

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Meeting January 20, 2021

Board Members Present: Mickey Koehler (zoom), Rolando Chilian (zoom), Tom Kruse (zoom), Connie Hughes (zoom)
Nancy Satterlee, Walt Breitinger (zoom) Christian Anderson
Board Members Absent: None

Consultants Present: Dale Brewer, Robert Minarich, Dave Hollenbeck (phone)

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Ms. Ann Sandberg, Pamela Staub

Tom called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Tom moved to accept the minutes. Connie seconded it. There were several objections to the minutes. First Walt said he did not vote for hiring Kanoa as did Connie. I did not hear a nay vote or abstaining. Connie mentioned the two sump pumps in Ridgewood Creek were not in the minutes. They were at the end of the discussion as not enough rain to see if they did do as complained about. Motion carried 7-0.

Mickey then moved to approve the claims and accept the financial reports. Tom seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Personnel committee – Tom Hiring policy was discussed. Dave sent notes to everyone.

Insurance committee – Connie New policy from Anton. Discussed taking Bob off plan and adding him through Medicare Part B with supplemental drug plan. If the group plan is not funded entirely by the District say 95% then Bob can be taken off. The District could save \$800 per month. New plan increased 9%. Must firm up decision by March 1.

Environmental committee – Walt - Composed a letter concerning the Kilmer property on Spectacle Drive. Pam Staub then spoke about her concerns for this subdivision. Full plans have not been seen. Walt moved to have Nancy review his letter. Connie seconded it. Motion carried 7-0. A discussion about hiring E. Neagu for \$2500 and Quartucci from Cardno for a modest fee to look at the proposal. Mickey believes the homeowners should pay. Tom agrees. Rolando agrees but the subdivision is out of our jurisdiction, but the storm water would flow into Flint/Loomis. The letter should be signed by the Board representing VLACD.

Walt then moved to hire Adam McAlpine to study the Kettle Lake issues and agree to his proposal for the first 3 elements for \$10,000. Nancy seconded it. Motion carried 7-0. Walk talked to Ed Spanopoulos about a proposal for sediment removal at the pond.

Public Liaison committee – Rolando nothing

Strategic Planning – Christian nothing

Engineering – Nancy Zoom with OCRA noon on the 26th of January.

General Manager's report

Cardinal Lane loop draft has been seen and worked on. Hydrants and services discussed. Fire chief was involved in this. They do not want us to use Storz fittings.

Manholes good. No quote from Ed on armoring. Sent us the costs though for comparison.

LARE grant for invasive plants has been sent in.

NISWAG will be a zoom style meeting.

Committees

All met.

Gasvoda will not now send in a quote for Cardinal lift. We can move forward with Ferguson's quote for \$83,000. No action taken.

Still waiting for a quote on a small dump truck from Currie Motors.

Working on installing plastic discs in all valve boxes to help keep debris out and frozen lids.

Maintenance report

Pump 2 Cardinal lift clogged.

Samples passed.

Ostedt lift can has been removed and filled.

2 meter change outs

20 locates

0 seasonal

No delinquent shut offs.

Attorney's report – Dave Talked about OCRA evaluation.

Annual meeting will be Feb. 17th along with the regular meeting.

Dave then presented a write off policy. Tom moved to accept the policy. Connie seconded it.

Motion carried 7-0. Nancy mentioned a fellow about his old bill that keeps building up and going through bankruptcy.

Personnel Committee meeting about hiring policy. Good start.

Appraisals on the 8 lots will take 10 days to two weeks. It will be a market analysis. Cost was not known. Ratify the hiring of Mr. Powell. Mickey moved to do this. Rolando seconded it.

Motion carried 7-0.

Dave requested Adam's proposal for his legal eyes first.

Dave contacted the Blumenthal's about the soil erosion. They have 10 days to correct from today.

Still drafting a Covid 19 policy.

Tom Banaszak talked about armoring, permits and weeds.

Ms. Sanders talked about her flooding. No new items presented.

Tom adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.

Attest: Bob Minarich