



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

March 20, 2024

**BOARD OF
DIRECTORS**

Chairman

Christian Anderson

Vice-Chairman

Kyle Hauber

Members

Connie Hughes

Walt Breitinger

Michael Cantieri

Richard Tegt

Chad Kuehl

CONSULTANTS

General Manager

Alicia Barber

Financial Secretary

Dale Brewer

Attorney

David Hollenbeck

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 March 20, 2024, 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 and Dale Brewer. Consultants not present include David Hollenbeck.

Chairman Christian Anderson called the regular board meeting to order.

- The Board of Directors welcomed their newest member Chad Kuehl District II

Approval of minutes

- Walt made a motion to approve minutes from February 21, 2024. Kyle seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of claims

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

Approval of financial statements

- Chad made a motion to approve February 2024 financial statements. Richard seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

Reports from Standing Committees

- Personnel- Kyle Hauber – Nothing to report
- Insurance- Michael Cantieri – Nothing to report
- Stormwater- Walt Breitinger- Walt reported the complaint he received about beaver dams causing high water on Flint Lake.
- Public Liaison- Connie Hughes – Nothing to report
- Strategic Planning- Connie Hughes – Nothing to report
- Engineering- Richard Tegt - Richard made a motion to approve Wessler Engineering to begin work on Project 6.1.1 Blackhawk Beach Road Drainage Improvements. Kyle seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.
- Chad requested ID lanyards be provided to board members.

General Managers Report

- Alicia gave the field report

- Alicia informed the board of communication with City of Valparaiso about LAC cleaning out the Flint Lake outfall culvert on their property in an effort to help Flint Lake residents from flooding.
- Richard motioned for LAC to continue to clean the two 30” culverts on City of Valparaiso’s Water Treatment plant property. Walt seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.
- Alicia informed her intent to remove two 24” culverts on Flint Lake outfall property soon to stop the flooding issue. Christian suggested have a signed letter from landowner allowing us to perform the work.
- Alicia reported she was contacted by resident Stu Summers requesting that LAC add five tons of stone or recycled asphalt or crushed concrete using machine work and LAC employees to the apron of Lowenstine Lane and Burlington Beach. Stu offered to pay for the materials. Stu wanted it to be at least one car length from Burlington Beach on Lowenstine Lane.
- Richard motioned that the board inform Stu Summers that we will not be doing any work to Lowenstine Lane. Connie seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.
- Alicia mentioned that the City of Valparaiso is about to have a rate increase. LAC’s last water rate increase was in 2014.
- Walt motioned we contact Baker Tilly to perform a rate study for LAC Utilities. Mike seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.
- Alicia addressed Toms questions from the agenda. Some discussion followed.
- Jake Dammarell of Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. spoke about a general services agreement with VLACD. Some discussion followed.
- Richard motioned to accept the general services agreement with BF&S. Connie seconded the motion which was approved with a 6 yes and 1 abstained vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 17, 2024

Attested by Alicia Barber
General Manager