

VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING: January 14, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garmon, Thomas Kruse, Mickey Koehler
Nancy Satterlee, Don Kareiva, Rolando Chilian
Christian Anderson

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CONSULTANT PRESENT: Dave Hollenbeck, Dale Brewer, Bob Minarich

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Walt Breitinger

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Garmon at 6:00 pm at the Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District's office.

Don made a motion to accept the minutes, Rolando seconded it. Motion carried. 6-0.

Financial Report

Nancy gave her report on the financial reports and the claims. Don had a brief question on the HSA distributions. Nancy made the motion to accept the claims and fund reports, Bob seconded it. Motion carried. 7-0. .

The floor was opened up to accept public input on the additional appropriation for \$57,000 for land acquisition. Tom Banaszak questioned if there was a clear title which Dave responded that it was guaranteed by the Meridian Title Company. Bob closed the public comment section.

Tom made the motion to establish the appropriation and move it into the newly formed line item "land acquisition", seconded by Nancy. Motion carried 6-0.

General Manager's report.

Request permission to order materials for Leisure.

If \$20,000 is approved for sealing manholes, I will seek quotes.

JPR options for El-Naggar's sewer extension just arrived. A 13 home option and a 62 homes option.

Home in Wild Rose was checked for soil erosion violations. Sub contractors had run over the fencing. Lisa was contacted and new socks were there the next day.

Looked at several vans and pricing is all over the place. Used vans are not common.

Laura's education cost. \$2300 was approved last year for the fall. She has found out the same amount for the spring classes. A status report will be required.

MS4 audit coming up.

Need a motion from the Board that Christmas days off were from 24th and 25th to the 25th and 26th of December. Mickey so moved, Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

Tom asked that the Holidays be reviewed by the Board every year more probably by the personnel committee.

Mickey then moved to approve the 2015 schedule of Holidays. Don seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

Porter County Solid waste is selling rain barrels. One for Customer Appreciation Day, Naturepooloza, and one for Flint Lake Elementary at \$47 each. Don so moved, Rolando seconded it. Motion carried. 6-0.

A quote for dumpsters if Button's house was tore down but it should go to committee. Bob will get contact information about a firm that does house inspections for asbestos.

Matt's field report.

2 samples taken all passed.

1 meter froze, 29 delinquent turn off all back on. 28 locates.

Attorney's report.

Update on Kettle Lake. Trial March 25 and 26th on the foreclosures. April 15th will be our trial.

Cook property. Getting 2nd appraisal.

Button property. Bob and Dave will attend the closing tomorrow afternoon.

2014 property taxes. County auditor sent monies and they were divided into proper funds.

2015 taxes. Received 1782 notices. DLGF approved the general fund budget of \$185500 and \$29,138 in CCIF.

Mickey moved to allow Bob to sign the 1782 notices. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

Burlington Beach Road improvement project. \$11,100 appraisal for the frontage property including about a portion of a sidewalk.

Bob moved to accept the appraisal including the sidewalk. Don seconded it. Motion carried. 6-0. It will be deposited into the general fund.

There will be an annual meeting Feb. 18th and the floor will be opened up to any public comment. Then within 20 days Dave will file with the courts our financial reports. Dave will send in to the papers notice of the annual meeting.

Accounts Receivable

Nothing

Personnel Committee Thomas Kruse

Nothing

Soil Erosion Committee Christian Anderson

No show.

Insurance Mickey Koehler

Maxey Insurance and Anton Insurance have not returned information. Christian had given to Mickey companies names from last year to have them contacted.

Public Relations Rolando Chilian

The forgiveness forms should be ready for the next meeting.

Nancy made a motion to move the meeting to Jan. 14th. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried. 7-0.

Don then brought up the Island Road lift station and to bring it up to date. Bob moved that this should go to the engineering committee. Mickey seconded it. Motion carried. 6-1.

Engineering Committee Bob Garmon

Bob talked about getting a letter with a survey out to Sunny Lane and requested Dave to put it together. Mickey questioned whether Dave should spend the time getting addresses. Dave commented he will use interns. Tom proposed that he take a shot at putting the letter together and get it to Dave first.

Bob requested a committee meeting on Jan. 26th at 3:30 at the office. Dave's letter, Button and Cook properties and Long Lake. Don felt that should be for the planning committee. It was decided to have a discussion meeting in lieu of the committee meetings. An agenda is requested.

Short and long term planning. Don Kareiva

Most of Don's topics will be covered in the discussion meeting. He would also like to talk about Indiana American and need to excuse Bob for the discussion.

Bob closed the meeting at 6:56 pm.

Attest:

Bob Minarich

General Manager

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District