

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Meeting November 18, 2020

Board Members Present: Mickey Koehler, Rolando Chilian Tom Kruse, Connie Hughes
Nancy Satterlee, Walt Breitinger, Christian Anderson

Board Members Absent: None

Consultants Present: Dale Brewer, Robert Minarich, Dave Hollenbeck

Audience: Tom Banaszak

Tom called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

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

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

Mickey then moved to create a line item in the water/sewer accounts for contractual services. Tom seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

Personnel committee – Tom 2 resolutions #20-4 and #20-5

#20-4 Jim Jones \$.050/hr raise after 3/17/2021

Matt Arts \$1.00/hr raise

Nicole Michalowski \$1.00/hr raise

Robert Minarich \$2000 raise

Dale Brewer \$1.00/hr raise

#20-5 Jim Jones - no performance award

Matt Arts \$1000 performance award

Nicole Michalowski \$1500 performance award

Robert Minarich \$3000 performance award

Dale Brewer \$2000 performance award

Tom made a motion to accept Resolutions #20-4 and #20-5. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0 Walt showed up.

Insurance committee – Connie nothing

Environmental committee – Walt several topics being worked on. Sediment pond, Kettle Lake, armoring.

Public Liaison committee – Rolando nothing

Strategic Planning – Christian nothing

Engineering – Nancy talked about Odra application being filed tonight before midnight. LT. Governor to make announcement of award on Jan. 17th.

Tom listed the Holiday closings for 2021 with one correction on New Years eve on Dec. 31, 2021. Mickey moved in favor of list with Nancy seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

General Manager's report

All manholes good.

Completed the water loss audit. Circuit Rider for Indiana Rural Water validated the audit for free. Saved \$1500. Next one in 2020.

Hydrant flushing completed.

Met with Connie and some homeowner near Hillcrest Beach. They had concerns of rain washing across Groseland Road and carrying silt/stone into their park. I estimated about \$3000 to catch water there and send it south over the hill. Need to wait for a heavy rain so I can plan on placement of the drains. Nancy moved to go \$3000 on this. Christian seconded it. Motion carried 5-0. **No sizable rain occurred.**

Did a site visit to two homes on Meadow Lake Court to see if rainwater was leaving their properties and damaging a home north of there. There are some controls in place but again need a good-sized rain to monitor it better. **No sizable rain occurred.**

The legal lake level is when the equalizer culvert at Hillcrest Beach has only 4" of water in it. Current it is at 14".

Met with Ed Spanopoulos and Tom Estrem at Listenberger Ditch to see what they could propose for armoring the banks. They will send in proposals.

Niswag Dec. 16th at Town of Porter.

Hollenbeck Nature Greenway. Rich Hudson staked out some the area near Summer's house.

The roadway at that point is about where it belongs. There is enough information that I can tell where our northern boundary is.

Received two quotes on a small dump truck. Awaiting third. Again being a member of the Indiana Alliance of Rural Water affords us a \$5800 discount of the purchase of a Ford.

Both quotes are under \$50,000.

One quote on Cardinal lift station awaiting another.

Wildrose had a soil erosion violation. Contacted Lisa Aldred and she will take care of it.

Matt's report

2 samples taken and passed.

Haskin Contractor replaced gooseneck at one of our grinders. \$5100

4 meter changeouts.

30 locates

20 delinquent

8 seasonals.

Nicole report. 5 sewer only customers have become delinquent and will be invited to the next meeting. Dale has agreed to start training Nicole with receipting and payroll.

Attorney's report –

Connie's nomination petition has been received and approved. Christian's will be in before Nov. 30th.

Kilmer Frasier is still in progress.

Putting together a template on write offs.

Listenberger Ditch is owned by the City and we will need to get a permit and permission to armor the ditch downstream from the sediment pond.

Connie Hughes talked about keeping Board members updated. There was a discussion as to what is considered a meeting under the Sunshine/Open Door Law. Dave will look into it.

Tom Banaszak talked about Legal lake level and armoring.

Tom closed the meeting at 6:25 pm.

Attest:

Robert Minarich
General Manager