

**APPROVED MINUTES  
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
Monday, July 11, 2022**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 11, 2022 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, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher and Steve Paquay. **ABSENT:** None

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02, Lake Improvement District (LID) Board member Steve Paquay remotely attended the LID Board meeting on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 6:30 pm via Microsoft Teams. LID Board member Paquay was seen and heard via electronic means and participated from 11198 Eagle Ridge Court, Chisago City, MN 55013, 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 Jerry Spetzman, Chisago County Water Resource Manager Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Chisago County Commissioners Chris DuBose, Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. staff Greg Graske and one resident.

The Chair Mike Mergens called the business meeting to order at 6:30 pm and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Director Behnke offered a motion to approve the items on Consent Agenda for the LID meeting, including a) Approval of Minutes: June 6, 2022, b) Financial Report and c) Approval of Invoice Payments. Motion seconded by Director Schumacher and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none.

Invoice Payments Include:

Capitol Scientific	Petri dishes for water quality monitoring.	108.16
Capitol Scientific	Filter paper for water quality monitoring.	347.51
Chisago SWCD	Land Use Practices, Matching Funds - Project Installation - Schultz (\$6,000), Radeke (\$6,000), Weiss (\$6,000), Reid (\$9,900). Total project cost for all four projects: \$104,230.	27,900.00
Chisago SWCD	Land Use Practices, Matching Funds - Technical Assistance.	8,710.00
Chisago SWCD	Shorelines, Lakeshore and Urban Restoration Technical Assistance - (Alm, Maine, Runte, Weiss, Hanson, Kellum, Rueter, Hastings).	5,850.00
Chisago SWCD	Shorelines, Landowner Cost Share Program - Alm (\$783.97), Weiss (\$1,500). Total project cost for all projects: \$9,488.97.	2,283.97
EOR	Channel and weir maintenance - clean out of 7-culverts, spring channel and weir inspection report, communication with Jerry, review of Board packet.	1,534.50
EOR	Mileage - Reimbursable.	38.03
EOR	Attend Board Meeting on May 2, 2022.	250.00
<b>Monthly Expense Total</b>		<b>47,022.17</b>

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:33 p.m. No citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:34 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Director Behnke and Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the hiring of the New LID Administrator. Ben Elfelt will start his new position with Chisago County on August 1, 2022.

Spetzman, Director Mergens and Schumacher reviewed with the Board the Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership requests from the Center Lakes Association, Green Lake Association and Pioneer Lake Homeowners Association.

- Center Lakes Association requests treatment of 13 acres of Eurasian watermilfoil in South Center Lake in the amount of \$3,978.00.
- Green Lake Association requests treatment of 42 acres of curly-leaf pondweed and 68.8 acres of Eurasian watermilfoil in Big and Little Green Lakes in the total amount of \$10,817.00.
- Pioneer Lake Homeowners Association requests treatment of 11 acres of curly-leaf pondweed and Eurasian watermilfoil in Pioneer Lake in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to recommend that the LID Board approve funding up to \$3,978.00, \$10,817.00 and \$1,000.00 for treatment of curly-leaf pondweed and/or Eurasian watermilfoil at South Center Lake, Big and Little Green Lakes, and Pioneer Lake, respectively, for the 2022 Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership applications from the Center Lakes.

Green Lake and Pioneer Lake Homeowners Associations. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the recommendations from the LID Planning and Budget Subcommittee from their meeting on June 9, 2022 for the Draft 2023 Water Resource Management Plan.

Director Behnke offered a motion to allow the LID Board to approve the 2023 Draft Water Resource Management Plan and recommend for approval by the Chisago County Board of Commissioners. Motion seconded by Director Paquay and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the recommendations from the LID Planning and Budget Subcommittee for the Draft 2023 LID Budget.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to allow the LID Board to approve the 2023 Draft LID Budget moving Goal 8: Aquatic Invasive Species, Objective 1, Lake Association Partnerships and Objective 4, Survey Aquatic Plants/Animal Monitoring from Reserve to Levy spending and recommend for approval by the Chisago County Board of Commissioners. This will result in a 2023 LID annual levy increase of \$36,000.00. Motion seconded by Director McBride and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Spetzman updated the Board on the Section 319 Small Watershed Focus Grant received by the Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) for the Green Lake Watershed and the Chisago Lakes Chain of Lakes watersheds.

Spetzman updated the Board on holding an upcoming fall LID and Chisago SWCD tour; date to be determined.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board on placing the LID display, along with Lake Association information, at the Chisago City Ki-Chi-Saga Days festival from August 20 – 21, 2022.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to allow the LID Board to approve funding up to \$65.00 to place the LID Booth at the Chisago City Ki-Chi-Saga Days festival (\$65.00 in total registration fees). Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Wilson Witkowski reviewed the Board the request for funding from the Chisago County Children's Water Festival Planning Committee and needing volunteers for the event on September 22, 2022, at Wild Mountain in Taylors Falls, MN.

Director Behnke offered a motion to recommend that the LID Board approve funding \$1,000 towards the Chisago County Children's Water Festival on September 22, 2022 at Wild Mountain in Taylors Falls, MN. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Spetzman and Director Mergens updated the Board on the LID display at the Lindstrom Karl Oskar Days and Harmony in the Park – Lakes Appreciation Night on July 6, 2022.

Wilson Witkowski, Spetzman, Director Kinny and Mergens updated the Board on the Lindstrom Karl Oskar Days LID/Lake Association display and booth on July 6 – 11, 2022.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the status of the requests for quotes to complete surveys in the NC NL channel and right of entry agreements for property owners located along the NC NL channel. The Chisago County Surveyor is willing to help complete the surveys if needed.

## **STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS**

### Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Program

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Chisago County AIS program for 2022, including watercraft inspections and decontaminations, Zebra mussel veliger and spiny waterflea monitoring, Zebra Mussel Monitoring plates, the upcoming Aquatic Plant Identification Workshop on August 4, 2022), Starry Trek on August 20, 2022, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – Take the AIS Pledge, the University of Minnesota wake surf research, and the DNR Infested Waters list updates.

Director LeVasseur offered a motion to allow the LID Board to pay registration fees for up to three Directors and one Staff totaling \$240 (\$60 per person registration) to attend the Aquatic Plant Identification Workshop on August 4, 2022. Motion seconded by Director Schumacher and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

### Chisago County Water Resources

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Chisago County Water Resources activities, including updates on the Adopt-a-Drain program in the county, the recent donation of land located in Rush City near the St. Croix River to the DNR, the upcoming St. Croix River Workshop on the Water 2022 on July 20, 2022, and Lower St. Croix, Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (1W1P) planning activities.

Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc. (EOR)

Greg Grasko, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., updated the Board on recent lake levels for the LID, upcoming aquatic plant point-intercept surveys on Lake Ellen and Emily and Swamp Lake, and the water quality of School Lake, as noticed on a recent canoe trip of the lake.

Director Behnke offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion seconded by Director McBride and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

  
Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest:   
Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager