

VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING: October 20, 2010

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Kruse Don Karieva
Dick Brychell John Steffen Deb Miller
Megan Summers

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Garmon

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Dave Hollenbeck Bob Minarich Kenn Kraus

Meeting called to order by Chairman Dick Brychell at 6 pm.

No corrections to Minutes of Sept. 17, 2010

Tom Kruse moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Megan Summers. Motion carried.

Conservancy Analysis Budget

Questions by Megan – under beaver control correct balance.

- Taxes 941 sometimes included. Ellen started putting the taxes in report and budget too low on line item.
- Need to remove saving account out of general fund.

Water financials were reviewed.

Year to date break even.

Water sales down \$20000/purchases up \$9000

Corrections on monthly gas & electric statement.

Sewer financials were reviewed.

Cash down \$30,000

Overall cash position is better than last year. Discussion on sprinkler credits. April, May, and June's average is used to determine July and August's sewer bill. Possibly send out a notice to remind customers of this with our phosphate letters.

Matt's report given by Bob

Leak again on Phares Lane. Bob will meet with the engineers on this.

Bob's report

Megan stated she did not get a copy of the Symbiont report. A survey on lake enhancements and watersheds is to be planned.

Tina gave a short report on our handheld meter reading device. It was determined that the unit can not read the radio read any longer. Replacement is \$6200 plus \$200 for cables. Motion to approve monies necessary approximately \$6500 to purchase one unit

and cables and to transfer monies from auto and trucks into data processing. Motion by Don Karieva and seconded by Tom Kruse. Motion carried.

Ellen discussed a CD that we had no records of. Bob and Ellen will look into the records to track it down.

New meeting place at the YMCA was approved to try out for the November meeting.

Dave Hollenbeck's report.

2011 budget adopted. 2.8% increase. \$167,600

Karl Cender's financial report on water, sewer and the Conservancy District should be available by the next retreat.

Cender will also provide a cost to study our rates both water and sewer.

Election for 2 Board memberships are up. One for Dick Brychell and another for Tom Kruse. Nominating petitions are due at the office by November 30th with 5 signatures out of their respective wards.

Costs for Valpo-American job were discussed. Bob's figures of \$66,318 is due for non-contested work to LGS will be paid out of the CIF by additional appropriation. Motion by Deb Miller, seconded by Megan summers. Motion carried.

Kenn Kraus's report.

Nothing to report.

Audience,

Eric from Phares Lane discussed his street's water main.

Tom Banizcek discussed the hiring of Stu Summers and the hiring of a consultant for the watershed study.

Don Karieva request \$100 for the postage of the income survey for Arc Quest . A bill will be required then paid if approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Minarich
General Manager

