

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Board Meeting

July 19, 2023

Board Members Present: Mickey Koehler, Walt Breitinger, Christian Anderson, Connie Hughes, Kyle Hauber, Michael Cantieri and Richard Tegt

Board Members Absent: None

Consultants Present: Alicia Barber, Dale Brewer, and Dave Hollenbeck

Audience: Jake Dammarell (BF&S), Jacob Ballah (BF&S), Tom Banaszak, Rolando Chilian

Mickey called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Public Participation- Tom inquired about silt worms on a property and loss of frogs in the area.

Jacob mentioned the survey done on Kettle Lake pipe pitch. Alicia inquired about the points on the survey and possible solutions. Some discussion followed around using a pump system. Connie commented wanting to do this right the first time because of what residents have endured with water damage in that area.

Motion to approve BF&S to prepare RFP and not to exceed \$5000. Connie motioned and Christian seconded. Motion passed.

Motion to approve last months meeting minutes. Kyle motioned and Connie seconded. Motion passed.

Motion to approve financial claims and statements. Kyle motioned and Christian seconded. Motion passed.

Richard suggested collecting a higher interest on the funds. Dale suggested wanting to use Trust of Indiana.

Motion to have Dale look into using Trust of Indiana. Christian motioned and Kyle seconded. Motion passed.

Dale presented the 2024 proposed budgets. Members inquired about line items in the budget.

Motion to accept the proposed budget. Connie motioned and Michael seconded. Motion passed.

Personnel- Nothing to report

Insurances- Michael received the insurance packets and will look into renewals.

Storm Water Management- Walt talked about attending the counties storm water management board. Mickey explained he and Dave are going to the next county commissioners meeting in August. Some discussion followed concerning the CIF.

Public Liaison- Nothing to report

Strategic Planning- Nothing to report

Engineering- Richard followed up with Dave about delinquent accounts. Alicia mentioned sewer accounts being delinquent and a possible solution. Some discussion followed. Alicia mentioned the minimum sewer charge. Dave responded to the cost of installing the sewer pipes. Mickey mentions the cost of upkeep. Alicia mentions examples of residents with water off and

still being charged sewer. Walt asked about other conservancy districts policy. Connie asked how the board could change the policy. Mickey requested Alicia research this issue. Mickey asked Connie to research and present a solution to the board.

Finance- Nothing to report

General Managers Report- Alicia updated the board on the storm drain cleanings.

Engineers Report- Nothing to report

Attorneys Report- Updated the board about the grant process ending. Dave mentioned VLACDs sewer agreement with the city. Dave and Mickey will attend the next storm water management board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Attested to by Alicia Barber

General Manager VLACD