

# VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF MEETING: March 20, 2013

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: none

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Dave Hollenbeck, Bob Minarich, Ryan Laughlin

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Hope Cook, Walt Breitinger, Cara Simaga

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

Rolando made a motion to approve the minutes. Mickey seconded it. Motion carried.

### Financial committee report

Sewer was down \$3300 this month. Water was up \$700. No problems with the claims.

Don made a motion to approve the claims, seconded y Mickey. Motion carried.

The quote by Cender was brought up and Don saw no reason to have a study on the rates, but would like the usual annual report. The board then directed Bob M. to contact Cender and get the report going for \$2500 for each utility.

### General Manager's Report

A report on the Claussen Lane back up was given and after some discussion, the Board decided to pay both plumbing bills associated with the back up. One for \$125 from Manmade Plumbing and the other \$149 from Mr. Router. Bob G. made the motion, Rolando seconded it. Motion carried.

Bob stopped the progress of the meeting in order to honor Megan Summers with a plaque and her name plate for her years of dedicated work.

Bob returned the meeting to Bob M. to complete his report.

Flamingo project has a new time schedule.

A report on two neighbors who have encroached on the sewer easement with shrubs, trees and a fence. A manhole in the easement was found to be buried two feet below grade and will need to be brought up to grade. It was determined that if the owner will allow us access at a different point with no repairs to the landscaping expected to be made then we will supply the labor to raise it. Bob M. will contact the owners and explain the details.

Bob made a motion and then made an amended motion that the owner allow us access to adjust the manhole, his costs for materials and restoration or we charge for the repairs and remove tree, shrubs and fences as needed and not replace them.

Seconded by Rolando. Motion carried. Bob M. will be given some latitude as to how to carry this off.

4 files of engineering data and surveys on the outlet to Flint Lake have been turned over to Tim Haas for study.

Nothing on Fox Chase Farms.

Wild Rose is starting up the next house.

We received from the LARE grant \$16,750 which was \$6-7,000 less than requested.

NIRPC finally sent a streamlined cost of services. Bob made a motion to send payment to NIRPC not to exceed \$4000. Seconded by Rolando. Motion carried.

Give aways were discussed but nothing firm decided. Bob M. handed out an example of what Lake County is handing out to their contractors explaining what is expected of them as far as MS4 requirements are.

The new bills with the logos and additions have gone out. A few compliments and no criticisms.

Island Road lift station. The cost to rebuild the 3 hp pump will be \$6000 and probably the same for the second pump plus some electrical controls. Tom made a motion for \$20,000 to be paid out of CCIF including installation. Seconded by Rolando. Motion carried. Dave will advertise the appropriation.

Matt's report given by Bob M.

2 good water samples. 27 locates 10 meter change outs and 12 delinquent shut offs.

Nothing for Laura's report

Customer Ruth Crnkovich at 510 Grandview Ave. asked for the sewer portion of her bill is forgiven above her normal usage due to a leak in her basement. The water escaped through a floor drain and out the back. The Board asked that this information is to be verified before credit of \$889.65 can be given on the sewer portion. Bob made a motion to that effect. Don seconded it. Motion carried.

Dale's report –nothing.

Engineer's Report

Ryan Laughlin representing Haas and Associates brought in the plans and specifications for the Flamingo water main replacement project. Bob made a motion to accept them and Tom seconded it. Motion carried.

The Flint Lake outfall was brought up as to what is the next step. An application will need to be made to IDNR .

Attorney's report

Dave mentioned that the LGS litigation will be heard April 1<sup>st</sup> at Judge Alexas' office. Bench trial. Dave asked that one representative from the Board be present to represent the district along with Dean Price and Adam McAlpine. Tom volunteered.

Dave had forwarded everyone a copy of the DLGF 2012-2013 taxes. The general fund was certified at about 8 ½ cents and the CCIF is certified at 1.3 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Fox Chase Farms is looking at their options. The City of Valparaiso sewer dept. has additional capacity due to losses of the hospital and Urschel's. Mickey is not in favor of bringing in Fox Chase Farms since they are not part of the watershed. Bob asked the engineer to come up with a cost for a feasibility study to look at the new area sewers. There was much discussion about pros and cons and projections. Bob made a motion to pay for a study. Don seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 to 1.

**(At this point the tape stopped.)** My notes show the engineering coming back in and quoting a cost of \$10- 20,000. Bob stated that we are only looking for a feasibility study and not a plan and amended or added to the motion to a cost of \$5000.

Miscellaneous Matters

I show none in my notes.

Being no further topics and no one else on the agenda,  
Bob Garmon closed the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Attest:

Bob Minarich  
General Manager  
Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District