

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Meeting January 18, 2017

Board Members Present: Bob Garmon, Tom Kruse, Don Kareiva, Mickey Koehler, Rolando Chilian,
Christian Anderson, Nancy Satterlee

Board Members Absent: None

Consultants Present Bob Minarich, Dale Brewer, David Hollenbeck

Audience: Tarik and Susan El-Naggar, Walt Breitinger, Stan Shepard, Tom Banaszek

Meeting was called to order immediately after the open house at 5:34 pm by Chairman Bob Garmon.

Rolando made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Bob. Motion carried 7-0.

Mickey made a motion to approve the claims and accept the financial reports. Seconded by Bob.
Motion carried 7-0.

Bob M. gave his manager's report :

Dave mentioned that he is still working on easements for the looping project.

Filed four LARE grants.

Met with Marvin Representative about the window problem in the newly remodeled office.

One sewer disconnected.

Server on order. Cameras on order.

2 offers for office cleaning, third did not respond. Will seek further quotes.

Dave handed out the Long Lake sewer construction contract for Haskins Underground. Mickey made a motion to accept the contract. Seconded it by Don. There was a question about the reference concerning change orders by Tom. Dave explained that many changes are now referenced in Article 3. Change orders can be submitted by the contractor but must be accepted by the Board. Motion carried 7-0.

Field Maintenance report:

Water samples good.

Fixed two curb stops.

25 Delinquent Turn offs. 26 locates, no seasonals, one frozen meter.

Committees

Personnel Nancy - no report. Working on photos for the office.

Insurance Rolando handed out pamphlets from Anton. Nancy mentioned about disability insurance. Rolando will look into it.

The renewal for health insurance is increased .9% or \$33/mo. Difference is the prescriptions list.

Rolando then made a motion to accept the current renewal 2HLJ code. Bob seconded it. Motion carried. 7-0. Mickey mentioned a rider for life insurance. It was included.

Environmental Christian FYI E-1 sewer systems is having a webinar on Feb. 9th at 1 pm.

Public Liaison Don – open house went well. Flyer was well received. Thanked Dave for his spread.

Engineering – Bob nothing

Long and Short Planning Tom - will arrange a meeting with Steve Poulos.

Tape died at this point.

Dale had asked about an electric gate opener. Bob G. being very familiar with their maintenance is opposed to installing one. Tom made the motion to accept Smith Fence quote for the opener. Christian seconded it. Some discussion about revisiting this at a later date. Motion failed 5-2. Bob, Nancy, Mickey, Rolando and Don were in opposition.

Attorney's report – Dave mentioned the 1782 notices for 2017 and that DLGF approved our budget.

At the annual meeting in February Connie Hughes will be sworn in to fill Don's vacancy. There will be an open comment section by the public for comments.

Dave will need a set of 2016 minutes for Judge Harper.

A bit of discussion occurred concerning the new MS4 regulations that might be passed. Rolando moved to have the environmental committee review the new regulations. Nancy seconded it. Motion carried. 7-0.

Concerning the northern portion of the Cook's property Lots 53 thru 56. Dave suggested that we offer the exact prorated cost of \$1373.13 for each lot to Cheryl Lux. Bob moved to proceed with this purchase. Tom seconded it. Mickey expressed his concerns opposing this purchase. Motion carried 6-1 with Mickey in opposition.

Don took the floor and reviewed the accomplishments of the Board in the past few years. Vactor, van, lift stations, main replacements, manhole spraying, sanitary sewer installations plus expansions of the District and both the new pole barn and remodeling of the office.

Rolando complimented Don about his acute sense of picking out details.

Don was provided with a resolution commemorating his years of service to the Board and District. Bob so moved. Mickey seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

Bob G. closed the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Attest:

Bob Minarich

General Manager

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