

VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING: August 19, 2015

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Garmon

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Dave Hollenbeck, Dale Brewer, Bob Minarich

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Walt Breitinger,

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Thomas Kruse at 6:00 pm at the Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District's office.

Don made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Rolando. Motion carried 6-0.

Financial Report

Nancy made a motion to approve the general fund budget for 2016 as presented by Dale. Don seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

Nancy gave her report on the financial reports and the claim docket. Nancy made the motion to accept the claims, and Don seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

Nancy then approved the financial reports and Christian seconded that. Motion carried 6-0.

Dave then gave a report on the next series of steps to adopt 2016's general fund budget. Dale will submit the budget through the Gateway system by the Sept. 1 deadline to the Porter County council. Then a public hearing at the County Council on Sept 14th with all the other budgets present and a non-binding agreement hopefully favorable to the DLGF. VLACD then will hold their public hearing at the October meeting and adopt the budget. Dale working with the chairman will submit the budget to DLGF by November 3rd. DLGF then has until Feb. 15th to release the 1782 notice. VLACD then has 7 day to accept/reject the notice. If accepted then it goes to the Porter County auditor and treasurer to issue on the tax bills.

General Manager's report.

Groseland water main. Final grading done and ready to disconnect old main.

Leisure water main. Entire main in and activated. Only services to do. Awaiting free use of a mole.

Dish Restaurant sewers have been check and functioning well.

Long Lake has been sprayed. Ed Spanopoulos reported that the milfoil on Flint Lake is gone.

Getting pricing on the pole barn doors and concrete work.

Put together some numbers on the El-Nagggar sewer main extension after the recommendation of the Short and Long Range Planning Committee's meeting.

Ed and I are going to have a meeting with the DNR about next year's spraying. If the Board has any objections, additional thoughts I will need to be hearing about it before going on the 14th of October. Will start the ball rolling on possibly dredging the Cook's property for Canary grass and sediment.

Matt's field report.
No report due to family issues.

Accounts Receivable
Nothing

Personnel Committee Thomas Kruse
The committee had a report on the middle of the year personnel evaluations.

Insurance Mickey Koehler
Nothing

Environmental Christian Anderson
Nothing

Public Relations Rolando Chilian
The request from 5209 Garden Gateway North for forgiveness on the utility bill was read. Bob M. reported his findings that there is a leak going on the property and no results could be made at this time. The meter was swapped out and it also showed a leak. Mickey made a motion to deny the request. Seconded by Rolando. Motion carried 6-0. Rolando also gave a short talk about the blue-green algae that was spotted on Loomis Lake. Dave added what the Board of Health was doing and to warn residents to stay away from the mass of algae and it will dissipate after 7-10 days.

Engineering Committee Bob Garmon
Nothing

Short and long term planning Committee. Don Kareiva
Don made a motion to allow JPR Engineering to go ahead with the plans and specifications for the El-Naggar project extending a 2" forced main to the El-Naggar's property the installation will be at Vlacd's expense. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

Nancy will call Wagner to come up with a detailed plan and survey of the campus so we can move on the permits.

Attorney's report
The Bicentennial Nature Trust now has all the materials including the adjoining areas of land owned by Vlacd. The Cook's are patiently waiting to see if we do get the grant.

Tom opened the meeting to the public. Tom Banazcek complained about silt coming in from the North Hampton. Walt Breitinger offered to help promoting the El-Naggar's sewer project.

Attest:

Bob Minarich

General Manager

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District