

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Board Meeting

September 20, 2023

Board Members Present: Mickey Koehler, Walt Breitingner, 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: Leif Willey (Aquatic Control), Jim Anton & Mike Anton (Anton Insurance), Tom Banaszak, Mirek Skalski, Andy Anderson, Jay Costas, and Rolando Chilian

Mickey opened the budget adoption at 5:30pm

Motion to pass Resolution #4 Budget Adoption. Kyle motioned and Michael seconded. Motion passed.

Mickey closed the public hearing at 5:35pm

Mickey called the regular board meeting to order at 5:36pm.

Public Participation-

Tom mentioned recent rain issues on private property.

Bonnie and Andy inquired about sewer. Some discussion followed.

Jim Anton discussed and answered questions pertaining to the 2023/2024 property/building/equipment insurance policy.

Motion to accept the insurance policy. Christian motioned and Connie seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Jim mentioned the use of the building and insurance coverage.

Leif Willey discussed the LARE grant that treated Flint and Long Lake.

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

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

Personnel- Kyle mentioned the Personnel Committee meeting and 2024 raises and performance awards.

Motion to approve Resolution 23-6 employee pay raise. Christian motioned and Richard seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to approve Resolution 23-5 performance awards. Kyle motioned and Connie seconded. Motion passed 6-1.

Insurances- Refer to Jim Antons comments above

Storm Water Management- Walt discussed the Kilmer-Fraser properties

Motion to pass on Kilmer-Fraser properties. Richard motioned and Kyle seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Public Liaison- Mickey mentioned the use of the building, some discussion followed. Discussion tabled for a future meeting.

Connie mentioned a customers automatic payment issue that has been resolved by Alicia.

Strategic Planning- Nothing to report

Engineering- Richard discussed legal fees and questions.

Finance- Mickey and Dave discussed the water rate ordinance.

Motion to amend Ordinance 19-01 and adopt Ordinance 23-01 Water Rate. Walt motioned and Connie seconded. Motion passed.

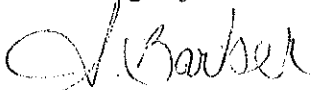
General Managers Report- Alicia requested board approval for the next VLACD Newsletter. Alicia discussed the meeting with Porter County and soil erosion permitting. Alicia mentioned the quotes received for a new generator.

Motion to award generator quote to Cliffs. Richard motioned and Michael seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Engineers Report- Nothing to report

Attorneys Report- Dave discussed the meeting with Porter County about future permitting. Dave mentioned Michael and Mikey will be up for re-election in 2024. Legal notice will be put in the paper. Each candidate will need five freeholder signatures from their directorship area on the petition. Deadline for petitions will be November 30, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.



Attested to by Alicia Barber

General Manager VLACD