

# Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

## Minutes of Meeting April 21, 2021

Board Members Present: Mickey Koehler, Rolando Chilian, Tom Kruse (zoom),  
Nancy Satterlee, Walt Breitingner, Christian Anderson  
Board Members Absent: Connie Hughes

Consultants Present: Dale Brewer, Robert Minarich, Dave Hollenbeck

Audience: Tom Banaszak

Mickey called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and turned the floor over to Tina Henderson concerning the OCRA grant. She discussed the scope of the project and possible more points. Also, talked about other forms of loans and grants. Opened into the public hearing portion and Tom Banaszak went on about the roads needing work. Public hearing closed at 6:33 pm.

Mickey then asked if the Grossnickles had a comment and they asked for relief on their sewer bill due to a leak. Nancy would take it under consideration.

Nancy moved to accept the minutes. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.  
Christian moved to accept the annual meeting minutes. Nancy seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Personnel committee – Rolando – no meeting yet but talked with Bob M. on a line of course for hiring.

Insurance committee – Connie absent.

Stormwater Management – Walt – Mentioned the LARE bids and Bob M. explained the chemicals and the lowest bidders. Aquatic Control using Procella was the lowest herbicide treatment and Aquatic Ecosystems was the lowest AVMP. Walt so moved to award these two and Christian seconded it. Motion carried 5-1 with Mickey a nay vote.  
Next Walt discussed the MOU and suggested Dave to redo it.

Public Liaison committee – Nancy – concerning OCRA Tina Mendelson will get hard copies from Mary Jane Thomas. Moving forward we are dinged 45 points for high income county. A 40 % match is expected. Could put a rate on the tax bills.  
Maybe downsize project.  
Nancy plans on a workshop about loans and grants.

Mickey brought up that the Board needs a “Greenway” plan and suggest several benches could be installed for \$600.

Strategic Planning – Christian – Make a motion to accept Cardno’s sediment pond study for \$6000. Tom seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

Engineering – Tom suggested we look into our polies concerning Grossnickle’s request. He believes the Board agreed to no more rebates or relief.

Tom recommended the Board accept JPR’s contract for the Cardinal lift station forced main for \$18,000. Tom so moved with Rolando second. Motion carried 6-0.

Walt talked about MS4.

Attorney’s report – Dave – Discussed the need for the forced main work to be declared an emergency as that would speed up the project. Under Indiana code 36-1-12-9.

Rolando moved for the emergency exception. Christian seconded it. On the discussion. Walt asked if there was only one bid. Tom said seeking other bids could take additional months and this is an emergency. Motion carried 6-0.

Dave mentioned that masking is no longer mandatory.

Nancy moved to write the Governor about SB 389. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 6-0

#### General Manager’s report

Manholes – 6 foot and Claussen both needed cleaning. Dish was good.

Cardinal lift and Ridgewood Creek lift station are still plagued by chlorine bleach wipes.

Pumps had to be pulled and cleared several times.

Nothing yet on Hillcrest storm sewer or two back yard drains in Ridgewood Creek.

MS4 annual report sent in.

#### Maintenance report

Breakers reset at Cardinal lift due to chlorine wipes.

Work has restarted at 406 Grandview.

2 water samples taken and passed.

Vactor is going to need more patching on tank.

16 delinquents,

45 locates

0 seasonals.

#### Committees

Engineering and Stormwater

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Mickey adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Attest: Bob Minarich