

Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

Minutes of Meeting November 17, 2021

Board Members Present: Mickey Koehler, Connie Hughes, Kyle Hauber
Nancy Satterlee, Walt Breitinger, Christian Anderson, Rolando
Chilian
Board Members Absent: None

Consultants Present: Dale Brewer, Robert Minarich, Dave Hollenbeck

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Robin Scribailo, Randy Strosser, Celina Weatherwax.

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

Mickey turned the floor over to Mr. Scribailo. Robin gave a slide presentation showing the invasive and native plants, their growth depth and the various chemical used to combat the invasives. He suggested that our 2022 application for LARE funds should be \$16,000. VLACD's share at \$3200. The spring treatment should use Diquat to kill off the EWM and the Curly Leaf Pondweed.

A discussion then ensued concerning the violations of soil erosion at 504 Grandview Ave. Bob M. listed the three violations again. Ms. Weatherwax and Strosser was given an opportunity to justify the failure to correct the violations. Walt then moved to fine them \$500.00 for each violation to a total of \$1500.00. Connie seconded the motion. A quick discussion from Mickey about lowering the fines if repairs are made and Nancy agreed as well. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Mickey then moved to approve the claims and accept the financial reports. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Mickey reported that he has reached out to Steve Poulos about discussing buying sewer capacity if we get to annex new areas. He further reported meeting with Mike Novotney about opting back into the County's MS4 program. A Master storm water plan would be the first step.

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

Personnel committee – Rolando – Moved to accept the Resolutions 21-10 for 2022 Wages and 21-11 the performance awards. For the employees. Christian accepted it. Motion carried 7-0.

Insurance committee – Connie – Nothing

Stormwater Management – Walt – Talked about applying to the County for money to replace the failing septic tanks around the lakes to improve water quality. A letter was drafted and sent to the County Board of Health asking for their support of the idea.

Public Liaison committee – Nancy – Nothing

Strategic Planning – Christian – Nothing

Engineering – Nothing

The mini dredger was brought up. \$13,000 had been moved to purchase it. Rolando moved to buy it, Nancy seconded it. Motion carried 6-1 with Christian voting against it.

Resolution 21-13 was brought up for VLACD's \$6000 share to match OCRA's funding for the next round. Nancy so moved, with Connie seconded it Motion carried 7-0.

Manager's report –

Manholes good.

Brett working on Cardinal Lane water main easements.

The seawall permit was approved by ACOE's..

NISWAG is at The Town of Porter this month.

Matt and Nicole are taking water classes.

Numerous committee and other meetings.

Maintenance report –

Everything is running smoothly.

Grinder replaced at Judge Harper's house. Found three leaks in her line.

Body work done on the 2005 Sierra and the Vac truck.

2 samples taken and passed

2 meter change outs.

16 Delinquents

30 locates

5 seasonals.

Attorney's report – Dave –

Kyle's nominating petition was turned in and approved. Walt is still working on his.

Mickey moved to suspend the sanction against Tom Banaszak. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Mickey adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.

Attest: Bob Minarich