

VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING April 15, 2009

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Sue Gustafson Megan Summers
Jack Steffen Dick Brychell
Ken Hill

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Kruse Debbie Miller

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Dave Hollenbeck Bob Mirarich Adam McAlpine

After determining there to be a quorum present, the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District was called to order at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 by Chairman Brychell. The meeting was held at the Flint Lake Church of Christ.

Attorney Hollenbeck swore in Ken Hill for his term.

Three bids were received for the LARE Aquatic Management Control for Long Lake. The first bid was from Aquatic Weed Control for \$4000.00 for the Management Plan and the treatment is \$575.00 per acre. The second bid was from Aquatic Control for \$4000.00 for the Management Plan and the treatment is \$475.00 per acre. The third bid was from Aquatic Enhancement for \$3800.00 for the management Plan and treatment is \$549.00 per acre. Sue motioned to have the staff review the bids and make recommendations on the bids received. Jack seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Bill Pauley attended the meeting to report on the annexation. There continues to be a problem with the septic system at Mr. Pauley's neighbor. Mr. Pauley is still having some problems raising the money for the engineering. He asked if the engineering costs could be split up into stages.

Jack moved to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2009 meeting as presented. Ken seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Budget Analysis for the Conservancy District was reviewed and shows a balance, as of March 31, 2009, in the amount of \$98,285.08. Ken motioned for Katie to transfer \$20,000.00 from savings to the checking account. Sue seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Cumulative Improvement Fund was reviewed and shows a balance, as of March 31, 2009, in the amount of \$454,178.51.

The LAC Utilities Financial Statement was reviewed and shows a balance, as of March 31, 2009, in the amount of \$192,152.22. The account was positive for the month and year. Katie reported

to the board about the steps that are being taken for tracking down the consumption loss.

The Maintenance and Operation Report was reviewed. All water samples passed. Mark updated the board with the previous month's service calls. Megan updated the board about the Lowenstine Lane culvert. It is starting to fail. Adam will request the regional general permit for the work.

There was nothing new on water improvement projects.

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Bob met with the contractors for Urschels about the soil erosion problems around the retirement home work.

Lake Enhancement was discussed earlier.

The Sewage Account Financial Statement was reviewed and shows a balance, as of March 31, 2009, in the amount of \$209,297.67. There was a large deficit for the month due to grinder pumps ordered and work on the Cardinal lift station.

The claim forms were submitted for consideration of payment. The claims were approved unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

The board clarified for Adam, Haas' responsibilities as far as the Pauley engineering request.

Dave reported that the 2008 tax bills were due April 13, 2009. The settlement is at least 60 days away. The bills for 2009 have not even been started.

Adam reported that the preconstruction meeting for the Cardinal lift was held. LGS plans to start work about 1 month before the delivery of the lift station.

Adam reported that the addendum for the Valpo American sewer line replacement was approved. The status of the stimulus money is still in question. The board is deferring any decision until the June board meeting.

Dr. Schoer reported on the 2008 water quality testing done by the V.U. students. Megan moved to continue financial support of \$1000.00 for the V.U. water quality testing. Jack seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Ken reported the new representative for the Hillcrest Beach Association.

Katie reported that a sprinkler customer has requested a refund for minimum water service for the winter months. She was one of the customers that was not aware they had to report the sprinkler shut down to the office. Ken moved to approve the refund. Sue seconded. There was no

discussion and the motion passed unanimously. Katie will refund \$97.30 to account 8-461.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Kostantios
Financial Secretary