

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES  
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
Monday, February 6, 2023**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, February 6, 2023 via an in-person meeting held at the Chisago County Government Center, Conference Room 150B in Center City, MN and a virtual meeting with the following Board of Directors present: Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Mike Mergens, and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Todd McBride, Steve Paquay

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02, Lake Improvement District (LID) Board Director Gary Schumacher remotely attended the LID Board meeting on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6:30 pm via Microsoft Teams. Director Schumacher was seen and heard via electronic means and participated from 8840 98<sup>th</sup> Street, Road Unit C, Ocala, Florida, 34481, a location open and accessible to the public.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02, Subd. 3, persons interested in monitoring the meeting electronically from a remote location viewed the meeting through the Microsoft Teams meeting link.

Others present, attended the in-person meeting or virtual meeting at a location of their choice through a personal device (e.g., laptop, tablet, cell phone or personal computer). Each LID Board Director and others present were allowed to view documents presented during the in-person and virtual meeting via their devices and to participate in discussion through microphones located in their devices.

Also present: Administrator Ben Elfelt, Chisago County Water Resource Manager Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist Camden Droppo, Chisago Lakes LID Water Resource Specialist Monica Kinny, Chisago County Commissioner Marlys Dunne, Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. staff Greg Graske, Chisago County Soil and Water Conservation (SWCD) staff Casey Thiel, and three citizens.

The Chair Mike Mergens called the business meeting to order at 6:32 pm and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director LeVasseur offered a motion to approve the agenda for the LID meeting. Motion seconded by Director Behnke and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Mike Mergens, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None. **ABSENT:** Todd McBride, Steve Paquay

Director Schumacher offered a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda for the LID meeting, including a) Approval of Minutes: January 9, 2023, b) Financial Report and c) Approval of Invoice Payments. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke,

Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Mike Mergens, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None. **ABSENT:** Todd McBride, Steve Paquay

<b>February 2023 LID Invoices Received</b>		
<b>Invoice Detail</b>	<b>LID Budget Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>SWCD</b>	<b>Goals 1, 3, 6: Tech Assist &amp; Water Quality Report</b>	<b>9,490.00</b>
<b>Alliance (Lab)</b>	<b>Chloride Sample Invoice</b>	<b>18.00</b>
<b>Chisago County</b>	<b>Postage for Ballots</b>	<b>7.47</b>
<b>Monthly Expense Total</b>		<b>9,515.47</b>

The Chair opened the Citizen’s Forum at 6:37 p.m. No citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen’s Forum at 6:38 p.m.

### **2023 ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION RESULTS**

Elfelt reviewed with the Board the LID election candidates for Area 1: Mike Mergens, and Area 6 - At Large: Gary Schumacher.

Election results are as follows:

- Eight total ballots were received.
- Mike Mergens, Area 1 Candidate, received eight (8) votes.
- Gary Schumacher, Area 6 - At Large Candidate, received eight (8) votes.

Directors Mergens and Schumacher will continue to serve as the LID Board Directors for Area 1 and Area 6 - At Large.

Elfelt reviewed with the Board the process to administer the Oaths of Office for the LID. Commissioner Dunne administered the Oaths of Office for newly re-elected LID Board Directors Mergens and Schumacher, and for recently appointed Director Travis LaMotte.

## 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

Director Mergens reviewed with the Board on nominating Board Directors to serve as LID Board Chair and Vice Chair for 2023.

Director Behnke offered a motion to nominate Director Mergens to serve as LID Board Chair for 2023. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Mike Mergens, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None. **ABSENT:** Todd McBride, Steve Paquay

Director LeVasseur offered a motion to nominate Director Schumacher to serve as LID Board Vice Chair for 2023. Motion seconded by Director LaMotte and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Mike Mergens, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None. **ABSENT:** Todd McBride, Steve Paquay

Director Mergens reviewed with the Board on selecting Board Members to serve on the LID Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), North Center North Lindstrom Lakes Channel Maintenance, Planning and Budget, and LID Channel and Weir – Operations and Maintenance Plan Workgroups for 2023.

Director LeVasseur offered a motion to allow the LID Board to approve forming the following workgroups:

- An Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Workgroup of up to three (3) Directors (Jill Behnke, Mike Mergens, and Gary Schumacher) to meet and provide recommendations to the LID Board for 2023.
- A North Center North Lindstrom Lakes Channel Maintenance Workgroup of up to three (3) Directors (Meg LeVasseur, Mike Mergens, and Todd McBride) to meet and provide recommendations to the LID Board for 2023.
- A Planning and Budget Workgroup of up to three (3) Directors (Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, and Steve Paquay) to meet and provide recommendations to the LID Board for 2023.
- a LID Channel and Weir – Operations and Maintenance Plan Workgroup of up to three (3) Directors (Travis LaMotte, Todd McBride, and Steve Paquay) to meet and provide recommendations to the LID Board for 2023.

Motion seconded by Director Schumacher and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Mike Mergens, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None. **ABSENT:** Todd McBride, Steve Paquay

Director Schumacher requested the addition of an agenda item for the March LID meeting to discuss the possibility of creating a LID workgroup to review LID Bylaws and Election procedures.

Elfelt provided the Board with the January 2023 budget summary and stated that the budget was on track.

## 2022 ANNUAL REPORTS PRESENTATION

Chisago County, SWCD, and EOR staff provided a presentation on the Water Resources programs and projects implemented in 2022 within the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District, including Chisago County Lake Water Quality Monitoring, Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention, and Chisago County Water Resources.

## OLD BUSINESS

Elfelt updated the Board on the staffing schedule for the Chisago Lakes Home & Business Expo on February 25 – 26, 2023.

The LID Board agreed to postpone a discussion regarding the City of Lindstrom’s municipal snow pile storage near South Center Lake until the March LID meeting.

Elfelt shared with the Board several follow-up comments from Craig Wills, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, regarding the recently approved Green Lake Villa Water Appropriations Permit.

## STAFF REPORTS

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming Minnesota DNR Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Management Course 101.

Director Behnke offered a motion to allow the LID Board to pay registration fees for up to three (3) Directors and one (1) staff totaling \$300 (\$75 per person registration) to attend the Minnesota DNR Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Management Course 101. Motion seconded by Director LaMotte and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Mike Mergens, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None. **ABSENT:** Todd McBride, Steve Paquay

Wilson Witkowski discussed with the Board the opening for an alternate for the Lower St. Croix, Comprehensive Management Plan (1W1P) policy committee at large position.

Director LeVasseur offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion seconded by Director LaMotte and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Mike Mergens, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None. **ABSENT:** Todd McBride, Steve Paquay

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Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Benjamin Elfelt, Administrator  
Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District