



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

July 17, 2024

**BOARD OF
DIRECTORS**

Chairman

Christian Anderson

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Kyle Hauber

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Connie Hughes

Walt Breitinger

Michael Cantieri

Richard Tegt

Chad Kuehl

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General Manager

Alicia Barber

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Dale Brewer

Attorney

David Hollenbeck

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 July 17, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Board members present included Christian Anderson, Connie Hughes, Kyle Hauber, Walt Breitinger, Michael Cantieri, and Chad Kuehl. Board member not present was Richard Tegt. Consultants present included Alicia Barber, Dale Brewer, David Hollenbeck, Jacob Ballah of BF&S, and Jeff Rowe of Bakertilly.

Chairman Christian Anderson called the regular board meeting to order.

Alicia read the proposed budget.

Approval of Minutes

- Kyle made a motion to approve minutes from June 19, 2024. Mike seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

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- Connie made a motion to approve minutes from July 2, 2024. Chad seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of Claims

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

Approval of Financial Statements

- Kyle made a motion to approve June 2024 financial statements. Chad seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

Bakertilly Rate Study

- Jeff Rowe of Bakertilly presented the board with the proposal of new rates and charges.

Reports from Standing Committees

- Personnel-Kyle Hauber – Nothing to report
- Insurance- Michael Cantieri- Nothing to report
- Stormwater-Walt Breitinger – Walt asked to publish a diagram, picture, and description of a resident's shoreline treatment plan approved by VLACD. The purpose being to demonstrate to VLACD residents the several advantages to reducing run-off of sediment and contaminates. Walt also recognized Rich Benders comment at the June board meeting raising concerns about milfoil in the lakes due to fertilizer from lawns. Walt expressed an idea to recognize homeowners whose lawns are chemical free. Board took no action.
- Public Liaison- Connie Hughes – Nothing to report
- Strategic Planning- Connie Hughes – Nothing to report
- Engineering- Richard Tegt – Nothing to report

Engineers Report

- Jacob explained next week he should have a preliminary draft of plans

General Managers Report

- Alicia presented the permit submitted by 4907 Waters Edge Drive. The board approved the permit 6-0.

Attorneys Report

- VLACD is required by deed to share the cost of maintenance for Claussen Lane. Walt motioned that VLACD share the cost of maintenance for Claussen Lane. Mike seconded the motion which was passed by a 4-2 vote.

Tabled Item

- Christian read the tabled item: Chair and Vice Chair voting process. No action can be taken at this time.

Public Participation

- Tom Banaszak- Kettle Lake- Requesting information on Kettle Lake storm drain system, wants to know what size (line diameter, distribution pattern), number of lines existing out of Kettle Lake, and are there any overviews by Porter County. Alicia answered that there were no plans currently and the questions asked could not be answered until the plans are approved.
- Jane Berdovich & Ann Staley- Claussen Lane Upkeep- Requesting yearly contribution from landowners/easement holders for upkeep of private easement road. Jane was given the ok to invoice VLACD up to \$175.00 for maintenance.

Meeting set for August 21, 2024 at 5:30PM for public participation on the proposed budget and public participation on water and sewer rate increase. Regular board meeting to follow.

Next Meeting: August 21, 2024

Attested by Alicia Barber, General Manager