

VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING: May 20, 2015

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Dave Hollenbeck, Dale Brewer, Bob Minarich

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Walt Breitinger, Martha Liechty, Steve Kosak, Tarik and Susan El-Naggar.

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Thomas Kruse at 6:00 pm at the Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District's office. Chairman Bob Garmon came in and Tom handed the gavel over to him.

Nancy made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 7-0.

Financial Report

Nancy gave her report on the financial reports and the claim docket. Nancy made the motion to accept the claims and fund reports, Bob seconded it. Motion carried. 7-0.

General Manager's report.

Tried to get some dirt over on Groseland but it was so wet it would not spread properly.

Leisure has been started.

The manholes are being sprayed as we talk. Looks like we will get 32 done. I spot checked on two and they look good.

Got 3 quotes on submersible pumps for Island Road lift station rebuild.

Gasvoda \$35705 but no labor

Underground Pipe and Valve \$48928.45 will be identical to the Ostedt Lift job.

Utility Services here is Valpo. \$81035.

I recommend we turn this over to the engineering committee. Nancy questioned the no labor quote and Bob M. replied that they tried to find a local contractor but none were familiar with it.

Dish Restaurant manholes are still in good shape.

Met with Aqua America's representatives.

Lake Enhancement – contractors have been notified of the winning bids. New signs will be picked up tonight and waiting on news from the contractors as to a start date.

NISWAG meeting tomorrow with Visclosky.

Joe from GMC Paul Sur called in with one more van available, 2015 model 2500.

\$25950 with bins. Bob made a motion to accept this including the \$1000 trade-in. for a total of \$24,950. Mickey seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Cook's property, Dave will report on the latest visit.
Nothing on the pole barns.
Earth Day seemed to have fewer people.
Copper and Lead samples this year.
CCR reports this month are due.
Lake sampling this next month.
MS4 annual meeting went well and found DNA testing for human fecal is now down to \$375 and information on culvert testing.
Bob mentioned the Customer Appreciation Day. June 6th
Don brought up about signage for the milfoil spraying and sending out letters.

Matt's field report.
No leaks.
2 samples taken all passed.
2 meter change outs, 21 delinquent turn off all back on. 26 locates and no seasonal work.

Accounts Receivable

Request from Mrs. Liechty.
She was present in the meeting and Bob asked her to explain her problem. Hot water heater broke and ran into a sump pump drain nearby. She couldn't arrange for one of our service techs to stop by to verify the problem.
Bob explained our policy to offset ½ of the billing if verified.
Mickey asked for the amount and Bob M. left to check the billing program.
She believes the water was pumped into the storm system.
Bob M. suggested we have Mrs. Liechty schedule an appointment to have a tech visit and inspect the premises. She agreed.

Personnel Committee Thomas Kruse

Nothing

Insurance Mickey Koehler

Environmental Christian

After the purchase the committee should walk through the Cook's property to make suggestions for public participation or education.

Public Relations Rolando Chilian

North Valparaiso news was brought up. He will meet with the reporter.
June 27th in Naturepoolza. Bob M. will represent the District.
Bob M. was asked to detail the Customer appreciation Day. 330 seedlings, several rain barrels, gifts to give away. Come meet the customers. Several donations were given.

Engineering Committee Bob Garmon

Bob made a motion to accept the Underground pipe and Valves bid on Island Road Lift. at \$48,925.45 Seconded by Mickey seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

There is a need to transfer money for an additional dumpster. Moved money from building fund to land acquisition. Christian seconded it. Motion carried. 7-0.
Dale's bond needed to be approved. \$163 Mickey so moved, Bob seconded it. Motion carried. 7-0.

Short and long term planning Committee. Don Kareiva
Don brought up the \$92,000 for the Cook's property and that the closing did not occur before grant comes up.

Attorney's report

Mentioned the \$11000 for the sidewalk and we can do anything with it.

The Cook's are willing to accept the revised appraisal at \$92,000. They were advised of the Bicentennial Nature grant and not to close on or before July 31. If there is a consensus to purchase the property even if the grant falls through then he needs Bob to sign off on the offer to purchase agreement and give the Cook's until May 31 to sign it and return. It could be possible they will finance this over 3-5 years. Dave mentioned that since we are an MS4 entity we may score better on the grant if we show the wetlands to 4th graders and explain how they filter the water and so on.

Bob made a motion to sign the offer to purchase at \$92,000. Don seconded it. Mickey asked which funds are to be used. Rainy day funds for 1/2 of it the rest hopefully financed over 3-5 years. Motion carried 7-0.

Space needs study. Mr. Wagner wants to arrange a committee meeting to go over ideas. Dave will arrange the meeting.

Sunny Lane. Steve Poulos will allow us to install sewers. They will provide water. However, those getting the sewer must sign a waiver stating they will not remonstrate being annexed into the City.

Bob then suggested a survey and have Dave draft a letter to that effect. A lot of discussion occurred. Mickey agreed to take the letter door to door.

West Long Lake – Bob mentioned that there is not enough homes to run sewers to that area and that we are willing to go ahead with just the El-Naggar extension. Don is willing to go door to door to find out which are interested in hooking in. Dave will look at the maps to use to describe any annexation.

Again there was a lot of discussion. Prices, annexation, whom is to hook up, loans.

Aqua America – they provide a cost of around 2 million dollars. He suggests that our engineers double check their figures and ask Aqua America to share in our engineers cost. Rolando moved to get an estimate. Mickey seconded it. Motion carried 6-0-1.

Bob closed the meeting at 7:49 pm.

Attest:

Bob Minarich

General Manager

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

