

# Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

## Minutes of Meeting September 19, 2018

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

Board Members Absent: Nancy Satterlee

Consultants Present: Dale Brewer, David Hollenbeck, Robert Minarich

Audience: Tom Banaszak, Gay and Judy Engle, Lisa Wardell

Tom called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Mickey moved to accept the minutes. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mickey to approve the budget, tax rate and levies for both the general fund and CCIF. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

Mickey then moved to approve the claims and accept the financial reports. Tom seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

### General Manager's Report

Manholes are good. 6 foot cleaned.

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

Hillcrest Lift Station bid tabulations quotes. Sent out 4 requests two begged off. Gasvoda and Ferguson did return a quote. Gasvoda quotes \$109,808 but using replacement 15 hp pumps. Ferguson quotes 10 hp pumps that are more efficient and deliver 100 gpm more pumping at \$58965.20 add \$500 per pump to go to 15 hp. Bob's recommended the quote from Ferguson. Discussion about paying times. Tom wants to go ahead and order it and figure out how to pay it with an appropriation to reimburse the sewer account. Connie moved to accept the Ferguson quote. Rolando seconded it. Christian questioned the use of 15 hp for the future. Walt also questioned 4 companies. Very limited number of companies mainly shoot offs of Gasvoda. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Walt abstaining.

MS4 renewal notice in.

Copper and lead samples are in.

HAA5 and TTHM samples are in.

Generator ordered for Hillcrest lift was miss named and should be before Ostedt lift.

HR manuals are close.

Home on Grandview that had soil erosion problems. Letter sent to owner and apologized, contractor called as well sounds like they fell in line. Will inspect as soon as possible,

Beaver deceiver forms found on line. The drain Flint Lake Garden Terrace may not be owned by the County and really be the developer.

2 filing cabinets came in, one for MS4 which had gotten out of control.

I Cloud going live Nov. 1.

Alex Mefford hired for the field tech employee opening.

Tier II study in for Milfoil in August on Long Lake.

NISWAG in Hobart Community building on Lake George.

Dave mentioned a meeting he attended and got 2 placemats with aquatic plants listed also showing invasives.

Matt's report

Leak on 600 North. Galvanized all replaced.

Repairing rust holes on GMC Sierra around wheel wells.

Still cleaning beaver dams often.

20 delinquents, no seasonal turn offs, 25 locates.

Accounts receivable report - nothing

Committee Reports

Personnel

Tom – will meet soon.

Insurance Report

Rolando – met about Anton's proposal. New numbers \$200 more on existing plan.

Committee recommended staying with BC/BS. Rolando moved to accept Anton's quote. Tom seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

Environmental Committee

Christian – met and discussed the Nature Greenway. Retention pond needs to be expanded and dredged. Pathways not in areas where they are shown. A possible look out could be built.

Maybe an island built. Couple of parking spots to be built. Marking trees and remove invasive species and work with other environmental groups. Walt asked about invasive species.

Christian mentioned Canary grass and talking to companies for advice and removing it. Dave suggested that a master plan might be the best way to go if we would look for grants.

Liaison Committee

Connie – Nothing

Strategic Planning Committee

Nancy - None

Engineering Committee

Walt- none

Accounts receivable report - nothing

No engineering report.

Attorney's report

Working on HR with Dresila on a couple of items.

Revisiting the cost of the Walden Loop. Cost is to come down due to amount of pipe used to \$133,000. Still waiting for finalizing plans and specifications.

Burlington Beach Road drainage project – Kettle Lake situation and sediment pond. Poulos seems to want to help with these projects.

Still working on delinquent write-off list.

Dave brought up Emerald Pond again after Mickey talked to Mr. Wagner. Mickey said that \$200K is still the price and that that kind of money may not be easy to get together.

There is an agreement on the conservation easement but need to talk to the homeowners to use Claussen Lane.

Walt mentioned that a friend of his claimed the cost of water is too much and gets shut off if only 28 days late and for \$90. Several options were presented to deal with this customer.

Tom called on a visitor about homes on Lowenstein. She owns the property that the bypass road would go on and was concerned. She will provide her contact information to Dave to keep her in the loop if anything might change.

Tom gave the floor to the Engle's. Had a high-water consumption. Talked with field employees and had tablets to check toilets. Did not help. Meter checked no help. Talked to Bob and asked if they had a water softener. They went back and found the leak due to a stuck softener. They asked for forgiveness on their usage since they were not notified about their leak. Tom referred this to the public liaison committee.

Floor to Tom. Lowenstein Lane again. People have right to ingress/egress. Next the pond area needing dredging west of Lowenstein, then the sediment pond needing dredging. It's the city's silt. Why did Poulos call? Dave explained that he was looking for options to help with the drainage. Continued on with Flint Lake Elementary, Emerald Pond, etc.

Tom closed the meeting at 6: 41 pm.

Attest:

Robert Minarich  
General Manager

