

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Board Meeting

March 15, 2023

Board Members Present: Mickey Koehler, Walt Breitingger, Christian Anderson, Connie Hughes, Kyle Hauber, Michael Cantieri, and Richard Tegt

Board Members Absent: None

Consultants Present: Alicia Barber, Dale Brewer, Dave Hollenbeck, and Tina Henderson

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Rolando Chilian, and Nancy Satterlee

Mickey called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Richard Tegt was sworn in to the VLACD Board.

Walt explained he has reached out to Congressman Frank Mrvan and Ken Hill to assist in the sea wall issue. Walt explained what transpired to get to today's issue with the sea wall. Mickey explained VLACD can't become involved because it is not one of our functions but that if Walt wants to draft a letter that the board could possibly approve it.

Walt motioned that the other board members authorize Mickey to speak for the group. Motion died, no second.

Michael explained he would like to read it first before signing. Richard agreed this issue falls under the DNR and Army Corp of Engineers and not VLACD.

Dave mentioned Nancy provided what Dave needed to prepare the embankment easement. Dave mentions accounts given to him by staff and that the board wanted quarterly reports on the status of accounts with issues. Dave said he will get that report to the board at the next meeting.

Tina went over the financial information of the grant for the Blackhawk Beach Project. Tina and Alicia explained Grimmers change order due to a footer missing on the wall engineered by Antero. The monetary difference in the change order are covered by the grant money.

Motion to accept the change order. Connie motioned and Christian seconded. Motion passed.

Tina explained the current hold on funds and requested the release of grant funds to Antero and Mendenhall & Associates.

Motion to release checks to Antero and Mendenhall & Associates. Walt motioned and Connie seconded. Motion passed.

Tina explained Antero invoices #8, #9, and #10. Tina requested the board to approve invoice #8 and #9. Mickey agreed the board should approve #8 and #9. Richard questioned how VLACD would hold Antero financially responsible for the price of the footer they failed to engineer if the

board approves claims #8 and #9, with only \$573 in the budget and a footer that will cost roughly \$3000. Mickey agreed with Richard's statement. Connie expressed wanting to see more of a breakdown of services on the invoices. Alicia explained what has transpired with the Blackhawk Beach Project and Anteros mistakes. Tina explained that Antero never received board approval to propose two embankment options which then were billed for \$12,000.00 on invoice #10.

Walt motioned to reject change order #1. Motion died, no second.

Motion that invoice #8, #9, and #10's monetary amount not to exceed the approved \$70,000.00 approved amount. Richard motioned and Mickey seconded. 6 voted yes and 1 abstained.

Motion to approve Alicia as the construction inspector. Christian motioned and Connie seconded. Motion passed.

Motion that Tina keep Dave fully informed about communication to Antero by copying him on emails, but VLACD not yet employ Dave to intervene. Walt motioned and Christian seconded. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the minutes of last months meeting. Connie motioned and Michael seconded. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the financial claims and statements. Kyle motioned and Connie seconded. Motion passed.

Reports from Standing Committees are as follows.

Personnel- Nothing to report

Insurances- Nothing to report

Storm Water Management- Nothing to report

Public Liaison- Connie will speak to the person wanting the kayak launch. Mickey mentioned wanting to look into the sewer policy concerning customers with water off.

Strategic Planning- Mickey mentions wanting to have meeting soon to review the strategic plans.

Engineering- Nothing to report

Finance- Nothing to report

General Managers Report- Signs for the Stormwater Master Plan Open House were placed strategically around the district. Over 900 invitations have been mailed out. The stormwater five-year asset plan is planned to come to an end in May. Residents are welcome to come voice their concerns at the open house. Alicia spoke about the residents voicing concerns about water and that they have all been invited to the open house. Alicia spoke about the matrix created by BF&S that assists with the grading of urgency with each issue.

Engineers Report- Nothing to report

Attorneys Report- Nothing to report

Public Participation- Tom asked about the cost associated with the storm water management plan. Tom asked if the city of Valparaiso also has a storm water management plan in place. Alicia explained that Porter County and city of Valparaiso has been brought into VLACD's stormwater plan and that city of Valparaiso is replacing the culvert on Calumet.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Christian motioned and Richard seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Attested to by Alicia Barber

General Manager VLACD