

VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING: September 16, 2015

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Dave Hollenbeck, Dale Brewer, Bob Minarich

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Brent Wager, Jean Muczak

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Garmon at 6:02 pm. Bob asked Thomas Kruse to chair the meeting at the Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District's office.

Mickey made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Bob. Motion carried 7-0.

Financial Report.

Nancy gave her report on the financial reports and the claim docket. Nancy made the motion to accept the claims, and approve the financial reports, Bob seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Tom then opened the public hearing on the 2016 budget. Dave gave a quick talk about the upcoming procedure and that we are looking at a 2.6% increase bring the proposed budget up to \$190,300.

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.

Tom Banaszak questioned a few items but was more concerned why he did not get a copy of the budget to study. One will be provided next year if he asks for it. Bob M. will try to remember to get one to him.

Tom closed the public hearing at 6:22 pm.

Tom next suspended the rules and gave the floor over to Brent Wagner to go over the plans for the new office, parking and pole barn. There were a few comments and suggestions.

6:43 pm and the meeting returned to the scheduled format.

General Manager's report.

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

Leisure water main. Main is in. Free mole available.

Dish Restaurant sewers have been check and functioning well.

Ed and I are going to have a meeting with the DNR about next year's spraying. If the Board as 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.

Nancy mentioned that the curly leaf pond weed has vanished.

Pole barn offers are coming in. Looks like it will come in under \$60K.

Rough draft to Rolando on the El-Naggar's sewers to send to other homeowners on 70E. Audit was finished.

Matt's field report.

Batteries replaced in lift stations,

37 locates, no meter replacements, 25 delinquents and no seasonals.

Clear beaver dams.

Accounts Receivable

Nothing

Personnel Committee Thomas Kruse

Nothing

Insurance Mickey Koehler

Nothing

Environmental Christian Anderson

Asked if everyone received the email from Walt concerning North Hampstead?

Public Relations Rolando Chilian

1st draft received from Bob.

Last appeal for bios to the Board.

Engineering Committee Bob Garmon

Meeting Sept. 23rd. 5 pm.

Short and long term planning Committee. Don Kareiva

JPR has been surveying the west Long Lake project and will be providing dollar amounts for the residents. Mickey and Don will attempt to contact the other residents.

Possible look at the very first few customers in Sunny Lane right off of Calumet that would be gravity only. A discussion ensued concerning the requirement to not remonstrate against City annexation if it ever occurs.

\$40,000 recommended to be paid for on the El-Naggar's sewer extension. Another discussion ensued. The idea that those who tap in later will pay the reimbursement.

Don moved that \$40,000 be appropriated from the CCIF fund to partially pay for the installation costs of the El-Naggar line. Mickey seconded it. Motion carried 6-1.

Don and Dave discussed which comes first the annexation into our District or agreeing to take the sewers.

Attorney's report

All items earlier mentioned.

Tom adjourned the meeting at 7:21 pm.

Attest:

Bob Minarich

General Manager

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District