

# Valparaiso Lakes Area Conservancy District

## Minutes of Meeting September 16, 2020

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

Board Members Absent: none

Consultants Present: Dale Brewer, Robert Minarich, Dave Hollenbeck

Audience: Tom Banaszak, James Whitcomb, Anmliesjc Sandberg

Tom called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Mickey moved to accept the minutes; Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.  
Mickey moved to accept the budget for 2021. Tom seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Personnel committee – Tom nothing. Time to set up personnel reviews.  
Nancy moved to terminate employment for Jacob Copeland. Christian seconded it. Motion  
carried 7-0.

Insurance committee – Connie handed out the policy binders she just received.

Environmental committee – Walt talked about testing the silt/mud at the sediment pond.  
Quartucci said that fingerprinting is available along with dye. Quartucci will talk to Cardno  
(Ton Estrem) to get a proposal and cost. Mickey made a motion to have Bob get a quote on  
armoring the banks of Listenberger Ditch. Rolando seconded it. Motion carried 7-0. Mickey  
moved to have the fingerprinting done by Cardno. Dave recommended to get permission from  
the Urschel's to take samples. Connie seconded the motion of \$1000 for fingerprinting.  
Motion carried 7-0.

Public Liaison committee – Rolando read the Public Participation Guideline.

Strategic Planning – Christian nothing

Engineering – Nancy discussed the OCRA funding. Next item is the meeting on Friday at 3  
pm to open proposals. Then a public hearing on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup>. The 22<sup>nd</sup> will be interviews  
and the 29<sup>th</sup> we present our choice for grant administrator to the County on the 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at  
the County building.

## Bob's report

Manholes all good.

Niswag October 21st at Merrillville.

Awaiting Dave's approval on the engineering estimate for Loop #3.

Have arranged a meeting with Mrs. Fordham earlier today. Dave will report on this.

Talked with Mr. Hill about the deceiver on Long Lake. He wants to wait until spring to do this and explained any soil erosion outside the District's boundary are out of our jurisdiction.

Received another complaint about the old hotel on the island for sand on the beach and also burning of trees. I drove to the end of 600 and looked across with a scope but could not tell if sand was placed in the lake not did see signs of tree burning.

1<sup>st</sup> round of delinquent shut offs occurred with little problems. Only shut off 6 homes.

The TTHM and HAA5 samples were taken. We were allowed to lower the number of samples to one each.

## Matt's report

Odor block installed at Hillcrest Lift station.

2 samples taken and passed.

12 meter changeouts.

15 locates

9 delinquent

0 seasonals.

## Accounts Receivable – nothing

Attorney's report – 08-04 Resolution on Storm Water with the County/City.

Reported to Woodmere homeowner 's attorney Brian Hurley that the backyard flooding is not our problem.

Dave described Mrs. Fordham as very pleasant. She is willing to have our engineers look into adjusting the current route for the storm water 24" pipe from Kettle Lake. Mickey moved to have the engineers prepare the documents for a new route. Walt seconded it. Motion carried 7-0.

Midwest Mole needs to be paid \$3558.94 and retainage of \$6474.29.

Mickey moved to pay the \$3558.94 and get a new invoice for the retainage. Once the new invoice is received it can be paid. Connie seconded it. Motion carried.7-0.

Service disconnection for meter replacements is down to two.

Dave is suggesting the zoning be changed to help prevent anyone from taking over the property for development.

Jim Whitcomb and Mrs. Sandberg discussed the flooding issue raised by two more home being built near them again.

Suggested that the contractor be fined for not installing the proper request soil best management plans.

Tom closed the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Attest:  
Robert Minarich  
General Manager