

# VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF MEETING: September 17, 2014

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Kareiva, Mickey Koehler  
Nancy Satterlee, Bob Garmon  
Christian Anderson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Kruse, Rolando Chilian

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Dave Hollenbeck, Dale Brewer, Matt Arts

Audience: Walt Breitinger, Robin Scribailo

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

Nancy made a motion to accept the minutes and Christian seconded it. Motion carried. 5-0

Bob opened the public hearing for the 2015 budget, levy and tax rate and asked for public comment. There was none.

Dave reported that the budget was submitted to the County Council by the September 1st deadline by Dale. The Council gave a favorable non binding recommendation. The next step will be for the Board to adopt the 2015 budget, levy and tax rate at the October 15th meeting. The public hearing was closed.

### Financial Report

Nancy gave her report on the financial reports and the claims. She stated we were overbilled on our sewage bill but it has been taken care of.

She moved to accept the financial reports and seconded by Don. Motion carried. 5-0.

Don moved to approve the claims and Bob seconded. Motion carried. 5-0

### Eurasian Water-Milfoil Hand Removal Project Report

Robin Scribailo presented his report on the Eurasian Water-Milfoil hand removal project for Long lake. Handouts were provided. He explained that there was no herbicides used because of two potable water sources. There was a time line of June 6th thru August 27th. There was a limited hand pull of the plants with two divers because of too much organic debris on the bottom of the lake. Rake tosses were also used. GPS was used to locate sampling points where plants were previously pulled at the end of summer. Use of herbicides could create a lot of additional problems.

Christian stated that it was really difficult to control these plants with boaters coming from other lakes and not cleaning their equipment properly.

Walt Breitinger suggested having Bob M. find out about using a suction harvester also and talk to the State Troopers about putting together a dive team to help out.

#### General Manager's report.

Matt Arts gave the General Manager's report in Bob's absence. Plans were sent in for Grossland and Leisure. Bob talked to the engineers about the project and heard that the State is changing how a water main may need to be change in order to cross a sewer lateral. This could add to the cost of projects in the future. Ours have not changed at this time.

We have been concentrating on jetting, inspecting and fixing risers for sewers. last count was 21 new inspections. Lids raised are 10 and jetted 3,040 feet of sewer main. Three manholes were sealed.

JPR engineering was contacted and sent sewer plans and an aerial photo of Sunny Lane Subdivision. They can contact Porter County to get a contour map.

There are two new homes under construction. One is on Wild Rose and the other is on Island.

Voluntary lake samples were taken for monitoring.

Bob also met with Mickey and Anton Insurance to get new quotes on liability and worker's compensation insurance.

Bob's was the first bio out. There have been only good comments.

Bob also talked with Indiana American and they could not find a way to make a better offer than what was previously quoted. He asked for a formal proposal on what they have offered.

#### Insurance report.

Mickey reported that they met with Anton Insurance and the cost has gone done on the workman's compensation insurance for 2014-2015. This should be done by September 25th. Our health insurance is not up until March. Comparisons have been done with other companies. Mickey moved to approve, Bob seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0

The JPR report was presented. The cost would be \$78,300 for 8 homes to be provided service in Sunny Lane.

Bob suggested for Dave to approach Steve Poulos first and then see if we can get the majority of homes to participate or at least 50%.. The cost would be approximately \$10,000 per home. Nothing can be done until we hear from the City. Dave will show the City the engineering report and see what happens. Dave will report back at the next meeting.

#### Matt's field report.

Oil changed in all lift stations. Cummings needs to be called for Ostedt generator. Power went out and would not start. There have been no discharges. There have been no water leaks. Customer at 5403 Leisure Drive wanted a water sample after they had been shut off. They have been called twice with no answer. Two water samples were taken and passed. Oil on GMC changed. Matt would like a budget of \$425 for driveway sealing.

Would like to do before winter. There were 2 meter change outs, 21 delinquent turn offs and 29 locates. There is a \$40 charge for turn offs during hours and \$80 after hours.

Accounts Receivable

Nothing

Personnel Committee Thomas Kruse

Nothing

Soil Erosion Committee Christian Anderson

Christian reported that Septic Smart Week starts September 22nd - September 26th.

There is a webinar September 25th.

Bob reminded everyone to get their bios to Laura.

Short and Long term planning. Don Kareiva

Nothing.

Attorney's report

Dave will meet with the appraisal group on the Burlington Beach project. He will still try to link this in with sidewalks instead of paying us or take the monies and put in a sidewalk.

Dave talked to Brett Wagner who has some preliminary drawings to reconfigure the space here. There is also option for a new facility. We can talk about it at the October meeting.

The unemployment claim was dismissed because Chris did not show up on time. He was denied reinstatement and has until September 18th to appeal.

Dave and Bob will meet with Mrs. Cook October 25th at 9a.m.

Bob closed the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Attest:

Dale Brewer

Financial Secretary

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District