

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Meeting June 19, 2019

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

Board Members Absent:

Consultants Present: Dale Brewer, Robert Minarich, Dave Hollenbeck

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Patrick McInerney,

Tom called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Connie moved to accept the minutes; Christian seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Ferguson will have the lift station in about 3 weeks. To pay for it Dale says we have \$30K in the equipment fund and we should have an appropriation of another \$40K made to pay for the station.

Mickey moved to make the appropriation of \$40,000 from CCIF into the Other Equipment Project line item. Tom seconded it. 7-0.

General Manager's Report

Manholes good.

Talked to Brett about the looping project and we need to have a pre-construction meeting in South Bend. Brett also is working on Phase 2 for the July's meeting and have a bid opening in August.

Restart the Blackhawk Beach area storm sewer plans and have Tom sign the State documents to file the permit form for Walden.

Photos from the "Y". The City tried to block up the culvert and failed. The survey is still on going and the design is dependent on that. Dave talked to Adam and Bill Oeding and they will be in contact with me. Patrick McInerney took the floor and expressed his concerns about the flooding and the mud coming into Flint Lake. Then Connie also expressed her thoughts. Tom then expressed his concerns. Other discussions followed.

LARE grants – the spraying is done. Nancy feels the milfoil is not done. Bob M. stated that the survey work has not happened yet.

All the delinquent accounts that were called before the Board has been keeping current.

Nothing from Mike Colomb and other delinquent accounts for foreclosures and death, etc. **No news. He called and we missed an account. Will be in to show me.**

We did get a boat and trailer.

Bob M. went to meet with Adam for the meeting. No one showed up and I was not informed it was cancelled. He was run down and we did talk about the structure. He will get to it as soon as they can.

Easements on Flint Lake turned over to Rich Hudson to interpret.

Bob M. installed a gauge in Flint Lake and can read this without standing on the culvert. 20” on the pipe and 10” at Flint Lake’s outlet culvert. The zero mark is 15” above the legal lake level. Revisiting IDEM and DNR to lower the culverts was discussed. Bob and Dave will meet and discuss these issues.

Customer Appreciation Day 51 customers showed.

The strip of land between Flint and Long Lakes was redeemed.

Mickey brought up that we should contribute to the cost of the structure so we could become a part of the conversation. Tom agreed to talk to Mayor Costas about this issue.

Matt’s report

2 samples taken and passed.

4 meters changed out.

70 locates

Accounts Receivable Report

Everyone is paying.

Connie brought up the amount of overcharged monies for Hillcrest Beach. Board wants exacting numbers.

Committee Reports

Personnel – nothing

Insurance Report

Rolando – nothing

Environmental Committee

Christian – Waiting on the reports for the sediment pond

Liaison Committee

Connie – brought up the monies due to Hillcrest Park sewer overcharge. \$897.23.

Mickey moved to refund the money. Seconded by Tom. Motion carried 7-0.

Strategic Planning Committee

Nancy – send a survey out to the subdivision north of Wild Rose – Lakewood Terrace Subdivision to find out if there is enough interest to annex them. Dave stated that they have been talked to in the past at least twice. It was agreed to send out a survey.

Nancy talked about the environmental meeting in Michigan City.

Engineering Committee

Walt – Need to have Brett attend the meetings.

Mickey brought up that Brett is following behind and maybe need to hire another engineering firm. Jim Biggs was brought up and Tom will call him.

Engineer's report - absent

Attorney's report

June real estate settlement received.

2020 budget underway soon. DLG workshop July 31st 1:30 pm.

If legal action may come out of the “Y” action, we need to get the engineer involved, however, it will stop the project. Dave will talk to Adam.

Cook property – The final work has not been completed but needs to be done by June 30 the end of their fiscal year. **Still in que.**

Mr. Banaszak – Not Adam's faulty it is the City's faulty.

Tom closed the meeting at 6:58 pm.

Attest:

Robert Minarich

General Manager

