

# Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

## Minutes of Board Meeting

May 17, 2023

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

**Board Members Absent:**

**Consultants Present:** Alicia Barber, Dale Brewer, Dave Hollenbeck, and Brett Konarski (JPR)

**Audience:** Reggie Korthals (BF&S), Jacob Ballah (BF&S), Tom Banaszak, Rolando Chilian, Tina Henderson (Mendenhall)

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

**Public Participation-** Tom commented about who's responsible for the silt in the pond.

Jacob presented the draft of the Stormwater Master Plan. He gave an overview of how they created the plan, what data they collected and how. Walt inquired about the specifics of the graphics Jacob was presenting. Jacob presented BF&S's findings to the board. Walt inquired about some of the storm drains. Richard thanked BF&S for the informative report. Christian asked about a possible solution to older pipes and culverts. Mickey mentions the meeting scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the stormwater master plan.

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

**Motion to approve financial claims and statements.** Kyle motioned and Christian seconded. Richard inquired about a line item on the financial claims. Motion passed.

**Personnel-** Nothing to report

**Insurances-** Nothing to report

**Storm Water Management-** Walt discussed the Blackhawk Beach embankment. Alicia and Tina explained seeding the embankment or anything after that was not in the approved contract and that the HOA is responsible for any seeding/planting of that area. Valparaiso Chain of Lakes Watershed Group is having an event on June 24<sup>th</sup> with several other environmental groups. Walt requested LAC attend the event.

**Motion for LAC to participate at the Living with Lakes Seminar on June 24th.** Kyle motioned and Christian seconded. Motion passed.

Walt mentioned River Watch and inquired about water quality testing.

**Public Liaison-** Nothing to report

**Strategic Planning-** Nothing to report

**Engineering-** Richard agreed the sediment pond is full and explained he and Christian witnessed the dredging attempt. Walt commented that he contacted companies to dredge the pond at one point.

**Finance-** Nothing to report

**General Managers Report-** Alicia mentions the efforts given to dredge the pond and the struggles they faced. Alicia believes its best to excavate two feet and maintain the pond. Alicia reported that the vac truck has started cleaning out storm drains throughout the district. Walt inquired about the storm pipe. Alicia informed the board that the new truck is here. Alicia mentions LTAP in July and requested she be there for MS4.

**Motion for Alicia to attend LTAP-** Walt motioned and Connie seconded. Motion passed.

**Engineers Report-** Brett submitted approval for phase 3. Dave will be sent a copy to review. Richard wanted an explanation of phase 3. Mickey and Walt explained the need to loop the water for better quality. Brett explained that phase 3 consists of changing out a 4” main on cardinal to an 8” main to improve the water service. Some discussion followed regarding the need for the new main and any grant funding available and where the project funds will come from. Richard inquired about the difference between the first estimate for this project that was put on hold and the current estimate.

**Motion to authorize the chairperson to execute this agreement for an amount not to exceed \$4600 on notification from lawyer that its an appropriate and acceptable document-** Richard motioned and Connie seconded. 5 yays and 2 nays from Christian and Walt. Motion passed.

**Attorneys Report-** Dave has been working with the new county commissioner towards a collaborative effort to improve drainage issues. He has invited Barb Regnitz to the Blackhawk Beach Project. Dave informed of rebates available for solar panels and the savings/benefits. He explained LAC could benefit from a free evaluation.

**Motion to approve an assessment and proposal from the solar company-** Walt motioned and Christian seconded. Motion passed. Some discussion about where the solar panels could be installed.

Dave mentions invoices 8, 9, and 10. Tina spoke about the invoices. Some discussion followed.

**Motion to approve invoices.** Connie motioned and Kyle seconded. Motion passed.

**Motion to approve pay application #1 for Grimmer Construction.** Connie motioned and Mike seconded. Motion passed.

**Motion to approve pay application #2 for Grimmer Construction.** Kyle motioned and Connie seconded. Motion passed.

**Motion to approve invoice #1459 to Mendenhall.** Kyle motioned and Richard seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Attested to by Alicia Barber

General Manager VLACD