

# Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

## Minutes of Meeting January 15, 2020

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

Board Members Absent: Rolando Chilian

Consultants Present: Dale Brewer, Robert Minarich, Dave Hollenbeck, Steve Henschen,  
Kenneth Jones, Jr.

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Paul Sciarra

Tom called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Mickey moved to accept the minutes; Walt seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.  
Tom suspended the agenda to allow Paul Sciarra to report on the Health Insurance Plan. Walt then moved to accept Proposed Plan #1 from Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Nancy seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

The floor was then given to Steve Henschen and Kenneth Jones Jr. to update the District about their engineering services. Loop #2 was updated as far as installing additional valves which Bob M. thought was to pricey and could do it with our own personnel much cheaper. Next the Blackhawk Beach Subdivision storm water study/design and construction was discussed with JPR bring a study cost to the February meeting. Tom brought up the Public Official bond for Dale which Walt moved to acquire and Christian seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Returning to the agenda:

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

Personnel Committee – Tom nothing

Insurance committee Rolando already done

Environmental Committee Christian – Met with Tom Richardson to discuss displeasure about the recent water sampling and also the updated Watershed Management Plan.

Public Liaison Committee Nancy – Met with Walt and Eric Neagu about a proposal of scope of work for the Blackhawk Beach storm water study. She is in favor of hiring Neagu as is Walt. Mickey and Tom asked that we wait until JPR gets their proposal to us first.

Strategic Planning Connie – would like a meeting later on.

Engineering Committee Walt – discussed the engineering work done by JPR.

### General Manager's report

Looping project – moving forward

Manholes good.

406 Grandview Ave. to be rebuilt.

Nothing on “Y” yet.

LARE applications sent in.

Talked with Dave about properties south of Cardinal lift station.

After last downpour Flint Lake rose 12”.

NISWAG in Dyer.

Got meter test bench.

Committee meetings Environmental and Engineering Committee

### Matt's report

House on Grandview torn down. New structure foundation in.

2 samples taken and passed.

0 meters changed out.

17 delinquents

35 locates

### Engineer's report –

Done earlier

Bob M. brought up the pickup truck from Paul Sur. 2020 GMC Sierra \$28900. Trade in was \$500 for the 1985 Ford pickup. Small crane was not included and will be done by the employees after truck arrives. Connie moved to purchase the truck; Tom seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

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### Attorney's report

Adam McAlpine has left the City's engineering dept. and is now working for the County. Mike Jevo may possibly replace Adam. He previously worked for DLZ.

Annual meeting can not be changed without Court order.

Standpipe issue – easement pushed through with a signed contract.

Dave discussed the Attorney General's opinion.

Property ID is going forward to Court.

The Nature Greenway got the W-9 and wire transfer information.

The two easements along Flint Lake Garden Terrace has been handed over to Rich Hudson to look at.

Tom asked for a motion top approve the LARE grant application for bank work. Christian so moved, Walt seconded it. Motion carried.

Delinquent accounts – several can be removed by write offs. Should have this ready for February meeting.

Floor given to Tom B. asked questions about the LARE grant.

Tom closed the meeting at 6:53 pm.

Attest:  
Robert Minarich  
General Manager