

# VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF MEETING: May 21, 2014

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Kareiva,  
Nancy Satterlee, Bob Garmon  
Tom Kruse, Christian Anderson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mickey Koehler, Rolando Chilian,

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Dave Hollenbeck, Bob Minarich

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Walt Breitinger, Robin Scribailo, Rhea Andrews, Anneliesje Sandberg

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Garmon at 6:00 pm at the Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District's office.

Don moved to approve the minutes, Bob seconded it. Motion carried.

### Financial Report

Nancy gave her report on the Conservancy budget and fund reports and made a motion to approve the analysis. Bob seconded. Motion carried. 4-0.

Tom Banaszak was given the floor to discuss the need to follow up with Prof. Schoer's work on monitoring the lakes. Robin Scribailo offered to fill in for Prof. Schoer.

Bob opened the meeting to the public for a hearing on the Turn on fee update. Currently at \$20 for regular hours and \$40 for after hours. The new fee would be \$40 and \$80 respectfully. Tom Banaszak is opposed to the new fees. With no other comments Bob closed the public hearing. Tom made a motion to accept the new fees. Bob seconded it. Motion carried 5-0. Dave will now add this to the revamped tariff for the District.

### General Manager's report.

The engineers have suggested that on the Leisure St. water main project that they recommend the use of 8" water main to maintain the needed flows for a hydrant on the far north end. The Groseland Ave. job has not come in yet. Bob feels that 6" would be adequate and prevent stale water during a discussion. Don suggested that this go to the engineering committee and have an engineer attend to justify this position. Tom asked that they draft a report and have that sent to committee. *The report was generated and sent to the engr. committee. Chairman Bob stated that he wants to talk to the fire dept. on this matter. **Just not enough time to do it yet. No changes.***

The Vactor's leaks have been taken care of.

3800 foot of sewer main jetted.

Ostedt's wetwell odor problem has been fixed.

The homes on Bobolink now have both water and sewer taps completed.

On the LARE grant, permits were sent to both Nate and Ed.

Walt mentioned the no milfoil was seen on the west side of Long but visible on the east side.

Two new proposals on the architectural work. One from Witte's firm and one from Wagner's firm. This should go to engr. committee.

Tom moved that the Board table any decision until later in the meeting so everyone can view the information.

New information on Indiana American's offer. The original cost of 2 million is now 1.4 million. They will chip in \$800,000 vs \$600,000 and will also allow us to set a meter at Rt. 6 and Meridian and still provide the \$800,000 chip in cost.

They wish to meet again on the 27<sup>th</sup> with their engineer.

Bob mentioned that the City needs to charge us for the First Aid kits we got during our training class.

The new computers are in and we are eliminating the bugs.

Still trying to get title on the old vacator.

We participated on the City's Earth Day event at Thorgren and also at Porter County's expo Earth Day and the MS4 annual meeting

Another request from Sunny Lane for sewer service. Bob M. will provide the contact information to Dave.

Letter from Mr. Mas's request for reimbursement for sewer damage. Bob M. gave the details of our inspections and not one of the three employees could smell sewage or saw signs of staining. No surcharge in the manholes and we jetted the lines and found no clogs. Nancy suggested we write the Mas' back and deny reimbursement. Dave gave the legal standard that requires negligence. We also tested the floor drain and found it is connected to the sanitary.

Met with Sarah Ermeti about HR information.

Final version is now available to the Board. Should go to Personnel committee for recommendations.

Bob made a motion to hire Wagner for the architectural work, Don seconded. Motion carried. 5-0. Dave will get a contract to him. \$3600.

Soil erosion Cleaned drain at Emerald Pond. N. Hampstead is discharging mocha colored water again.,. Turned over to Ming. No follow up by the City.

Matt's field report.

Two homes were sampled for iron, chlorine and bacteria. Both met standards.

2 samples taken and passed.

3 meters changed out. 12 locates and 20 delinquents.

6 sump pumps checked one failed and noted.

Accounts Receivable

None

Personnel Committee Tom Kruse none

Soil Erosion Christian Anderson Mentioned Emerald Pond and N. Hampstead.

Short/Long Range planning Rolando Chilian Rolando. Don reported in his absence and touched on Ind. American. Possible 2<sup>nd</sup> feed.

Engr and Operations. Nothing

Bob G., Nancy, Tom and Don all donated to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Customer Appreciation day.

Attorney's report

Dave gave a legal opinion on a manhole project cost.  
Property taxes should be coming in soon.

Bob closed the meeting at 7 pm. and will now go into executive session.

Attest:

Bob Minarich  
General Manager  
Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Bob Garmon re-opened the public meeting after the executive session at 8 pm.  
Christian Anderson made a motion to affirm Bob M's decision to terminate Chris Mekola. Seconded by Nancy. Motion carried. 5-0.  
Bob brought up the need for replacement and give Bob M. permission to look for two.  
Nancy suggested we find someone with more experience to replace Bob M. in the future.  
CDL class B. w/air breaks endorsement. There was a bit of discussion on qualifications, age, and local resident.  
Bob M. agreed to bring 4 of the best applications to committee with a range of skills.  
Personnel committee to met at Shoe's Pizza on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.  
Bob closed the meeting at 8:17 pm.

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