



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

June 19, 2024

**BOARD OF
DIRECTORS**

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Christian Anderson

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Kyle Hauber

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Walt Breitinger

Michael Cantieri

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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 June 19, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Board members present included Christian Anderson, Kyle Hauber, Walt Breitinger, Michael Cantieri, Richard Tegt, and Chad Kuehl. Board member not present was Connie Hughes. Consultants present included Alicia Barber, David Hollenbeck, and Jacob Ballah of BF&S. Not present was Dale Brewer.

Chairman Christian Anderson called the regular board meeting to order.

Public Participation

- Tom Banaszak expressed his concerns about Kettle Lake storm water drain.
- Paige McNulty spoke on behalf of a group of Flint Lake citizens, they are asking if the lake is going to be treated this year. Alicia responded no. Christian added that residents with docks can have that area sprayed at their own expense. Richard Bender also spoke on behalf of the group about the Eurasian milfoil issue in the lake. Megan Summers asked about the LARE grant. Stu Summers also inquired about LARE and requested VLACD treat the lake. Richard responded that the board needs time to gather information before voting on spraying the lake or not. Walt spoke about the chemicals used to treat the lake and the effects the treatments have had on the vegetation in the past. Walt spoke about how the treatments in the past have killed the good vegetation on top of the bad vegetation creating an even bigger problem. Walt spoke about possible solutions to rid the lake of Eurasian milfoil besides treating with chemicals. Mike Colomb mentioned the lake issue is needing immediate attention. Christian let the audience know that the board is going to set a date to discuss the lake issue and seek legal advice from the attorney.

Approval of Minutes

- Chad made a motion to approve minutes from May 15, 2024. Mike seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of Claims

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

Approval of Financial Statements

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

Reports from Standing Committees

- Personnel- Kyle Hauber – Nothing to report
- Insurance- Michael Cantieri – Nothing to report
- Stormwater- Walt Breitinger –
 - Walt mentioned Chain of Lakes meeting Saturday
- Public Liaison- Connie Hughes – Nothing to report
- Strategic Planning- Connie Hughes – Nothing to report
- Engineering- Richard Tegt – Nothing to report

General Managers Report

- Alicia handed out the generator maintenance quote from Maglish.
- Richard made a motion that the board approved the preventative maintenance quote from Maglish. Chad seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.
- Alicia mentioned Jane sent a letter requesting VLACD pitch in to repair the road.
- Richard made a motion to deny Jane's request for road funds. Kyle seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.
- Alicia handed out a report about the health of the lakes. Walt discussed the phosphorus in the report.
- Alicia and Chad went into Walden and discovered what looks like a professional pool company dropped a large amount of pool chemicals in the street. She sent the field employees to clean it up before the rain expected today so that it would not wash into the lake.
- Alicia mentioned there was a water main issue in Garden Gateway today and there is currently a crew working to resolve the issue.

Attorneys Report

- Dave mentioned that he will get the property deeds requested.
- The board has not received the requested letter to Kingsridge residents about the pond.
- Dave discussed the legality of treating the lake. Some discussion continued on the vegetation issue in Flint Lake.
- Richard made a motion that the board have Dave look into state board of accounts as to whether this board can allocate funds for treatment of the lake. Mike seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.
- Richard called for an Engineering committee meeting for June 26, 2024 at 5:30PM.

Engineering Report

- Jacob from BF&S spoke about the Kettle Lake project. The majority of the survey work is completed. They have also put out public notices to the utilities in the area and are starting to get responses back. Richard asked for a timeline of when the

plans will be available to the board. Jacob said a rough draft should be available in three weeks.

Tabled Item

- Richard motioned that the Chair and Vice Chair voting process discussion continue to be tabled until next meeting. Mike seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous vote.

Next Meeting: July 17, 2024

Attested by Alicia Barber, General Manager