

VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MEETING: September 19, 2012

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Kruse, Bob Garmon
Nancy Satterlee, Rolando Chilian
Megan Summers, Mickey Koehler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Don Kareiva

CONSULTANT PRESENT: Dave Hollenbeck, Bob Minarich, Tim Haas

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Walt Breitinger, Joel Miller, George Smolko, Steve Kosak

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Garmon at 6:00 pm at the Valparaiso YMCA.

Megan made a motion to approve the minutes. Tom seconded it. Motion carried.

Dave requested to have the public hearing on the 2013 budget at his time.

Bob opened the public hearing on the proposed budget.

Tom Banaszak remarked that he had not received a copy of the budget. Dave explained it had been posted in the papers. Tom then went through the budget line item by line item. Tom then asked for the difference between a hearing versus a meeting.

Bob not hearing anymore comments closed the hearing at 6:21 pm.

The Board's next action on the budget will be in the October meeting. Then filed with DLGF in November and finally another hearing in December.

Review of Conservancy District Budget (Light Green)

No comments.

A motion to approve the budget was made by Rolando, seconded by Bob. Motion carried.

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No comments.

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

Dale's financial report.

Dale did not attend.

Review of the Water Utility (Blue)

No comments

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Review of Sewer Utility (Light Brown)

No comments Strategic Plan Reports

Committee Reports

Finance Don was not present. Bob G. went over the meeting. Materials that had been purchased, fund transfers.

Engineering and Operations meeting

Tom mentioned the discussion on keeping the current Vactor. Bob M. will try to keep it running as long as we can.

Secondly, the main replacement along Flamingo specifically the service connections.

The committee recommends that 75 % of the reconnection cost be borne by LAC Utilities and 25 % by the homeowner. If so desired, they can be billed by us for 24 months at zero interest. 3 quotes will be needed before we agree to pay of it.

Lastly, the committee recommends subbing out the rest of the main work.

A motion to pay for the cost of services was made by Tom and seconded by Rolando which includes the homeowner given 6 months to reconnection once the new main is available. Mickey was in favor of the full cost to be picked up by LAC Utilities. Motion carried.

An additional motion to sub out the balance of the Flamingo project to a contractor was made by Nancy and seconded by Rolando. Motion carried. Tim Haas will begin work on the construction documents.

General Manager's Report

Fire hydrant problem has been resolved.

The sewer overflow is being handled by the insurance company.

Vactor is up and running. Several parts replaced along with some routine maintenance.

JFNew Cardno will be at October's meeting with their report on the vegetative management plan.

NISWAG is making some recommendations to NIRPC.

At last meeting with IDEM concerning MS4, the term operator will be assessed to the highest elected official. In this case, Chairman Garmon. My title will then be coordinator. Bob G. will be the signatory on the annual reports and such.

Nancy and Laura have been working on a logo and a new look for the bills.

Matt's report given by Bob M.

Matt has returned to work with the doctor's recommendation of light office work only.

Leak on Flamingo.

Chris did 42 meter change outs. 33 delinquent turn offs.

Account's Receivable Report

none

Engineer's report.

Has received the model from DLZ from the Burlington Beach Road project.

Attorney's report

The LGS mediation was partially successful. A status conference will be held around October.

Bob G. made a motion to have Tom and Dave continue to negotiate with LGS until that time. Megan seconded it. Motion carried.

As of Sept. 11th, LAC Utilities had successfully withdrawn from the IURC.

It was suggested that the annual report from Cender be piggybacked with a rate study. That was approved at the last meeting.

Rich Hudson will have a report on ownership of the wetlands at Dave's office on Sept. 27th at 2 pm. Public is invited. Dave briefly discussed some of the properties Rich had looked at including which properties are VLACD'S and ownership of other wetlands.

Other matters:

Nancy moved that Bob look into a logo cost along with suggested improvements to the utilities bill. Seconded by Rolando. Motion carried.

Bob G. closed the meeting at 7:23 pm.

Attest:

Bob Minarich

General Manager

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District