



**VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES**

April 17, 2024

**BOARD OF
DIRECTORS**

Chairman

Christian Anderson

Vice-Chairman

Kyle Hauber

Members

Connie Hughes

Walt Breitingner

Michael Cantieri

Richard Tegt

Chad Kuehl

CONSULTANTS

General Manager

Alicia Barber

Financial Secretary

Dale Brewer

Attorney

David Hollenbeck

The Board of Directors of the Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District met in the Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District Board Room at 1805 Burlington Beach Road, Valparaiso, Indiana on April 17, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Board members present included Christian Anderson, Kyle Hauber, Connie Hughes, Walt Breitingner, Michael Cantieri, Richard Tegt, and Chad Kuehl. Consultants present included Alicia Barber, Dale Brewer and Colby Barkses of BTBH. Consultants not present include David Hollenbeck.

Chairman Christian Anderson called the regular board meeting to order.

Approval of minutes

- Kyle made a motion to approve minutes from March 20, 2024. Chad seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of claims

- Michael made a motion to approve claims. Kyle seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of financial statements

- Connie made a motion to approve March 2024 financial statements. Chad seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

Reports from Standing Committees

- Personnel- Kyle Hauber – Nothing to report
- Insurance- Michael Cantieri – Nothing to report
- Stormwater- Walt Breitingner- Walt made a motion that Blachly, Tabor, Bozik, and Hartman agree to surrender any and all documents pertaining to any land that could have been bequeathed, put in trust, willed, donated, or put into conservatorship to VLACD as well as any property deeds VLACD already owns. Connie seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous vote.
- Public Liaison- Connie Hughes – Connie mentioned wanting to plan a meeting
- Strategic Planning- Connie Hughes – Connie mentioned maintaining paths on Hollenbeck greenway and planting wildflowers possibly by volunteers
- Engineering- Richard Tegt – Richard informed the board that BF&S is engineering Kettle Lake. Blackhawk Beach Road project is also being engineered. The next step would be to get quotes.

- Richard motioned for Alicia to have the authority to sign for standard contracts. Some discussion followed. Kyle seconded the motion. Chad amended the motion to \$150,000 cap. Mike seconded the amended motion. Connie inquired about limiting the motion to just Alicia. Chad further amended the motion to include only Alicia is authorized. Mike seconded the re-amended motion which was approved by unanimous vote.
- Richard encouraged the board to talk to their districts about possible stormwater projects in their areas that could be added to the Master Plan.
- Richard brought up the current vice chair and chair voting process at the annual meeting. Some discussion followed. Richard motioned to table the discussion over voting process. Connie seconded the motion which passed 6 aye and one abstained.

General Managers Report

- Alicia updated the board on the process with Baker Tilly and the process of a rate increase.
- Alicia mentioned planting trees along sediment pond. Richard motioned that VLACD spend up to \$1000 for proper native landscaping around the sediment pond. Some discussion about the importance of the trees being native. Connie seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.
- Alicia mentioned Servline and the claim process. Walt motioned that we terminate Servline. Connie seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.
- Alicia requested her personal days off. The board gave permission.
- Alicia addressed Tom's question of the determination of a wetland. She explained that we do not make that determination. DNR, IDEM or Army Corps of Engineers do.
- Alicia mentioned another question Tom had about our road and stone policy. The same question was asked November 20, 2022 and Mickey answered him at that time explaining "We do not have a road policy, and we are not in the road business". Alicia explained that what LAC was doing previously will no longer happen.
- Jacob from BF&S updated on kettle lake, that the surveyor can get out there in the next couple of weeks.

Next Meeting: May 15, 2024

Attested by Alicia Barber
General Manager