

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Meeting November 15, 2017

Board Members Present: Thomas Kruse, Mickey Koehler, Nancy Satterlee, Connie Hughes
Christian Anderson, Rolando Chilian, Robert Garmon

Board Members Absent: None

Consultants Present: Dale Brewer, David Hollenbeck, Robert Minarich, Brett Konarski

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Walt Breitinger, Rich Herr, Garland Hicks

Tom called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Rolando moved to accept the minutes. Mickey seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Mickey then moved to approve the claims and accept the financial reports. Tom seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

General Manager's Report

Manholes in good shape.

Another connection on 70 East is done. Leaves only Pauley.

Sapphire storm on hold while we train a new employee at the front desk.

Island Road lift. Natural gas back up generator needs parts. Trying to order them off of Ebay.

Will get pricing on an upgrade or replacement. *4 companies contacted 2 responded. Cummins and NWI Generators. NWI prices was \$6596. Cummings was far more \$20K. Bob moved to hire NW Generators. Connie seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.*

Tom asked about the mapping project. It was given to Bob's committee. He didn't know about it. Will get new prices from Brett.

Casey's General Store may move into the District. Brett is reviewing their plans as far as the MS4 and sanitary components are involved with us. *Brett sent it on to Casey's with our approval.*

New homes on Grandview and Edgewater Beach Road.

AVMP is coming in from Clarke's Aquatic.

NISWAG meeting Nov. 16th in Porter.

Need entertainment options for annual meeting. December 14th. 9 am. Reggie and Joe from Siltworm will help with the costs of food.

The MS4 audit for construction and post construction will be happening soon. NISWAG is talking about their experiences. *No news.*

Maintenance Report

2 water samples taken and passed.

1 meter change outs

31 Delinquents

42 Locates

5 Seasonals

Connie mentioned the culvert on Groseland. Leaves cover it up.

Bob M. offered to put up some driveway markers. Tom recommends that we don't touch it.

Committee Reports

Personnel Laura Grayam will be terminated as of tonight.

Dessica Rosetti to be updating our employee handbook. Tom so moved. Mickey seconded it.

Motion carried 7-0. Bob asked for a second price. Dave will check into it.

Insurance Report

Rolando – nothing

Environmental Committee

Christian asked about surveying the Cook property.

Liaison Committee

Connie – Website stuff. Had meeting. Decided on Rural Water Impact Company. 3 days have it up and 14 days for approval. Upon Board's approval we will get the ball rolling. Web site only but not payment. Laura has been dealing with several vendors.

Dave would like to see a contract first. May need more done with disabilities.

Mickey approved using Rural Water Impact after Dave's approval. Rolando seconded it.

Motion carried 6-0. *Dave requested a contract to review and I got it and sent it off to Dave.*

Connie got more info on a payment scheme.

Short and Long Range Committee

Nothing

Engineering Committee

Bob – Nothing

No accounts receivable report

Attorney's report

The process for 2018 property tax has been completed by Dale and filed. Local Government and Finance will review it. If approved goes to Treasurer to send out with the tax bills.

Nominating petitions closes by Nov. 30th.

Needs nominating petitions at the office. Dave will drop some off.

Dave met with the engr. and surveys for Cook's and the looping project. It was pouring down rain so he cancelled it.

Dale presented next year's Holiday's schedule. No changes. Tom asked for a motion. Nancy so moved, Christian seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Christian complemented the wall hangings acquired by Nancy.

Opened floor to Walt. Free lecture on pollinators Nov. 20th. 7 pm at County building.

Tom Banaszek mentioned the Indiana access to public records. Dave passed packet to Tom.

Tom closed the meeting at 6:30 pm.