



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

**September 18, 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 September 18, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Board members present included Christian Anderson, Connie Hughes, Walt Breitinger, Richard Tegt and Chad Kuehl. Board members not present included Kyle Hauber and Michael Cantieri. Consultants present included Alicia Barber, Dale Brewer, David Hollenbeck, Adam Wilcox of Bakertilly, Jim Anton of Shepard Insurance and Jacob Ballah of Butler, Fairman & Seufert.

Chairman Christian Anderson called the board meeting to order.

2025 Budget Adoption Resolution #24-2

- Walt motioned to approve Resolution #24-2. Connie seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing Ordinance #24-2 Water Rates & Ordinance #24-3 Sewer Rates  
Presentation by Bakertilly

- Adam Wilcox of Bakertilly answered questions about the proposed water and sewer rate ordinance. Justin McCurdy asked about the difference in increase from city of Valparaiso, who is also increasing their water and sewer rates, and VLACD's increases. Adam explained that VLACD has to increase by slightly more to catch up on years of no increases, as well as inflation. Adam explained that the water ordinance was based on the overall operation of VLACD as well as Valparaiso's water increases, whereas the sewer ordinance is solely based on Valparaiso's Sewer increases.

Shepard Insurance Presentation

- Jim Anton of Shepard Insurance (formerly Anton Insurance) recapped the 2024-2025 Insurance plan renewals. The insurance plan has only increased by 1% this renewal due to VLACD's compliance with risk management recommendations.

Butler, Fairman & Seufert Presentation

- Jacob Ballah of BF&S explained that they are at 100% on design plans for Kettle Lake. They have now pulled together contract documents for bidding purposes.

Resolution #24-3 Performance Awards

- Chad motioned to approve Resolution #24-3. Walt seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

Resolution #24-4 2025 Wages

- Connie motioned to approve Resolution #24-4. Chad seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

### Holiday Calendar

- Chad made a motion to approve the Holiday Calendar. Connie seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

### Approval of Minutes

- Connie made a motion to approve minutes from August 21, 2024. Chad seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote. Walt mentioned he handed out a three-page article on Eurasian Watermilfoil at last month's meeting.

### Approval of Claims

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

### Approval of Financial Statements

- Chad made a motion to approve August 2024 financial statements. Connie 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 spoke about companies that can deal with Eurasian Milfoil. Walt spoke about EHD affecting deer in our watershed.
- Public Liaison- Connie Hughes – Connie requested beach and homeowner association contact information to add to our website.
- Strategic Planning- Connie Hughes – Connie plans to have a meeting in the future.
- Engineering- Richard Tegt – Nothing to report

### General Managers Report

- Alicia spoke about the deer in Flint Lake. Chad informed on the effects of EHD on deer in Porter County.
- Alicia read questions submitted to the board. Tom Banaszak wanted to know the status of the Lipman properties, Alicia answered Sept 2023 it was voted by the board to not go after additional properties. Second question by Tom was "Has the silt trap been tested this summer for E.coli?", the answer is no. Third question was about violations into the wetland. Alicia responded VLACD is in charge of stormwater and soil erosion and the situation is being monitored.

### Attorneys Report

- The letters have been delivered to the owners around Kingsridge North pond, regarding taking ownership of the pond.
- Dave provided property deeds the board has been seeking.
- The Shared Ethics Advisory Commission is having a meeting October 24, 2024, Alicia and Christian will be in attendance.

- Dave handed out the terms of office for current board members and spoke about the upcoming election.

Next Meeting: October 16, 2024

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alicia Barber". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Attested by Alicia Barber, General Manager