

VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING: July 17, 2013

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: none

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Dave Hollenbeck, Bob Minarich, Ryan Laughlin

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Bob Finley

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

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

Financial Report

Don stated that he intends to do 14 months of trending of the financials records.

The LGS settlement is \$31,530.

2 claims were questioned. One is for the interest on the Edgewater Beach Road bonds and the other Haas' bill which was not generalized. Their secretary had a death in the family and to omit the bill for now. Dale came in to talk about the interest payment. We pay the principle every month and a bit of interest twice a year.

Don moved to accept all the claims except the Haas claim. Dale stated that was approved last month but held until it was itemized. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried.

Don made a motion to not appeal the judge's ruling. Bob seconded it. Motion carried.

LGS' payment is to come out of the general fund. \$22000 out of building fund and \$9530 out of auto/trucks and authorize Dale to pay it. Dave asked the vehicles fund be changed to \$10,000. Don so moved, Rolando seconded it. Motion carried.

There was a discussion about the 2014 budget with Dave going over the changes that Don had worked up.

Dave then went through the time frames. Next July 23rd, DLGF will have their preliminary budget workshop. Submit the budget to the Porter County Council no later than Sept. 1st. They conduct their public hearing on Sept. 11th and review it. We hold a public hearing and at our Sept. meeting. At the Oct. meeting we adopt the budget and sign all the forms to be submitted to the gateway system by Nov. 1st. And DLGF gets the documents by Nov. 1st.

Dave also mentioned that the tax money we received included \$20000 in delinquent payments.

General Manager's report

The Flamingo project and more specifically the quotes for Smilax's 352 final footage. We have several quotes. After the engineer's went through it the price changed and a

meeting brought the quote down due to an error. However, Pajay asked that the service lines be more accurately measured. This spawned a 4th quote at \$51,000. Dave mentioned that he advertised an additional appropriation of \$40,000 for this work. Bob thought that it would be best we do the job in-house and maybe have the services bored in by an outside contractor. Ryan gave an explanation as to the increase of \$10,000 from quote 1 to quote 2. Tom prefers that the contractor finish it. Mickey made a motion to do it in house less the services, Don seconded it. It came to a vote of 4 to 3 to have it done in-house.

Dave then brought up the additional appropriation of \$40,000 and Bob opened it to the public. Tom B. mentioned the professionalism of the contractor and in-house may get out of hand. Bob Finley mentioned he has not seen hydrant on Smilax. Bob closed the public hearing. Don approved the \$40000 for Smilax, Rolando seconded it. Motioned carried.

Bob M. asked to work on a digital map for the hydrants and will bring a cost back for the next meeting.

Both pumps are in at Island and working.

Nancy had brought up about an entrance off of Calumet east of Wild Rose. County is unaware of it and will check into it.

Clean water samples have been done.

VLACD was represented at Naturepalooza.

Still working on credit card payments.

The Cender draft came in.

The Lakes have been sprayed with a lot of good comments coming in over the counter.

The emails through Comcast has been a problem but they finally replaced the modem and it is now up and running.

Matt's maintenance report

No leaks.

Pajay is doing good work. All services done.

7 meter changes outs. 29 locates and 28 delinquent shut offs.

Mickey mentioned the manhole covers and asked for it to be on the reports. Jetting and inspections.

Spectra will do the lining of the manhole when he is back in town which was approved at the last meeting.

Nancy mention weed growth in the lakes and Bob M. agreed to check into it further. He believes it to be Coontail and not milfoil.

Rolando mentioned he contacted Fox Chase Farms but has not heard back from them.

Then Rolando mention about customer contacts and Bob M. stated that the calls and counter contacts were about 15 to 1 in favor of the District trying to combat the weeds.

Rolando thanked Bob M. and the District for appearing at the Naturepalooza as he received favorable comments from the crowd.

Laura's report

One customer in the District had a water line break under his house and Laura contacted him about his usage. His bill was \$512.09 and is asking for relief on the sewer portion

amounting to \$244.29. Mickey made a motion to credit his account that amount. Tom seconded it Motion carried.

Engineer's report

Just the change order to move the 180 feet from Flamingo to Smilax. Change order #2. Bob made the motion, seconded by Tom. Motion carried.

Dave report.

Talked about White Oaks Conservancy who was flushing out their sewer lines and pushed it back into their homes.

Bob Garmon closed the meeting at 7:18 pm.

Attest:

Bob Minarich
General Manager
Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District