

# Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

## Minutes of Meeting April 17, 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

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Mark and Jennifer Shelhart, Warren Webb, Scott Clark

Tom called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

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

Mickey then moved to approve the claims and accept the financial reports. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

Dave reported that both himself and the engineer have gone through the bids on the Walden loop project and recommend that TGB out of South Bend be awarded the contract for \$97,080. Mickey made the motion to approve this, seconded by Nancy. 45 day completion date. Motion carried 7-0. Mickey discussed going right into Loop #2 since the price on Loop #1 is low. Engineer is not present.

LARE bids:

As per the spreadsheet presented by Bob M. Christian moved to accept Bob's recommendations. Flint Lake herbicide treatment to Aquatic Weed Control except the Diquat treatment to go to Lake and Pond Biologist. Long Lake herbicide treatment to Lake and Pond Biologists and the AVMP to Lake and Pond Biologists. Seconded by Nancy. Motion carried 5-1-1. With Walt abstaining and Mickey voting no. Long Lake is a 50-50 grant while Flint Lake is 80-20.

General Manager's Report

Bob asked about seedlings for Customer Appreciation Day and Naturepalooza. 3 bundles again. No arguments.

Manholes good.

JFNew Cardno called for location and style of beaver deceiver.

NISWAG June 20<sup>th</sup> Merrillville.

Another delinquent at 4605 Bear Lane. \$2415.60 refusing to answer. The freeholder paid \$200 on Invoice cloud. Tom wants a letter sent to continue these payments or face being shut off.

Nothing from Mike Colomb and other delinquent accounts for foreclosures and death, etc.  
The pond by the YMCA is showing activity. Have not caught anyone there.  
Walt is in favor of a new structure. Mickey asked if we could sharing in the cost of the new structure to help out the lakes.  
It was agreed to set up a meeting with the Board and the City to resolve the problem.  
A letter should be sent out to the City and word proofed by all before it is sent.  
511 Long Lake Lane. A call by a freeholder about mud on the street. I stopped by and talked to the contractor and he agreed to have the street cleaned. They were putting down straw mats with seeding. Looks good.  
Found boat and trailer. Going to make an offer on it. Funds can come out of equipment costs.  
Colomb letter went out today.  
Hollenbeck Nature Greenway. Tent set up, 3 bags of garbage. Need to get a trail camera or two.  
Mickey asked about fines for this sort of activity. Dave said we could create something and will look into it.  
The small pond in Kingsridge has been decided to us.  
Dave looked at the easements out of Flint Lake. Will look into the jurisdictional issue.

#### Matt's report

VFD at Ostedt lift has been replaced.  
2 samples taken and passed.  
4 meters changed out.  
15 delinquents, 22 locates and 0 seasonal.

#### Accounts Receivable Report

4508 Ostedt is behind on his sewer payments. \$409.48. Need to send certified letter.

#### Committee Reports

Personnel – nothing

#### Insurance Report

Rolando – nothing

#### Environmental Committee

Christian – plan to have a meeting in a couple of weeks. April 29<sup>th</sup> at NIRPC about septic systems.

#### Liaison Committee

Connie – nothing

#### Strategic Planning Committee

Nancy – nothing

#### Engineering Committee

Walt - nothing

Engineer's report - Brett has shown up.

Brett will have the notice of award out tomorrow. Dave filled him in on Mickey's idea of Loop #2. Brett will start to design the Loop #2 plans and specifications.

Attorney's report

House Bill 1266 has made it through the senate. Awaiting governor's approval.

Another bill concerning creating a conservancy district has passed the House. Election laws were to be changed but the amendment was withdrawn.

The Kankakee River Basin Committee may lose its funding from the State. Local entities will be required to fund it. VLACD may be charged around \$8780 per year. This may take place in 2021.

The Board needs to give permission to the Summers and the Cooks access in and out of the Nature Greenway. Authorize Tom to sign off on this.

Walt so moved and Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Banaszak – YMCA standpipe. Is the City involved? Tom said we are sending a letter.

Tom closed the meeting at 6:43 pm.

Attest:

Robert Minarich  
General Manager

