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**VALPARAISO LAKES AREA CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES**

October 15, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District met in the Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District Board Room at 1805 Burlington Beach Road, Valparaiso, Indiana on October 15, 2025, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Board members present included Christian Anderson, Kyle Hauber, Connie Hughes, Walt Breitinger, Michael Cantieri, Richard Tegt and Chad Kuehl. Consultants present included Alicia Barber, Dale Brewer, Chuck Parkinson, and Jacob Ballah.

Chairman Christian Anderson called the board meeting to order.

Christian made a statement as a response to recent claims being mailed to VLACD freeholders. See Attachment A.

Approval of September 17, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

- Kyle made a motion to approve the minutes. Connie seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of September 30, 2025 Executive Session Minutes

- Chad made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of Claims

- Connie made a motion to approve claims. Kyle seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

Resolution #25-3 Transfer 10% of unused appropriation from 2024 Budget to Rainy Day Fund

- Walt made a motion to approve the transfer of funds. Connie seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

Resolution #25-4 Performance Awards

- Chad made a motion to approve the Performance Awards. Walt seconded the motion with was approved by unanimous vote.

Resolution #25-5 2026 Employee Compensation

- Kyle made a motion to approve the 2026 Employee Compensation. Chad seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

HSA Amounts for Employees in 2026 \$750 Single and \$1500 Family. Pay ½ Jan 2026 and Pay ½ July 2026

- Kyle made a motion to approve the HSA amounts. Connie seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

Holiday Schedule 2026

- Kyle made a motion to approve the Holiday Schedule 2026. Mike seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

Attorneys Report

- Chuck informed one member of the board, Area 5 Walt Breitingers, term expires in February 2026. Nominations will be accepted November 1, 2025 - December 1, 2025
- Chad motioned to authorize the legal notice advertisement to be issued so that nominations may be received November 1st - December 1st. Mike seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.
- Chuck read the legal notice

Engineers Report

- Jacob Ballah informed Blackhawk Beach Road drainage study is being wrapped up, options will be available soon.
- Edgewater Drainage Study survey is scheduled for next month.
- Walt informed the board of personal work he is doing on the construction of a seawall north of VLACD's district.

General Managers Report

- Alicia requested 70/30 split with sewer and water payments.
- Alicia informed people came in about the seawall north of our district and she directed them to the proper departments
- A customer is getting flooded out by a neighbor's driveway and garage. Alicia informed that Porter County allowed that person to build that garage and it happened before our current Stormwater Permit. Alicia is seeking out options for the homeowner.
- Alicia informed that the metal plate across Calumet Avenue had slipped so she informed the City of Valparaiso and Porter County.

Walt informed about a hearing Oct 21, 2025, at Valparaiso City Hall, the Board of Zoning Appeals. The meeting will discuss rezoning of a large parcel of property which eventually drains into Listenberger Ditch. Walt is concerned about the stormwater management at that property.

Christian adjourned the meeting at 6:00pm.

Next regularly scheduled meeting: November 19, 2025



Attested by Alicia Barber, General Manager

BOARDS RESPONSE TO COALITIONS CLAIMS

CLAIM: "VCU is a full-service utility"

RESPONSE: VLACD is just as much full service as VCU. We have all the same appropriate staff and consultants as VCU.

CLAIM: "Contracting the water and sewer department with VCU will lower rates without annexation"

RESPONSE: What information can they provide to support that statement? None has been provided. It would cost VCU millions to purchase VLACD, plus take over operations within the district, thus costing VCU money/time/resources. Why would they do that AND charge less money to do it than they are already receiving?

CLAIM: "VCU rates are 40% lower than VLACD"

RESPONSE: This is misleading, it is a 38% difference on 4000 gallons, not everyone uses 4000 gallons. A minimum water bill (plus fire protection) for VLACD is \$31.69 and VCU is \$29.68, a 6% difference.

CLAIM: Rates apply equally to all customers – both inside and outside city limits.

RESPONSE: False. VLACD also has its own pricing from VCU separate from the other inside/outside VCU users. It is not equal rates for all. Damon Run Conservancy District Sewer customers have their own pricing managed through Valparaiso.

CLAIM: VCU employs full time engineers

RESPONSE: They also contract out just like VLACD does. It is not necessary to employ a full-time engineer when we can contract one when needed.

CLAIM: VCU responds quickly to emergencies

RESPONSE: As does VLACD