

# VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF MEETING: April 16, 2014

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Dave Hollenbeck, Bob Minarich

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Walt Breitinger, Cara Simaga, Marilyn Williams, Maria Carey

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

Bob moved to approve the minutes, Don seconded it. Motion carried.

### Financial Report

Nancy gave her report on the Conservancy budget and made a motion to approve the analysis. Bob seconded. Motion carried.

Nancy gave her report on the claims with no questions and moved to approve the paying of the claims. Don seconded it. Motion carried.

Mrs. Williams from 903 Grandview complained about her water quality since it no longer comes from Flint Lake. Another lady from 1813 Waiola also complained about the taste. The guys will take bacteria, chlorine and iron samples at these homes when they get a chance.

### General Manager's report.

The engineers have suggested that on the Leisure St. water main project that they recommend the use of 8" water main to maintain the needed flows for a hydrant on the far north end. The Groseland Ave. job has not come in yet. Bob feels that 6" would be adequate and prevent stale water during a discussion. Don suggested that this go to the engineering committee and have an engineer attend to justify this position. Tom asked that they draft a report and have that sent to committee. *The report was generated and sent to the engr. committee. Chairman Bob stated that he wants to talk to the fire dept. on this matter. **Just not enough time to do it yet.***

The vactor is here and awaiting the title/registration. We now have title and Standard Equipment came out and worked on the sprayer and jetter portion. Loose hydraulic fitting and now works properly.

Ostedt lift is in and operating. Couple of minor touch ups to complete the job.

LARE grant has been filed. Now have applied for three permits, one for Flint, one for Long both for milfoil and the third permit is for hand harvesting on Long.

We now have 4 quotes for applicators and AVMP. After reviewing the quotes, Mickey moved to vote for the lowest cost which would be Aquatic Control on Flint, Lake and Pond Biologists for Long and AVMP also to Lake and Pond Biologists. Christian seconded. Motion carried.

Talked with JPR for the architectural proposal. Bob requested that we get additional proposals. Dave stated that we do not legally need to get any and that previously we had discussed using JPR to try them out. However, Design Organization is in town and Nancy knows of a company and will provide their contact information. First weekend in April we will be installing the new lift station controls at Ostedt. Materials for our share of the work are here. *Rolando moved to hire JPR for the office architectural work. Don seconded it. Motion failed 1-6. Dave will get some additional quotes.*

Matt's field report.  
2 samples taken and passed.  
4 meters changed out. 25 locates and 20 delinquents.

Accounts Receivable  
None

Personnel Committee Tom Kruse none

Soil Erosion Christian Anderson septic tank seminar coming up.

Short/Long Range planning Rolando Chilian Rolando reported on several items.

Disconnection policy given to Dave to check out.

Roland made a motion to adjust the water utilities tariff on turn on fees from \$20 to \$40 and from \$40 to \$80 for after hours work. Tom seconded it. Motion carried 7-0. This will need to have a public hearing.

Rolando brought up the trailer to carry the skid steer 1246 lbs. Bob M. believes he can find a used one for \$3000. Rolando made the motion for \$3000 seconded by Christian. Motion carried 5-2.

End of Rolando's report

Engr and Operations.

Bob G. brought up Dale's Bond for 2014 and made a motion to pay it. Seconded by Mickey motion carried 7-0.

Also, Bob G. has request Bob M. to visit with him the water line breakage sites so see if any adjustment to the customer's bill is

warranted.

A motion was made by Don that water line-breakage and customer's bills should be part of the Public Relations Committee. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 5-2.

The short and long range committee. After a very long discussion on policy and conditions involved in the leak and as to whether the water entered the sewers, it was determined that his committee will devise a policy to cover what is charged to the customer.

Don made a motion to pay \$1500 to Robin Schariblo for his efforts to lead a group of divers in the hand harvesting of Eurasian water milfoil on Long Lake. Seconded by Nancy. Dave will provide a scope of work and numerate all legal obligations for Dr. Schariblo's supervising the volunteers. Motion carried 5-2. Again after a long discussion, Dave believes he has everything needed to come up with a written scope of work except the name of the volunteers.

Attorney's report

HR study has been signed and ready to move forward and all needed paperwork.

Customer sump pump letter was reviewed. Dave felt it had the proper balance of tough guy and we are here to help you and believes it can be inserted in with the bills.

Taxes on vector Dave is working on the sales tax.

Kettle Lake, An unpaid mortgage and foreclosure my throw this out of court Dave mentioned the found sand bags in the area.

The final 2014 budget is certified and will be charged by the treasurer.

Bob M. asked to Dave to recodify the rates/tariffs and exhibits

going back to 1979 on at least water Attested:

Bob closed the meeting at 7:58 pm.

Attest:  
Bob Minarich  
General Manager  
Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

