

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Meeting August 15, 2018

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

Board Members Absent: None

Consultants Present: Dale Brewer, David Hollenbeck, Robert Minarich

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Jim Parsell

Tom called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

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

Tom opened the public hearing on the proposed budget. Tom Banaszak questioned what had changed and went through the line items.

Tom closed the public hearing at 5:30 pm.

Mickey then moved to approve the claims and accept the financial reports. Christian seconded it. Motion carried 7-0. Mickey handed out expenses and revenues for water and sewer accounts for review.

General Manager's Report

Manholes are good.

Brett sent the maps and he has included the valving. Bob M. is verifying the placement of those. *Still wait on street maps.*

Pump numbers have not come in.

Copper and lead samples sent in awaiting results.

Chlorine test bottles ordered.

Two hydrants in Ridgewood Creek need to be brought up to specs. Parts are ordered to rebuild.

Photo of beaver deceiver shown to board. \$300 for wire and treated wood can be purchased for about \$300 as well. Will start looking into construction in a wetlands permit from DNR.

Discussion about paint used.

NISWAG in Porter County somewhere. Need to go.

Website paperwork sent in again.

Shawn quit without any notice. Have another person in mind.

Found out a portable test bench for under \$1000. Will investigate further.

Tier 2 study on Flint Lake coming soon. Looking for new plants.

Got a proposal on generator for Hillcrest lift station. 3 yr warranty, turn key set up. Same guy who did the install at Island Lift and gave us a great price and did a very good job. Was a 16 KW and upgraded to 22 Kw. \$8497.20 .

Nancy moved to do this at that price. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

DNR called in about a customer who over sprayed their vegetation on Long Lake. I checked it out and it appears to be on the west side of the island at the old hotel.

Matt's report

Contractor on Grandview not doing erosion work as request. Dave mentioned that the County has gotten much better about requiring plans for erosion control. Talked to the County and they thought it was very minor violations. Threatened to fine them.

Will talk to homeowner and bypass the contractor. Bob M. will send the form that outlines the inspection and give them the chance to resolve.

2 meter change outs. 19 delinquents, no seasonal turn offs, 28 locates.

Note for Dave about the write offs for Colomb.

Accounts receivable report - nothing

Boat and trailer still looking. Maybe this fall.

Lake test – 3rd round completed for Volunteer monitoring with the State.

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Committee Reports

Personnel

Tom - met

Insurance Report

Rolando – nothing.

Environmental Committee

Christian – try to meet the last Tuesday of the month.

Liaison Committee

Connie – Nothing

Strategic Planning Committee

Nancy - None

Engineering Committee

Walt- none

Accounts receivable report - nothing

No engineering report.

Attorney's report

Continue to work with staff on delinquent and the write offs.

Asked Brett for two things. Revisit the cost of the Walden Loop. Cost is down due to amount of pipe used. Still waiting for plans and specifications.

Steve Wagner and Emerald Pond. Dave explained to him again the it would be a good part of our storm water plans but this cost is way too high. Mickey agreed to call him and explain the Board's decision and why.

The employee handbook is recommended for adoption by committee. Mickey moved to accept it. Tom seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Dave suggested that next should be the upgrades for job applications and job description. For \$2600. Christian moved to accept the offer and Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Dave then mentioned that the engineers gave us a quote of \$12,575.00 for survey of the Hollenbeck Nature Greenway and thought this to be overpriced. Dave will send this information to DNR and explain this part of the process is overpriced and if need be hire Rich Hudson.

Connie asked if Hillcrest Park had sent a letter?

Walt mention a seminar this Saturday for the Clean Lakes workshop. At Loomis at 9:30 am. Swarner Nature Preserves.

Mickey mention the sediment pond. The property west of the pond is owned by the Walden property Association. Dave will look into this.

Floor to Tom. Where is this pond? Survey about the Cook property, will this be sufficient to get our money back? Dave tried to explain the need that this is the last step. Tom asked about the roads. Dave mentioned in a perfect world that the Lowenstein Lane be closed, and everyone use Claussen.

Tom closed the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Attest:

Robert Minarich

General Manager

