

# VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF MEETING: June 19, 2013

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Kareiva, Rolando Chilian  
Christian Anderson, Bob Garmon, Thomas Kruse

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mickey Koehler, Nancy Satterlee

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Dave Hollenbeck, Bob Minarich, Ryan Laughlin, Dale Brewer

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Hope Cook, Walt Breitinger, Bob Finley, 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.

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

### Financial Report

Don stated that there was nothing unusual in the claims and made a motion to approve the financial reports, seconded by Bob. Motion carried.

Don then made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Rolando. Motion carried.

Flamingo change order. New cost \$120,001.95 Dave mentioned that the appropriation is \$120,000 and can't alter that. The \$1.95 needs to come from elsewhere.

Don mentioned purchasing a new van and the new draft of the budget.

Autos/trucks reduced by \$10,000 and contractual services up \$2000, consultants up \$5000, buildings down to \$21,800. This increases the budget 2%.

Don made a motion to approve the budget as shown. Seconded by Rolando. Dave went through the procedure for the DLGF/County Council. Motion carried.

### General Manager's report

Bob gave a detail report on Pajay's work on the Flamingo water main replacement project. Pajay has submitted a pay claim. After some discussion about it being out of norm, it was decided that the claim is submitted to the engineers for approval then if it is correct can be paid. This amount was for \$38,190. Bob moved for this and Christian seconded it.

A second issue was the decision to do change order #1 for Flamingo which entails a 12" x 8" tap on Edgewater and Smilax, 40' of 8" pipe and one hydrant. With the addition of the additional 180' still owed this would leave 352' to complete the main installation. The change order is in the amount of \$13,900. Bob made the motion, Don seconded it. Motion carried.

Bob then brought up this final 352 foot of main and 7 1/2 services of the project. Pajay gave us a proposal; however, it has not gone before the engineers. His proposal is for

\$37,840. Bob made this motion, Rolando seconded it. Motion carried. This includes everything. The Board wishes this to go to the engineers for a separate contract. Don made a motion to approve \$15,000 for a used van. Rolando seconded it. There was a bit of discussion and it was decided to table this until a later meeting. This is to be paid out of the CCIF fund. Dave will advertise for \$40,000 for the Smilax extension.

Island Road lift station – one pump in and running second is in the shop.

The CCR's will be ready to go out at the end of the month.

Flint Lake has been sprayed. Long Lake has been approved for Renovate.

Customer Appreciation Day had about 70 people showing out. Naturepalooza is coming up this weekend and Bob M. will man a booth.

Bob M. asked about whether the Board wished to have a representative talk about credit cards payments at a committee meeting or open Board meeting. The Board chose an open meeting.

Matt's maintenance report

Generators were exercised. The lightening damaged a circuit board at Ridgewood Creek lift.

No leaks

2 water samples passed. Hydrants being flushed, lake samples have been taken, 4 change outs, 28 locates.

Rolando gave a report on Short/Long term planning.

Concerning turning over the utilities to VCU, Valpo will do a study. Lake management, customer service, employees concerns. A rough feeling was that there was no advantage in giving the utilities to VCU.

Fox Chase has been given the costs to run sewers to VLACD and it is up to them to make the next move.

Dave mentioned that the only contact with Fox Chase was through Ethan Lowe out of his office and a more formal contact should be made. Dave will supply a name to Rolando to contact at Fox Chase.

Dave's Report

Annual Budget workshop is July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The June tax draw is in.

Nothing on LGS.

Kettle Lake. Dave asked if he could petition the Court for a pre-trial conference in order to move ahead with any legal issues with this problem.

Concerning the VCU, Dave apologized for jumping the gun with Karl Cender. Since Cender was doing our report anyways he could do it for only a thousand dollars and the City would pay for it.

Hopefully both reports will be done by the end of the month.  
For credibility purposes VLACD might wish to pay for a part of the rate reports.

Bob M. handed a proposal for a manhole lining on a manhole on the north end of Garden Gateway for \$2,365. Bob G. suggested we go ahead with Bob M.'s decision to line this manhole. No further discussion.

Bob Garmon closed the meeting at 7:09 pm.

Matt's report.

Accounts Receivable  
No report

Engineering

Bob Garmon closed the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Attest:

Bob Minarich  
General Manager  
Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District