

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Meeting February 17, 2021

Board Members Present: Mickey Koehler, Rolando Chilian, Tom Kruse (zoom), Connie Hughes
Nancy Satterlee (zoom), Walt Breitingee (zoom) Christian Anderson
Board Members Absent: None

Consultants Present: Dale Brewer, Robert Minarich, Dave Hollenbeck (zoom)

Audience: Tom Banaszak

Mickey called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm

Nancy moved to accept the minutes. Christian seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.
Mickey handed the gavel over to Dave to run the annual meeting.

With the termination of the annual meeting Mickey as new chairman continued the regular meeting..

Rolando then moved to approve the claims and accept the financial reports. Connie seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Personnel committee – Tom - nothing

Insurance committee – Connie New policy from Anton. Discussed taking Bob off plan and adding him through Medicare Part B with supplemental drug plan. If the group plan is not funded entirely by the District say 95% then Bob can be taken off. The District could save \$800 per month. New plan increased 9%. Must firm up decision by March 1. **With 3 employees the new policy would be \$3790.94 and with 4 \$4235.98. Giving Bob M. repayment for Plan B, supplemental and prescription would save the District \$800/mo.** Christian moved to accept the new Plan, Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Environmental committee – Walt - Composed a letter concerning the Kilmer property on Spectacle Drive. Nancy moved to ratify the letter Walt sent. Sended by Christian. Motion carried 7-0. A discussion ensued as to whether there was a conflict of interest with Adam McAlpine being hired to work on the Kettle Lake issue. Dave will look into this before approval of Adam's contract.

The armoring of Listenberger Ditch was discussed along with resolution 8-04.

Public Liaison committee – Rolando nothing

Strategic Planning – Christian nothing

Engineering – Nancy moved to hire Tina Mendelson for the next work on the Ocra grant at \$1500. Connie seconded it. Motion carried 7-0

Financial – Mickey - There was a discussion about the upgrade to Cardinal Lift station. With Gasvoda declining again to bid on the work, this left Ferguson as the only bidder at \$83,353.63. Mickey moved to accept this with Rolando seconding the bid. Motion carried 7-0.

Engineer's report – Brett – Brett request that upon approval of the plans for Phase 3 that Bob M. be allowed to sign for the IDEM permit for construction. Tom moved to do this with Connie seconding it. Motion carried 7-0.

A discussion concerning Midwest Mole's final payment ensued. Brett explained the outcome and Tom remarked that shabby accounts receivable work was partly to blame. The change order #1 was approved by Rolando with Connie seconding it. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Walt abstaining.

General Manager's report

Manholes good.

Cardinal lift and Ridgewood Creek lift station are still plagued by chlorine bleach wipes. Pumps had to be pulled and cleared several times.

The Cardinal loop plans were seen in rough form and were sent to Dave to review what easements may be needed.

Nothing yet on Hillcrest storm sewer or two back yard drains in Ridgewood Creek.

Working on MS4 biannual report for 2018/2020. Will meet with Reggie Korthals about an outside contractor helping with the MS4 program in the future.

Office updates include a 70" TV, a microphone and accessories.

Office is back up to speed. Ratify "no late fees for February billing. Connie so moved with Christian seconding. Motion carried 7-0.

Committees

Insurance

OCRA meeting

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Maintenance report

Cardinal & Ridgewood lifts clogged.

New battery installed at Ridgewood for the generator.

Samples passed.

4121 Wildwood had a customer side leak.

2 meter change outs

15 locates

0 seasonal

30 delinquent shut offs

Attorney's report – Dave talked about Jim Powell's work on the 8 lots near Kettle Lake.

Appraisals on the 8 lots will take 10 days to two weeks. It will be a market analysis. Cost was not known. Ratify the hiring of Mr. Powell. Mickey moved to do this. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0. **Walt volunteered to send a letter concerning these lots. Walt moved to approve this with Tom seconding it. Motion carried.**

Dave requested Adam's proposal for his legal eyes first. **Completed his due diligence.** Discussion about the Kankakee River Basin payment. Appropriation is already in the budget. The policy for repayment of customer accounts or late payment to the District is in policy form. Rolando moved to accept the policy and Christian seconded it. Motion carried 7-0. Dave will present the final form next meeting.

Tom Banaszak talked about armoring, permits and weeds.

Mickey adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.

Attest: Bob Minarich