invasive species. LAC's responsibility of the grant would be \$2080.

**Motion to approve LARE grant-** Christin made motion and Connie and Kyle seconded. Vote was five in favor of, one opposed, one abstained. Motion passed

**Engineers Report-** Jake from BF&S reported on the Stormwater Master Plan. BF&S is currently writing out project descriptions. Jake mentioned the city was willing to possibly partner with VLACD on projects that benefited both parties. They are working on confirming a date for the second public outreach meeting.

**Attorneys Report-** Nothing to report

**Public Participation-** Tom expressed concern over silt draining off Hill Road, the seawall on Long Lake and Kettle Lake. Mickey explained that some of these issues are part of the stormwater master plan.

Kevin mentioned complaints could be sent via online to the inspector general's office at the Army Core of Engineers. Kevin inquired about the Blackhawk Beach grant.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Attested to by Alicia Barber

General Manager VLACD