

VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING: August 25, 2010

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Garmon Dick Brychell Don Kareiva
Tom Kruse John Steffen Debbie Miller
Megan Summers

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Dave Hollenbeck Bob Minarich Adam McAlpine

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District was called to order at 6:00 P.M on August 25, 2010 by Chairman Brychell.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2010 meeting passed.

Adam from Haas gave his report. He will be leaving Haas & Associates and introduced Dean as our new representative. There was a discussion of the legal dispute with LGS & Helitech. LGS is asking for \$87,000 and we feel that there is only \$25,714.45 due to them based on the paperwork turned in to us from LGS. A motion carried for Dave to respond to the lawsuit and appear in court representing VLACD in this matter.

The conservancy funds were reviewed. There is a CD coming up for renewal by September 1, 2010. Bob and Ellen are speaking with banks to get the best rate available.

The water funds were reviewed and are looking better, but still tight. The rate increase is still awaiting approval and by the time it goes through we may be able to do both 2010 and 2011.

Joe then gave his maintenance report. There was a problem with pump 2 on Island Road and that may have to be rebuilt. The sewer lines were cleaned in the Burlington South area. There was a water leak at 1407 Robin Rd. that was determined to be in the customer's service line. Gravel was put down on Waiola Street. Two water samples were taken; both passed. The hydraulic cylinder on the vactor truck was rebuilt. The motor on the riding mower went out; will need to purchase a new one at some point.

Bob gave his managers report. He reported that quotes are coming in for our general and health insurance. The insurance committee decided to meet Monday, September 13, 2010 at 7:00 A.M. at Evelyn Bay Coffee Company. Plans are being put together for replacing some water mains servicing Phares Lane and the project will move forward once funds become available. The 3rd round of volunteer monitoring on Flint Lake has been completed. An additional engineering firm has asked to give a quote on the outflow project for Flint Lake; Bob will give them information and they will at some point give a presentation similar to McCormick Engineering. A motion for Bob to attend a Watershed Leadership Academy carried.

The sewer financials were reviewed. This month was better, but the YTD is still negative. A motion carried to move \$10,000.00 from savings to checking carried.

Dave then gave his report. Revised 2011 budget sheets were distributed. The public hearing to adopt this budget will take place at the next board meeting on September 15. There was a discussion on adopting a formal policy regarding the public forum portion of the board meetings. Different options were reviewed and Dave will bring a policy to the next board meeting for approval. The overall consensus of this discussion was that members of the public wanting to speak at the meeting would have to advise us 48 hours in advance of what they would like to speak about and limit their speaking time to 3 minutes, with additional time allowed at the committee chairperson's discretion. Dave has contacted Stuart Summers to get a proposal for developing a long-term strategic financial plan. A motion carried to approve the proposal from Stuart Summers company Town & City Engineering.

The public forum portion of the meeting then opened. Phil Doolittle gave packets and CD's to the board listing his issues regarding maintaining quality lakes. Tom Banaczek stated that he was not in agreement with the adoption of a policy regarding the public portion of the meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen McMeans
Financial Secretary