

# VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF MEETING: November 19, 2014

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garmon, Thomas Kruse, Mickey Koehler  
Nancy Satterlee, Don Kareiva, Rolando Chilian  
Christian Anderson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: none

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Dave Hollenbeck, Dale Brewer

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Walt Breitinger, Ed Spanopoulos

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

A correction to the minutes of 10-15-2014 by Don. The meeting was closed by Tom and not Bob. Tom made the motion to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Rolando. Motion carried.

Bob gave Dave the floor due to scheduling issues.

The 2015 budget has been submitted through the Gateway software. The 1782 notice will be received and the Board can object to it if need be.

Both Tom and Nancy's nominating petitions have been received. Dave will verify signatures.

The annual meeting will be at the February meeting and any election will take place then plus elect officers from the Board of Directors. The Board will also hold a public hearing and take any comments from those attending.

Porter County has passed a comprehensive storm water management ordinance. Dave recommended that this goes to committee to update and revised VLACD's own ordinance. Don requested that this goes to the Soil erosion/environmental committee. Bob so moved. Tom seconded it. Motion carried.

Dave then talked about emails from Board members as public record and all the other problematic issues that could be part of this.

The John Button's property may come up for sale. Brent Wagner will be told to hold off while this is investigated. Mr. Cook revealed that he had his property appraised in 1999. The properties were divided into 5 lots for each building site plus it did not take into account the cost of infrastructure.

Finally, the collaboration of working with the city on the north expansion for the sewers. The City is looking at our system and what can occur.

Dale is prepared tonight for the performance award resolution adoption. Tom mentioned that there was an error in it that needs to be worked out.

#### Financial Report

Nancy gave her report on the financial reports and the claims. .  
She moved to accept the claims register and financial reports, seconded by Bob. Motion carried 7-0.

Floor was turned over to Ed Spanopoulos. He passed out a survey from DNR. The AVMP updates were emailed out to everyone. Flint was the only lake awarded funding. Long due to the intakes will be given the 50/50 funding again. There was 20 acres of milfoil found last year and by the time DNR surveyed there was 30 acres. Last year 2-4D was used. The clarity from the secchi reads are going down every year. There seems to be no change in the quantity of milfoil and he recommends along with the DNR that Triclophr be used just like in Long Lake. They will not fund for a whole lake treatment with Sonar. Triclophr (Renovate) is more expensive but the DNR is willing to try something a bit different.

#### General Manager's report.

Groceland water main project started.

Don asked about jetting during the winter. The vector is not designed for freezing.

Get your bios in. Rolando is willing to interview employees if they wish.

Indiana American did get their proposal in.

Matt and I attended an IPEP seminar.

Met with personnel committee over the reviews.

Lisa with Wildrose has been contacted about soil erosion prevention. The coco tubes have filled in enough to need cleaning..

#### Matt's field report.

Working with Onan control has got Ostedt running properly. There was a natural gas starvation issue. Could be better if more supply was available.

New circuit board installed at Ridgewood Creek.

A small sizzler on Leisure Drive was fixed.

2 samples taken both passed.

3 meter change outs, 26 delinquent turn off all back on. 6 seasonal turn offs, and 25 locates.

#### Accounts Receivable

Letter from Mr. Kreitzman at Ridgewood Creek where we had given a 50/50 rebate. He was hoping for more. His letter was read out loud. It was agreed that the homeowner needed to accept some responsibility for the length of time the leak ran. House is up for sale. Mickey made a motion to stand by the Board's earlier decision, seconded by Tom. Motion carried. 6-1.

Considerable discussion about policy. It needs to go to committee for recommendations.

Personnel Committee Thomas Kruse

The performance awards are as follows:

Bob Minarich \$1000

Laura Grayam \$ 750

Matt Arts \$ 750

Dale Brewer \$2000

Raises

3% across the Board for all but the new employee, David.

Motion to accept these awards and raises by Tom, seconded by Christian. Motion carried. 7-0.

HSA accounts are to have an additional \$500 into each plus the annual amounts including David. Motion made by Tom, seconded by Don. Motion carried. 7-0.

Tom brought up the Indiana American proposal and requests it goes to the planning committee since Bob has reclused himself from any discussion concerning Indiana American.

Soil Erosion Committee Christian Anderson

No report. Bob request a committee meeting about the new County storm water management plan.

Insurance Mickey Koehler

Terrorists and rates. Bob M. talked about it. Not a large cost for terrorism. Terrorism is an act declared as such by the government. The costs of lift stations could not be confirmed by the agent that came out to discuss them. Bob M. will look into it more.

MS4 and partnership with NIRPC is coming up again. The loop hole from last year was closed. This year's cost will be \$4372.73 This only covers MCM1 and MCM2. Bob moved to pay this membership fee. Christian seconded it. Motion carried 7-0. Per diems will be out shortly.

Short and long term planning. Don Kareiva

Nothing

Financial committee

Nancy brought up the transfer of funds \$9888.29 to balance the line items. She then moved to do this, Rolando seconded it. Motion carried. 7-0.

Bob closed the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Attest:

Bob Minarich

General Manager

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

