

VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING: July 21, 2010

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garmon Dick Brychell Don Kareiva
Tom Kruse John Steffen

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Debbie Miller Megan Summers

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Dave Hollenbeck Bob Minarich Adam McAlpine

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District was called to order at 6:01 P.M on July 21, 2010 by Chairman Brychell.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2010 meeting passed.

The conservancy financials were reviewed.

Betsy Blosser from Indiana RCAP (Rural Community Assistance Program) gave a presentation and handouts regarding bringing sewer service to the Long Lake areas that are not currently serviced. Resident Bill Pauley is interest in helping to get this process started. RCAP helps with different sources of funding for low-income areas needing assistance with water or sewage services. The first step of the process is an income study which RCAP pays for. This will take about three months and then we can see what types of funding VLACD might qualify for. The decision was made to do the income survey for both East & North areas of Long Lake, but to keep the data separate in case one area qualifies but another area does not.

The water financials were reviewed. Dave is still working on the water rate increase. We are waiting on the financial report from Cender. The month was negative, but next month should look better.

Bob gave the maintenance report. Hillcrest lift station has all pumps running again and the area is cleaned up and has a berm around it and has been seeded. There was a leak on Watzke Road that was fixed.

Bob then gave his managers report. Beaver wars continue. Bob has started gathering insurance quotes for general and health insurance and will share these with the insurance committee as they come in. Tina and Ellen will start working on small claims for delinquent customers. Phares Lane will need work when the money situation looks better. There were some soil erosion corrections on Edgewater Beach Road. Bob gave a handout regarding the results of trying Floc-Logs; overall performance hasn't been what was expected. Pat Powell will get back to Bob if there is a better product that may fit our needs better. The second round of volunteer monitoring on Flint Lake is completed. Bob and Don attended a meeting regarding illicit discharge. The bi-annual MS4 report is due in a few months and Bob is working on that. Sue Gustafson has updated the webpage.

The sewer financials were reviewed. The month was negative due to low receipts and a few one-time expenses; next month should look better.

The claims were reviewed and signed.

A motion approving the invoice for \$2,300.00 from Harrison Paving for work done on Leisure road carried.

A motion approving a \$10,000 transfer from water/sewer savings to checking carried.

Dave gave his report. The pass-through rate increase was discussed; hopefully this will be resolved in the next 30 days. This would help the water financials. A motion carried to transfer \$5241.11 from the CIF to Conservancy checking due to a math error in the 2009 property tax distribution. The first property tax distribution was received on time. The 2011 VLACD budget was discussed and reviewed. Dave and Ellen attended the DLGF 2011 budget workshop. The final adoption of the 2011 cannot happen until the Porter County Council approves it. The final budget will be adopted at the October 20, 2010 meeting. Dave will bring a revised 2011 budget to the August meeting. Also discussed was a more long term financial plan, which the staff will start working on with Cender. Helitech has sent legal correspondence to Dave regarding their sub-contracted work on the Valpo Americans project and would like to place a lien on the land, which is not possible because VLACD does not own the property as the property is an easement. Helitech is asking for payment in the amount of \$47, 581.45.

Adam then reported on the situation with LGS and their sub-contractors for the Valpo Americans project. LGS or any subcontractors have no lien rights as all liens must be filed within 60 days of the last day on the job, which was at the end of February. Final payment will not be made to LGS without full lien waivers. Adam brought forth change order #5 for the additional 418 feet of drilling done by Helitech beyond the original contract in the amount of \$36,366.00. A motion to approve change order #5 carried. Bob, Tom, Adam and Dave will continue negotiations with LGS regarding resolving this situation.

Members of the public then had a chance to speak. Melanie Miller from 1405 Summer Lane brought up sprinkler savings (which will be effective next billing cycle), having multiple lots, and the wetlands surrounding her property. Tom Banaczek, Walt Breitenger and Phil Doolittle also spoke about the state of the wetlands surrounding their properties and also regarding the assessment and possible sale of property adjacent to Mr. Brychell's property.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen McMeans
Financial Secretary