

VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING May 20, 2009

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kenn Hill Megan Summers
 Jack Steffen Dick Brychell
 Deb Miller Sue Gustafson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Kruse

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Dave Hollenbeck Bob Minarich Adam McAlpine

After determining there to be a quorum present, the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valparaiso Lake Area Conservancy District was called to order at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 by Chairman Dick Brychell. The meeting was held at the Flint Lake Church of Christ.

Megan Summers requested a correction to the minutes that a discussion was held about sprinkler credit policy being added to the CCR report. Motion was made by Kenn Hill to approve the minutes with the correction, seconded by Jack Steffen. Motion approved unanimously.

The Budget Analysis for the Conservancy District was reviewed and shows a balance, as of April 30, 2009 in the amount of \$89,575.48. CD 247110 was renewed at 1.9% for 9 months.

Cumulative Improvement Fund was reviewed and shows a balance of, as of April 30, 2009, in the amount of \$454,178.08.

The LAC Utilities Financial Statement was reviewed and shows a balance, as of April 30, 2009, in the amount of \$192,961.17.

The Maintenance and Operation Report was reviewed. Joe Mitol reported the lift stations were cleaned and the transducer at Island Lift was replaced. Several degreasers are being tried. Cardinal lift station's second pump came in and will be installed very shortly. Joe reported that a leak was found and repaired on Flamingo Drive that had been running for some time now. He estimated a flow of 80-90,000 gallons per month. Bob Minarich estimated closer to 50,000 cubic feet and was really pushing that. The two water samples for month both passed. Hydrant flushing started May 1st and should be done this week. The new field employees took a little longer.

Lowenstine Lane culvert has collapsed and the road has been closed. Still getting pricing on pipe/cuts and bands. Neighbors are generating money to pay for it. Bob will get a final cost and notify Megan Summers so the project can move ahead.

Hopefully, Bob and Tina can put together some lost water numbers together for the Board by the next meeting.

LARE grant permit has been received by the State and awaiting approval by the biologist. Megan asked about the work being done by a homeowner on Island Road cutting down trees. VLACD has nothing to do with this as long as the trees are not in the water. This would fall under the DNR's responsibility.

No new developments.
No soil erosions reported.

The Sewage Account Financial Statement was reviewed and shows a balance, as of April 30, 2009, in the amount of \$219,569.86. Some FEMA money was received.

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

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

Cherie Williams requested that the storm drain on Sapphire Lane be checked and if possible cleaned. The small line was difficult to clean. She claims there was a manhole on Bob Finley's property that could be accessed. Bob will check it out. The County highway department needs to clean out the ditch on Edgewater Beach Road so when it does open up it can wash out.

Mr. and Mrs. Yamahure requested a rebate on their water/sewer bill due to malfunctioning water softener. Since the water was used and the water entered the sewer no rebate was given. A payment plan will be offered with no late charges.

The Board requested the staff to come up with a print out or checklist of what to look for in household leaks.

(The tape recording went bad and could not hear voices)
Adam's and Dave's report were not clear.

From written notes Adam stated LGS Plumbing has installed the by-pass pumping, disconnected and salvage of old station, foundation poured with the power module due to arrive in June. Mr. Pauley has a definite list of 9 customers. LAC needs to approve the proposal of preliminary engineering work for Valpo-American, which needs to be under construction by December.

Dave Hollenbeck reported that the property tax settlement is at least 2 weeks away.

Katie gave her resignation to the Board effective June 5th. She offered to train Tina over the next two weeks.

Debbie Miller requested a personnel meeting May 6, 2009 concerning Matt Arts hiring.

Second tape started and voices are normal again.

The Board voted to move the meetings to the Valparaiso Fire Station 3rd Wednesday, 6 p.m. for the months of June, July and August to try out. The newspapers will be notified of the changes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Minarich
General Manager