

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Meeting September 13, 2017

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

Board Members Absent: Robert Garmon

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

Audience: Tom Banaszak

Chairman Thomas Kruse opened the meeting at 5:30 pm. He then called Bob and reported that he has stomach poisoning and is unable to do rehabilitation.

A question on Nancy's address on the agenda. Agape Lane not Agope Lane.

Rolando moved to accept the minutes. Mickey seconded it with the corrected agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Tom suspended the order and opened a public hearing on the proposed budget for 2017. Tom Banaszek went through the budget line by line. There was no other comments and Tom closed the public hearing at 5:50 pm.

Mickey then moved to approve the claims and accept the financial reports. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

General Manager's Report

Claussen needed cleaning.

All samples for the clean lakes program had been sent to Indiana University.

Cardinal lift is up and running. Big price tag but did get Gasvoda to drop the overall cost by \$1000.

Sapphire Lane storm will go back on the do list. Have not heard any more about construction on empty lots.

Casey's General Store is looking to build on 500 and Calumet Ave.

Crayons and coloring books have been handed out.

Ed Spanopoulos will give a talk about lakes and invasives at the end of the year meeting for NISWAG. Christian is looking for someone to do a talk from ILMS.

Parking lot to be surfaced in a couple weeks.

Smith Fence is checking into our unfinished work.

Hill Road. The north/south culvert was replaced. The 4" pipe that drained a good deal of the land was disconnected to allow an 8" culvert to work.

We jetted the drain towards the lagoon, got the head stuck and found a brick manhole where the head was. Finished jetting.

2 committees met, personnel and liaison.

Met with Anton insurance.

No Dumping Signs will be put up shortly.

Maintenance Report

Oil changed in generators.

2 water samples taken and passed.

Brakes on picked changed.

Zero meter change outs

11 Delinquents

46 locates

Zero Seasonals

Committee Reports

Personnel

Employee review and recommends

Manager to \$77,500

Financial Secretary to \$29.50

All others remained the same.

Tom moved to accept the raises, Connie seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

Performance bonuses

Manager \$2000

Financial secretary \$2000

Matt Arts \$1000

Tom moved to give these performance bonuses, Nancy seconded them, and motion carried 6-0.

Insurance Report

Rolando – Met with Anton Insurance about the current renewal on Workman's Comp and Liability. \$16,237 with options of a lower deductible to \$1000 for \$136. Cyber Liability costs \$729. Recommends the \$17,102 with these options. Rolando moved to accept these, Tom seconded it. Motion carried. 6-0.

Environmental Committee

Christian reported about a Webinar Simian Contech. Sept. 20th.

Liaison Committee

Connie – Rick Green brought in a lake profile. Nancy volunteered to look into types and costs for wall decorations.

Rural Water Impact creates web sites. Very inexpensively. 14 free days. Bob M. will check into it in greater detail. \$357 plus \$299 set up.

Short and Long Range Committee

Nancy – working on wall decorations now that the furniture has arrived.

Engineering Committee

Bob – absent

Rebate for Long Lake deposits. \$5777 was charged for the tap on fee. Only \$5261 was needed after all was said and done. That leaves \$516 to be rebated to the eight customers. Future tap on by the 5 other customers should then be \$2196. Bob brought up the initial tap on fee. The \$5777 was approved in a past Board meeting as the tap on fee. The annexation fee was also eaten by the VLACD. Mickey moved to rebate the \$516 to the 8 customers and future tap ons to be \$2196. Seconded by Rolando. Discussion ensued about an interest charge. Bob asked what the date of the meeting where the tap on fee was waived. Mickey withdrew the motion and Tom tabled the issue. *Mickey sent information about past meetings where the tap on fee was voted on. Mickey moved to rebate the eight customers \$516. Tom seconded it. Motion carried. Next, future tap ons on that line should be \$2196, plus \$875 original tap on plus annexation costs. No vote until a customer want to tap on.*

Bob M. asked for an additional \$20,000 be placed in the emergency equipment fund from CCIF. There was some discussion. Mickey moved to do so. Seconded by Rolando Motion carried 6-0.

Bob M. brought up that NISWAG wants to have a South Shore Poster created promoting storm water. Our share is \$300. Nancy moved to fork it over, Connie seconded it. Motion carried 5-1 with Rolando voting nay.

Attorney's report

Need formal structure as far as length of time allowed for public participation. 3 minutes was brought up. Dave will email this out to everyone.

Looping project. Needs to talk with the engineer about legal description of road.

HR employee manual – needs to be updated such as Affordable Care. Get document out to everyone to review. Dave will send it to OSD to add in what is missing after this Board reviews it.

Tom Banaszek asked about lake sampling. Quartucci with JFNew Cardno is willing to talk with Schoer about taking over the buoy.

Tom closed the meeting at 6:52 pm.

