

VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING: July 18, 2012

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Kruse, Bob Garmon
Nancy Satterlee, Don Karieva
Rolando Chilian

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Megan Summers, Mickey Koehler

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Dave Hollenbeck, Bob Minarich, Tim Haas

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Walt Breitinger, Glenn Gunter, Marlene Gunter, Jon Schoer, Jim Albers

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Garmon at 6:03 pm at the Valparaiso YMCA.

A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 20, 2012 was made by Bob G. and seconded by Tom. Motion carried.

Review of Conservancy District Budget (Light Green)

A motion to approve the budget was made by Don, seconded by Tom. Motion carried.

CCIF

A motion to accept the CCIF report was made by Don, seconded by Tom. Motion carried.

Don made a motion to approve the claims. Seconded by Rolando. Motion carried.

Dale's financial report. New reports emailed out. The pay off of the loan is \$47789. A public hearing for the CCIF approval of the appropriation for paying off the equipment loan was handed over to Bob G.

Public hearing – Bob G. opened the public hearing. Tom Banaszak stated he received no papers. Bob G. explained there were no papers. Dave explained that there is no budget for this as it is a bond coming due and it is to be used to pay off the 4% interest debt. With no other public comments, Bob G. closed the hearing.

Don made the motion to pay off the loan using the bond. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried.

Don then made a motion to invest the balance of the bond at the best available rate for 6 months. Bob G. seconded it. Motion carried. These CDs can only be taken out for 2 years.

Don also moved to re-invest the other CD coming due for 6 months. After some discussion it was amended by Don to invest \$50,000 for 12 months and \$50,000 for 18 months. Nancy seconded it. Motion carried.

Motion made to approve financial statements by Rolando, seconded by Bob G. Motion carried.

Review of the Water Utility (Blue)

No comments

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Review of Sewer Utility (Light Brown)

No comments.

General Manager's Report

Bob M. reported that the Flamingo 1st phase is done. 2 hydrants activated with the fire dept. notified. The balance of the Flamingo job would cost approximately \$18,000 for materials. With Matt off there is no hurry to order materials.

MS4 audit on IDDE went well. The ordinance needs to be signed and sent downstate. 12-01 IDDE Ordinance was moved by Tom, seconded by Don. Motion carried.

2nd utility billing went out with high usages due to the drought.

Laura kept a list of customers who were looking for sewer credits and does the Board want to make an exception this year? The methodology of sewer credits was discussed. After determining the amount of work needed to make the adjustments for credits, the problem will be re-visited at the end of the season if the drought continues. Bob M. asked for an ordinance/policy on new lawns/pool filling in order to offer credit.

Matt's report given by Bob M. A report on water samples was given on the results of the failed sample. Bob also gave a report on blue-green algae warning by IDEM.

Nancy reported on the apathy she noticed by customers concerning the IURC opt-out. A discussion ensued concerning the needed quorum versus taking a vote and losing where LAC would still remain under the IURC for two more years.

Rolando talked about having a dialog with the Chain of Lakes group. It was suggested that the VLACD and Chain of Lakes co-sponsor a study on vegetation/macro-invertebrates. George Smolk would be willing to do a study for \$500. Participation by VLACD in both proposals one made by Walt last year will be deferred to the soil erosion/lake enhancement committee at a later date. A motion was made by Don seconded by Rolando. Motion carried.

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Attorney's report

Dave mentioned a new law for allowing the severing a customer's service for lack of payment. Dave will work with the staff on establishing a policy for disconnection of sewer service.

Important upcoming dates

August 8. IURC opt-out vote.

Sept 5 1:30 pm mediation in the LGS case. Jerry Bishop's mediation office

July 24th. DLG workshop on the budget 1:30 pm. Dave and Dale will be there.

July 23rd Monday @ 2:00 with Rich Hudson at Dave's office concerning VLACD properties.

A letter requesting our 2011 financial data from the newspaper. The women sending out the letters found out they had not been mailed. Dave has contacted her and made arrangements for her to receive our information from the State's website.

The Board needs a preliminary discussion on the budget. The budget for 2012 cannot exceed 2.8% of \$172,400 or \$4,827 growth.

The planned regular Aug. 8th meeting will not allow Dave enough time to publicize the budget. Therefore, the Board will hold its regular meeting on Aug. 15th as the regular third week. Tom made a motion to add \$4800 into Autos and Trucks for 2013. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried.

The property tax freeze and the caps may require us to lower the budget.

Tim brought up the meeting on July 10th with City and County officials on a better outflow system on Flint Lake. All parties are in favor of doing this with an outline to be followed as to when the lake is lowered and for what reasons and by whom.

The flow downstream is also a concern. The Board requested that the engineers double check the elevation of the outlets versus the legal lake level. Tim believes the time frame is dependent upon contacting DLZ for their studies along with several other studies.

Dave talked about a previous study by VLACD to divert water north to the FLGT drain from in front of Flint Lake elementary.

Jon Schoer gave his annual report on the watershed. Issues included Mink Lake is increasing in E coli. Phosphorus is still high in Flint. Loomis and Spectacle has a lower

Ph than in the past. Bullseye Lake has a high conductivity reading. To continue improving the monitoring Jon asked for \$2500 for new and replacement equipment and to defray the cost of the interns. Jon will provide Bob M. with a copy of the results which he will have posted on VLACD's website.

Tom made a motion to send \$2500 to Valparaiso University to continue Jon's work. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried.

Bob G. closed the meeting at 8:18 pm.

Attest:

Bob Minarich
General Manager
Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District