

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Meeting August 21, 2019

Board Members Present: Mickey Koehler, Rolando Chilian
Connie Hughes, Thomas Kruse,
Walt Breitinger, Nancy Satterlee, Christian Anderson

Board Members Absent:

Consultants Present: Dale Brewer, Robert Minarich, Dave Hollenbeck, Brett Konarski

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Pam Staub, Gene Mann, Andrew Caywood, Mary Stuart, Marilyn Williams, Rick Green, Glenn Gunter, Marcella Kunstek

Tom called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Mickey moved to accept the minutes; Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Tom changed the agenda and decided to open bids on Phase 2 of the looping projects. Handed gavel to Dave.

4 bids

TGB of South Bend \$127,368

Midwest Mole of Greenfield, IN \$119,476

H&G Underground Laporte \$159,298

Grimmer Construction of Highland \$195,797

Christian moved to hand the bid packets to Brett for his review and then will forwards them to Dave for his legal opinion. Seconded by Rolando. Motion carried 7-0.

Dave continued with a public hearing on the budget. And opened the floor at 5:35 p.m.

Tom Banaszak had no real questions except on the amount of increase which is 3.5%.

Rolando moved to close the closed the public hearing. Seconded by Connie. Motion carried 7-0 at 5:50 p.m.

Dave opened another public hearing on an additional appropriation of \$40,000 for equipment upgrade at Hillcrest Lift Station.

Banaszak questioned for what station and if we got bids? Tom replied Hillcrest and equipment upgrades.

Nancy moved to close the public hearing and Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Dave suggested that there should be a motion to approve the appropriation. Rolando so moved and Connie seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Mickey then moved to approve the claims and accept the financial reports. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

General Manager's Report

Looping project done and down to final sampling.

Manholes good.

Ferguson station ready to be delivered. Preliminary work including exposing pipes, by pass valves installed. By pass pump tied in and working. New station arrives tomorrow.

No word on MS4 permit.

TTHM's and HAA5 samples have been taken.

Taking applications for field technician.

69 letters/surveys were sent out to Lakewood Terrace subdivision. Bob presented a map showing coded replied. 13 yes for water, 16 yes sewers and 17 wanted to attend a meeting.

Bob suggested we turn it over to the engineer to come up with a plan and ballpark cost.

Mickey said, "he would be pleased to go ahead".

3rd lake samples taken.

Adam took the plans to the storm water board and they wanted more information.

Discussion followed.

Board directed Bob M. to talk to Quartucci again.

No news from 1421 Island.

Flint Lake at summer level. Big beaver dam in front but no water would leave if cleared out.

Best to leave alone.

NISWAG in Hobart. The 16th at 9:30 am

Storm water Board meeting at Sept. 9th. Tom suggested we keep it to only 3 members to attend.

Sara Coapstick is behind again. \$401.03 She has had warnings. Directed by the Board to paint her up. All other delinquent accounts that were called before the Board has been keeping current.

Melody Lowman is \$411.62 behind. Needs to be invited.

Colomb has paid up. Off the books.

Financial committee meeting.

Board will instruct Bob what to add for Brett, Dave and Bob M.

We received a quote for a rebuilt transfer switch for Cardinal lift. \$3420. Mickey asked for two other quotes but in case of emergency Bob M. has the ability to spend up to \$3420. Walt so moved. Mickey seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Last item. Storm water problem in Walden. County drain but in our District and County balked. Dave has a report on this.

Matt's report

2 samples taken and passed.

2 meters changed out.

40 locates

20 delinquents

Accounts Receivable Report

Nothing besides the 2 mentioned.

Pay applications for the Walden loop project. Change order #1 extra depth \$5198. Tom reported no problem with that. Tom made a motion for this, seconded by Mickey. Motion carried 7-0.

Pay application #2 \$71,421 with change order #. Christian made a motion to pay it. Seconded by Mickey, motion carried 7-0. Pay application #2 should be pay application #1.

Committee Reports

Personnel – nothing

Insurance Report

Rolando – nothing

Environmental Committee

Christian – Handout of three things for the “Y” standpipe and sediment pond. Discussion about properties on tax delinquency. Dave said all the Kilmer Frazier properties will be redeemed.

Liaison Committee

Nancy – nothing

Strategic Planning Committee

Connie – meeting with financial committee. Will send out revised plan. Mickey asked to add the sediment pond dredging under engineering and environmental.

Engineering Committee

Walt – made a motion to task our engineer to design a fix for the “Y” standpipe and ask Dave to get the permits or permission to make an emergency repair. Nancy seconded that. Motion carried 7-0.

Walt then moved to allow \$3000 for this work. Nancy seconded it. Motion carried 5-2.

Engineer's report –

Brett – Blackhawk subdivision survey and design should happen in fall.

Loop #1 done. Loop 2 in motion.

Sediment pond – not to do any dredging until the standpipe is fixed.

Attorney's report

There is some confusion as to the duties of each entity concerning stormwater. Homeowner's or County or District. Talking with Mike Novotney storm water engineer and they are clearing this up. A memorandum of understanding needs to be drafted.

A joint resolution of 2008 was an attempt to do collaborative work was handed out. This is between the County, City and VLACD. Rolando moved to authorize Dave to do this and seconded by Christian. Motion carried 7-0.

Cook property – The final work has not been completed but needs to be done by June 30 the end of their fiscal year. Still in que. The money has been encumbered. Waiting on them. Check is in the mail.

Connie mentioned the asphalt in the Nature Preserve and Dave talked Stew about this, and it will not happen again.

Bob M. asked about what maintenance we do on the road. Dave felt that would be appropriate.

Walt asked about ownership of the VLACD's properties. Dave is looking into the what would be acceptable.

Rick Green asked about what type lift station Hillcrest is? Bob M. explained in detail how the lift station works and the areas it served.

May asked if e coli was coming from the station that was causing the beach closure. Bob M. explained the problem is probably from geese. Residents were concerned that the repairs were bad timing during the season to do this.

Mr. Gunter questioned why he could not get a rebate on his water leak. It was explained that we must pay for it so should he.

Mr. Banaszak – talked about the “Y” standpipe.

Tom closed the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Attest:

Robert Minarich
General Manager