

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Meeting December 18, 2019

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

Board Members Absent:

Consultants Present: Dale Brewer, Robert Minarich, Dave Hollenbeck

Audience: Tom Banaszak

Tom called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Rolando moved to accept the minutes; Mickey 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.

Personnel Committee – Tom

Insurance committee Rolando

Environmental Committee Christian –Met with Quartucci and expressed concerns. Enough information has been gathered for the update of the Watershed Management plan. No soil samples. Request an engineering and environmental committee meeting Monday December 30, 2019 at 12:30 pm.

Public Liaison Committee Nancy – Scime was a no show but entered later in the meeting. Not happy with the level of commitment by our engineer. Will invite a quote from Mr. Neagu with the Antero Group. Dave will talk with Mr. Ken Jones.

Strategic Planning Connie – nothing

Engineering Committee Walt – Agrees with Nancy about getting quote from Mr. Neagu. Tom would like Bob M. to talk to Mr. Jones and request a different engineer.

General Manager's report

Looping project – meeting with Midwest Mole. Delay due to pipe and labor at plant. Start at first of year.

Manholes good.

Cardinal lift transfer switch finished.
Hawthorne Plaza looks very good.
NISWAG in Munster. Unable to attend. Meeting with Mr. Poulos being concerned about why their meters have stopped working.
Got a line on a free test bench. Will definitely follow up.
Blackhawk mapping handed out with new numbers.
Lakewood Terrace new numbers sent out to everyone with water and sewer separated out.
Lake Urschel – Easement obtained.
New pickup truck at start of 2020 around \$28,000. Will send quote.

Committee meetings Environmental Committee

Matt's report

House on Grandview being torn down.
2 samples taken and passed.
2 meters changed out.
20 delinquents

Engineer's report –

None

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Attorney's report

Rate structure 19-01 handed out.
Tom opened a public hearing. Tom B. asked if this increases any rates. Dave said no just bringing all other ordinances into one ordinance.
Nancy moved to accept 19-01. Mickey seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.
Certified operator when Bob is out of country. Bob Garmin has agreed to \$100 per fill in. Walt moved to agree to this. Christian seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.
Standpipe issue – easement pushed through with a signed contract.
Porter County MS4 – MOU. Since VLACD has been cut out of the \$10 fee that something needs to be put in writing as to what is our obligation, the County's or homeowners or some combination of each. Probably a draft by the February meeting.
Kankakee River Basin – kicks in 2021 to fund work for the basin. Our share is \$8780. Porter County's share \$300,000.
Kilmer Property off of Spectacle Drive. Porter County Parks has offered to buy.
Delinquent accounts – several can be removed by write offs. Should have this ready for January meeting.
Eminent Domain The Walden property owners do not wish to sell the area west of the sediment pond and Micky is curious about the process to obtain the area or others. Starts with 2 appraisals and an offer from the mid price. If not accepted, then 3 more appraisals turned into court. May end up with 7 appraisals and still pay top dollar.

Still working with the Title company.

No news from the Hollenbeck Nature Gateway.

Easements need to be recorded.

Floor given to the Scimes. Here for an appeal on their request for a rebate on property restoration from the looping project. Wanted the restoration to match the landscaping on their adjacent property. Read from the Walden Covenant. Discussed the IDOT specs, trees, seed and dirt. Tom asked what do you want? Nancy stated \$1000. Tom said he does not see this happening. Dave stepped in. Tom finally stated that it was not his property and we will not rebate any money. Mr. Scime said this will not end here.

Dave brought up a storm water agreement from 2008 with the County and City.

Tom B. talked about animals and invasive study. Now is against the dredging.

Tom closed the meeting at 7:08 pm.

Attest:

Robert Minarich
General Manager