

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Meeting December 19, 2018

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

Audience: Tom Banaszak, John Wendland

Tom called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Mickey moved to approve the per diems as presented. Seconded by Nancy. Motion carried 7-0.

Mickey moved to accept the minutes. Christian 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

Manholes are good.

Well point system built by the guys.

Brett sent the maps and he has included the valving. Bob M. is verifying the placement of those. *Still waiting on street maps.*

Attended MS4 meeting in Merrillville. Talked with the head speaker who will send me a list of contacts for the beaver deceiver.

30 map drawers labeled and populated.

Working on the Hillcrest lift upgrade. Replacement station ordered.

Nicole put together the shut off policy and time frames.

Matt's report

2 samples taken and passed.

4411 Watzke had a leak.

1 meter change out.

A discussion about 511 Long Lake Lane's seawall started and ended with the Board instructing Bob M. to notify the Army Corps of Engineers, IDEM and Indiana DNR.

32 delinquents, 20 locates and 0 seasonal.

Need to replace front axle on GMC Sierra.

Tom made a motion to fund the employee's HSA accounts as follows Single \$750 and family \$1500 50% in January and another 50% in July. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

A discussion occurred as to whether ½ day off with pay for Christmas Eve. be added to the holiday schedule for 2019. Rolando moved to approve the schedule including the ½ day for Christmas Eve. Tom seconded it. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Mickey abstaining.

Committee Reports

Personnel

Tom - Job descriptions and application for employment. Mickey moved to accept the work. Nance seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Insurance Report

Rolando - nothing

Environmental Committee

Christian – Indiana Lakes Management Society meeting coming up March 21 and 22nd.

Liaison Committee

Connie – nothing

Strategic Planning Committee

Nancy –Later

Engineering Committee

Walt- none

Accounts receivable report – John Wendland asked for assistance on his water bill due to a water main break nearby his home. Claims it caused his water softener to stick open and ran continuously for two months. October bill 4000 cubic feet above average and 1300 for November. Had taken son to Mayo Clinic and when he got back discovered the high bills. Mickey suggested this go to the Public Liaison committee. Tom agreed.

Delinquent sewer accounts. Mrs. Thompson has failed to honor any agreements and request she attend the next meeting to explain her failure to pay. Mickey so moved and Tom seconded it. Motion carried 7-0. Certified letter to be sent.

Engineering report.

Brett – Water loop under contract with JPR and after holiday will move forward. Hopefully under contract by February. Bob M. can sign the needed document.

Sediment Pond – researched with companies that do the dredging and what options to get rid of the materials. Very few places to get rid of material.

Attorney's report

District did receive the December tax draw. \$238,323.42

Elections coming up for Tom Area 7 and Nancy Area 3 both 4 year terms. Walt's for the remaining 3 years of Garmon's term.

BNT easement has been approved. Funding can move forward.

Discussion about the sediment pond and Walden's refusal to allow us to expand and other options.

An attachment with the rankings will be sent to each member.

Floor to Tom B. 1st talked about sediment pond. Asked to see appraisals for the Cook's property. Dave asked for a proper public records request. On to Emerald Pond, Ridgewood Creek property for sale and then Spectacle Drive and his own wetlands.

Tom closed the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Attest:

Robert Minarich
General Manager