

# Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

## Minutes of Meeting January 19, 2022

Board Members Present: Mickey Koehler, Connie Hughes (by phone), Kyle Hauber  
Nancy Satterlee, Walt Breitingner, Christian Anderson, Rolando  
Chilian

Board Members Absent: None

Consultants Present: Dale Brewer, Robert Minarich, Dave Hollenbeck, Brett Konarski

Audience: Tom Banaszak

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

Tom Banaszak asked if there were any plans for Lake Michigan water. Mickey replied there currently isn't any.

Nancy moved to accept the minutes with Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Personnel committee – Mickey – 3 interviews coming up for the third employee.

Insurance committee – Connie – Coming up soon.

Stormwater Management – Walt – Talked about the American Recovery Act and sending a letter to the County for \$700,000. He listed the Council and Commissioners to be contacted and a Porter County Building Dept. letter about building permits.

Walt then moved:

In order to reduce mud and silt from flowing into our lakes and to better comply with our MS4 statutory requirements, we the Board of the Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District hereby request our attorney Dave Hollenbeck to fast-track efforts to include LAC in the process of obtaining any building permits within our district this would include lots smaller than ½ acre.

We wish to have an opportunity to see the permit applications first prior to issuance and to have an opportunity to review the same to make sure the permits comply with our MS4 requirements. Permit requests would be reviewed by an environment engineer or a staff person of our choice. Those whose MS4 requirements are violated could be fined or otherwise dealt with by VLACD. Christian seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Liaison committee – Nancy – mentioned an invitation she had printed up to the Commissions/Council to tour the Lakes.

Ocra announcement will be Feb. 2-8.

Strategic Planning – Christian – County Council meeting Tuesday 5:30.

Engineering – Brett – presented 2 pay applications for the forced main work. #2 \$89376 and #3 \$32,775. There was a discussion about restoration and holding back the retainage until it occurs as needed in the spring. Christian moved to pay 2 and 3 and hold back the retainage. Nancy seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

The Holiday closing sheet was moved to be accepted by Rolando and seconded by Walt. Motion carried 6-0.

Manager's report –

Manholes good.

Brett working on Cardinal Lane water main easements.

Cardinal lift station upgrade. No date yet. Supplies and labor shortage.

Employee interviews Monday 24th at 9 am.

LARE grant application accepted.

Numerous committee and other meetings.

Maintenance report –

Everything is running smoothly. Cleaned float at Ostedt lift.

2 samples taken and passed

6 meter change outs.

15 delinquents

30 locates

0 seasonals

One sewer customer who again is delinquent was invited but did not show up. We will start the disconnection process.

Attorney's report – Dave – No contested elections for the upcoming annual meeting.

Reported that the Scime lawsuit will be settled at a cost of \$600 half of which LAC will pay and the contractor the rest.

Christian moved for this settlement and Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

Dave handed out a pamphlet concerning Dual Office Holding Guide.

Dave gave a presentation about increasing the CCIF levy.

Rolando moved to increase to .0333%, seconded by Christian. Carried 6-0.

Mickey closed the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Attest: Bob Minarich