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

December 17, 2025

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 December 17, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Board members present included Christian Anderson, Kyle Hauber, Connie Hughes, Walt Breitingner, Richard Tegt and Chad Kuehl. Board member not present was Michael Cantieri. Consultants present included Alicia Barber, Dale Brewer, Chuck Parkinson, and Jacob Ballah.

Chairman Christian Anderson called the board meeting to order.

Richard asked to have an item added to the agenda. Christian explained it would be discussed under the attorney's report. Christian called for a vote if the other board members wanted to add the item to the agenda. Richard voted to have an item added and five remaining board members voted no. No additional items added.

Approval of November 19, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

- Kyle made a motion to approve the minutes. Connie seconded the motion. Richard discussed last month's minutes involving the asset management contract that was voided by Alicia due to needing to be revised. Richard wants the board to make a motion to void the contract in the meeting. Alicia informed she voided it at last month's meeting. Chuck suggested the board vote to void the contract. Walt mentioned he observed the drainage in kettle lake area and wants that added to last month's minutes. Kyle amended his motion to add Walts request to amend the minutes. Connie seconds the amended motion. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- Richard motioned to void the BF&S contract that was accepted at last month's meeting. Connie seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of Claims

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

Financial Secretary Bond Renewal

- Chad motioned to renew the financial secretary's bond. Kyle seconded which was approved by unanimous vote.

Resolution 25-6 Transfer General Funds 101001312 to 101001311 \$620.00 Legal Fees

- Chad motioned to transfer legal fees. Walt seconded. Richard asked the amount. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Attorneys Report

- Chuck spoke about the two nominating petitions received by the district for Directorship Area V. Chuck read the Notice of Annual Meeting and Election to the board and asked the board to authorize the publication of the notice.
- Walt motioned that the board authorize the publication of the notice. Connie seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.
- Chuck spoke about 602 N Scott Drive who wants to connect to LAC Utilities sewer. Chuck read the agreement between LAC and the user. Chuck asked the board to authorize the outside user agreement. Richard asked an annexation question that was answered by the attorney and an explanation followed. In attendance was the power of attorney for the property Wendy Aicher and Sandi Poulos.
- Walt motioned to authorize the outside user agreement. Chad seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.
- Chuck presented Ordinance 25-1 Adopting a Public Records Policy and Related Schedule for Copying Fees. Chuck spoke about the details of the ordinance.
- Walt motioned to adopt Ordinance 25-1. Chad seconded the motion. Christian, Kyle, Connie, Walt, and Chad voted yes, and Richard voted no.
- Walt motioned to suspend the rule. Chad seconded the motion. Christian, Kyle, Connie, Walt, and Chad voted yes, and Richard voted no.
- Chuck presented Ordinance 25-1 for a second reading.
- Kyle motioned to approve the second reading. Walt seconded the motion. Christian, Kyle, Connie, Walt, and Chad voted yes, and Richard voted no.
- Richard asked questions about the voting procedure. Alicia explained in detail the voting procedure, that it was the same process that was followed in the last election between Christian and Stuart.

Engineers Report

- Jacob informed survey crews have been delayed due to snow.
- Jacob met Alicia this week to discuss the asset management plan.

General Managers Report

- Alicia spoke about the sewer connection at 602 N Scott Dr.
- Alicia received the report from the volunteer lake samples.
- Alicia informed the office will be closed at noon on New Years Eve to do end of year processes.
- Alicia is organizing the VLACD files

Melissa Reed

- Melissa recognized and thanked Alicia for her qualifications and certifications.
- Melissa asked about the transferring of attorney fees. Alicia explained the reason for the transfer was the additional attorney fees spent for the two appeals to the budget. Melissa

asked how much in legal fees is being spent on "It's the same water" coalition. Chuck did not have a figure available at the moment.

- Melissa asked about monitoring the discharge water into the district from the city of Valparaiso. Alicia informed there are discussions about testing the water coming into the Listenberger Ditch because of the future development of gas stations and asphalt that drain into Listenberger Ditch. Walt spoke about his efforts with city of Valparaiso.
- Melissa asked if there will be candidate bios for Directorship Area V. Alicia answered that once on the board members are encouraged to have a bio on the website.
- Melissa mentioned that on October 11th her and Walt were walking through his district giving out information approved by the attorney about VLACD in regards to "It's the Same Water" petition. She said they parked on Ostedt Drive and Brian Niksch, candidate for Area V, came out to his driveway holding the flyer she passed out and screamed at them saying he could not wait to get rid of VLACD. Brian demanded the board stop Melissa from commenting further. Melissa was upset by the interaction. She explained that they were walking the neighborhood dispelling false information that was being circulated.

Christian adjourned the meeting at 6:35PM

Next regularly scheduled meeting: January 21, 2026

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Barber".

Attested by Alicia Barber, General Manager