

**APPROVED MINUTES  
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
Monday, January 6, 2020**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, January 6, 2020 at the Chisago County Government Center, Conference Room 150B in Center City, MN with the following Board of Directors present: Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Rob Sandgren. **ABSENT:** Gary Schumacher

Also present: Administrator Jerry Spetzman, Chisago County Water Resource Manager Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Chisago County Commissioner Chris DuBose, Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. staff Greg Graske, and 4 citizens.

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

Director Anastasi offered a motion to approve the agenda for the Lake Improvement District (LID) meeting. Motion seconded by Director Kinny and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Rob Sandgren. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Gary Schumacher

Director Anastasi offered a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2019 LID Board meeting, as amended. Motion seconded by Director Kinny and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Rob Sandgren. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Gary Schumacher

Spetzman provided the Board with the December 2019 year-to-date budget summary and stated that the budget was on track.

Director Behnke offered a motion to approve payment of the following invoices:

Chisago Lakes Home & Business Expo	Registration payment for the LID and Lake Association booth for the Chisago Lakes Home & Business Expo on February 29 - March 1, 2020.	225.00
EOR - November 2019	Lake Ellen Weir repairs and clear trail to Ivywood Weir, review of County Road 19 water level elevations and flood extents - draft response to County regarding culvert (send to Jerry), communication with Jerry, review of board packet and prep for meeting.	1,080.25
EOR - November 2019	Mileage and Postage - reimbursable.	11.02
EOR - November 2019	Attend Board meeting on November 4, 2019.	250.00
EOR - December 2019	Memo regarding summary of 2019 Channel and Weir operations, summarize lessons learned and future plan change	2,259.75

	recommendations, communication with Jerry, review of board packet and prep for meeting, review NC-NL subcommittee meeting minutes and follow-up items/next steps, year-end review and 2020 planning.	
EOR - December 2019	Carp management coordination.	484.25
EOR - December 2019	Attend Board meeting on December 2, 2019.	250.00
Chisago SWCD	Water Quality - Lake Water Quality Monitoring Report - 2019 Lake Monitoring Report.	422.50
Chisago SWCD	Shorelines, Lakeshore and Urban Restoration Technical Assistance (Jaehnke and Bachman).	845.00
Chisago SWCD	Land Use Practices, Matching Funds - Install Projects FY 18 - City of Lindstrom Enhanced Street Sweeping.	2,450.00
Chisago SWCD	Land Use Practices, Best Management Practices Maintenance (Supplies \$3,396.56, Seasonal Employees \$4,809.02, Employees Mileage \$731.50).	8,937.08
<b>Monthly Expense Total</b>		<b>17,214.85</b>

Motion seconded by Director Sandgren and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Rob Sandgren. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Gary Schumacher

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:36 p.m. No citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:36 p.m.

## NEW BUSINESS

Spetzman and DuBose updated the Board on the recent response from the Chisago County Attorney's Office that the LID is under the authority of the Chisago County Board of Commissioners and cannot become a signatory organization in the Lower St. Croix, One Watershed One Plan process and upcoming final agreement.

Spetzman updated the Board on the approval of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Aquatic Plant Management Permit Application for the North Center North Lindstrom Lakes Channel Maintenance.

Spetzman, Wilson Witkowski and Graske reviewed with the Board the minutes from the Aquatic Invasive Species Subcommittee meeting held on December 23, 2019 and the possible harvesting of carp on Green and Little Green Lakes.

Director Anastasi offered a motion to recommend that the LID Board encourage the local commercial angler to remove carp from Green and Little Green Lakes this year and consider installing radio tags in the 2020 open water season. Motion seconded by Director Behnke and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Rob Sandgren. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Gary Schumacher

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the permit applications required from the Minnesota Department of Transportation to install a barrier on the culverts located under Highway 8 between Little Green Lake and Lake Ellen and between Kroon and Chisago Lakes.

Director Sandgren offered a motion to recommend that the LID Board acquire the required permit applications to install carp barriers between Little Green and Lake Ellen and Kroon and Chisago Lakes. Motion seconded by Director Kinny and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Rob Sandgren. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Gary Schumacher

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the Minnesota DNR, Hinckley Area Fisheries Office Newsletter Winter for 2019 – 2020.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the request for garbage/recycling dumpsters needed for cleanup of area lakes when the MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requires the removal of icehouses from area lakes.

Director Behnke offered a motion to allow the LID Board to fund up to \$250.00 to place garbage and recycling bins at four public water accesses within the Chisago Lakes Chain of Lakes Watershed for disposal of unwanted materials during cleanup for 2020 on the weekend the MN Department of Natural Resources requires the removal of icehouses from area lakes. Motion seconded by Director Sandgren and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Rob Sandgren. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Gary Schumacher

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Spetzman updated the Board on the upcoming LID Board Election on February 3, 2020 and Board of Directors Vacancy Announcement for Area 3 and Area 4. Area 3 candidates that have submitted an application include Jeff Fink and Margaret LeVasseur. Area 4 candidates that have submitted an application include Shawn Dunne and Steven Paquay.

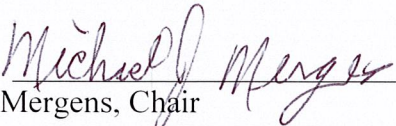
Spetzman updated the Board on the upcoming LID Board Annual Meeting on February 3, 2020.

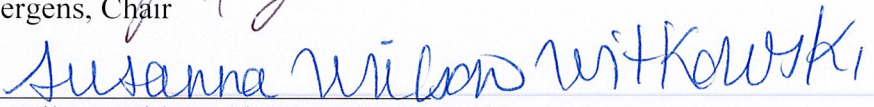
## **STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS**

### Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc. (EOR)

Greg Graska, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., updated the Board on developing summary information and lessons learned from the high water levels that occurred in 2019 that will be attached to the 2016 Channel and Weir – Operations and Maintenance Plan.

Director Sandgren offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Motion seconded by Director Anastasi and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Rob Sandgren. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Gary Schumacher

  
Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest:   
Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager