

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Meeting October 21, 2020

Board Members Present: Mickey Koehler, Rolando Chilian
Nancy Satterlee
Walt Breitingner, Christian Anderson

Board Members Absent: Connie Hughes (via phone), Thomas Kruse

Consultants Present: Dale Brewer, Robert Minarich, Dave Hollenbeck

Audience: Tom Banaszak

Mickey called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Rolando moved to accept the minutes. Nancy seconded it. Motion carried 4-0.

Rolando then moved to approve the claims and accept the financial reports. Christian seconded it. Motion carried 4-0.

Personnel committee – Tom absent

Insurance committee – Connie absent

Environmental committee – Walt nothing

Public Liaison committee – Rolando nothing

Strategic Planning – Christian nothing

Engineering – Nancy talked about Ocracoke and where we stand.

Mary Jane Thomas called in with news of a 20 more points on the scoring of the Ocracoke grant. 10 for architectural and 10 for sustainability. Still need a near perfect 300 points.

There will be a public hearing on November 17 and must be advertised 11 days earlier. Other points could be earned by more additional matches.

Walt arrived.

Mickey asked for direction and Nancy moved to continue with the grant. Rolando seconded it and motion carried 4-1 with Mickey's nay vote.

General Manager's report

All manholes good.

Getting Dave's approval on the JPR contract for Loop #3 Mickey moved to accept the proposal for engineering of \$17,370 plus up to \$400 in expenses. Nancy seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

Hydrant flushing occurring.

Required this year for the 1st time to do a water audit for the IFA. Estimated cost of \$1500 for my work to be validated before going downstate. Rolando so moved. Christian seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

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.

Sat through a LARE teleconference on last years invasive removal. They seemed to be happy with the results.

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.

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 Oct. 21 st at Merrillville. Attended a teleconference about new regulations for the annual reports.

Matt's report

2 samples taken and passed.

4 meter changeouts.

25 locates

2 delinquent

4 seasonals.

Cardinal lift station had to have a pump pulled and a clog removed.

Accounts Receivable – nothing

Attorney's report –

Dave presented an agreement for Professional services from Mitchell Bishop for work that he had continue doing after the income survey. The amount not to exceed \$2000 came in at \$1450. Nancy moved to sign this agreement and pay the \$1450. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

The next ratification Dave suggested was with Mary Jane Thomas for getting us to the application stage. \$70 per hour not to exceed \$3500. Rolando so moved. Nancy seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

Dave was asked to look into the conservation Easement wording to see if the armoring of the ditch will be allowed and if so, a permit will likely be needed. He feels very likely that during the engineering a permit will be applied for.

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Mickey closed the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Attest:

Robert Minarich
General Manager