

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Meeting October 16, 2019

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

Board Members Absent: Thomas Kruse

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

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Ed Spanopoulos, Michelle Grossnickle.

Mickey called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

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

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

Mickey turned the floor over to Ed Spanopoulos

Bob M. and Ed will attend a meeting with the DNR for the LARE grants. Surveys this upcoming year will be done on both lakes. There was 16 acres of milfoil on Flint and 8 acres on Long.

New product called Percellacor. 3 year guarantee. Stary Stonewart was not found this year. The clarity was low this year. Only one application company is the preferred plan by the DNR.

General Manager's Report

New Neptune water meter program. Annual fee up \$1000 to \$3000. A new data collector is also needed. \$8500 They will throw in a portable data collector and free installation. Nancy moved to purchase this. Connie seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

Transfer switch needed for Cardinal lift. All quotes will be through Precision equipment. All those I contacted including myself to get the parts came back the same. Mickey approved \$3420 for this purchase. Connie seconded it Motion carried 6-0.

The strategic plan has Cardinal as the next lift station upgrade. Many parts were already purchase when the station was rebuilt after Hurricane Ike.

Manholes good.

No word on MS4 permit. No annual report for 2019 required.

NISWAG in Merrillville at the siltworm factory. The new rule by permit will require "GPS"ing of the manhole and outlets.

Matt's report

Cardinal lift had a pump burn out. One from Hillcrest was used and the 2nd pump is going in for inspection and rebuilt if necessary, as a spare.

0 samples taken and passed.

0 meters changed out.

40 locates

20 delinquents

6 seasonal turn offs

Fixed storm drain at Woodland Bluff

Committee Reports

Personnel – Tom was absent

Insurance Report

Rolando - nothing

Environmental Committee

Christian – met with Adam from city about Spectacle Drive storm. A box culvert will be going in which slows the larger volume of water. Little other erosion controls are planned. Dave asked if the County was invited to the meeting as this project is in the County. Mike Novotney is their engineer.

Liaison Committee

Nancy – asked Nicole to put out a flyer about where your main valve is.

Strategic Planning Committee

Connie – nothing

Engineering Committee

Walt – need more information on Lake Urschel

Accounts Receivable. Russell Erickson needs to be invited for sewer only customers. Need to set up a meeting with Dave and Nicole to eliminate old accounts.

Engineer's report –

Has contract documents for Phase 2. Dave did not see them and should review them.

Conditional upon his review. The chairman will be authorized to sign it after his review.

Rolando so moved. Christian seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

A cost estimate for Blackhawk Beach was presented. This is for the Lytle Beach. Really wanted Agape to Flamingo area. Will redo the plans.

Cost estimate for Lakewood Terrace. Very large number. For 65 homes nearly \$46978 each.

New estimate for 54 homes now a \$1,500,000

Sediment pond – not to do any dredging until the standpipe is fixed.

Attorney's report

Mickey sent Dave the final rate ordinance and need it codified.

Dave has a copy of the Storm Sewer project from the City.

He sent an email about the City's purchase of Damon Run Conservancy District.

The "Y" standpipe, The City needs an easement. Dave handed out a map of the Listenberger Ditch and another map of the City's storm sewer project.

Elections – Area 2 Mickey and Area 6 Rolando need nominating petitions during the month of November.

Cook property – The final work has not been completed but needs to be done by June 30 the end of their fiscal year. Still in que. The money has been encumbered. Waiting on them. Check is in the mail. **Final documents for signing for the DNR.**

All properties on tax sales have been salvaged. A title company has been hired to get a proper description for the auditor. Will probably need to use Meridian Title Insurance and Rich Hudson to write these up.

A relative of the Kilmer Frazier has been found and may be used as a back up to this plan.

Michelle Grossnickle mentioned the delinquent accounts she has as a landlord and provides forwarding addresses when available. Dave asked if she had a deposit which she says she doesn't. Dave and the staff will look at this shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. Scimes are here to make an appeal about the looping project. Seed and dirt were refused. Tree root damage visible. Roots were exposed for a length of time. Area of excavation is 20' X 40'. All the grass behind the maple is has been trampled and pretty much dead. Mr. Mann refused to come back and complete the job.

\$776 for the soil, seed and spreading.

Dave clarified what is right of way and utility easement. He also brought to the Board's attention that the work in its entirety was done on Right of way and they have no rights or remedy. Mickey then sends this to committee. Mr. Scime still claims the uncompleted work was unreasonable.

Bob M. asked if Mr. Scime for the record did you not tell Mr. Mann you would take care of the balance of the work. Mr. Scime said they would not be able to see the work being completed and not to put down the seed and dirt until they could watch. Nancy mentioned "not to cover the roots"? Mr. Scime did not expect them to leave the roots exposed. Bob M. asked if Mr. Mann did not offer to cover the roots and you stopped him? Mr. Scime denied he offered. Bob M. stated that was not what he heard.

Mr. Banaszak – talked about the "Y" standpipe.

Mickey closed the meeting at 7:17 pm.

Attest:

Robert Minarich
General Manager