

**APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, February 3, 2020**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, February 3, 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, Rob Sandgren, and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** none

Also present: Environmental Services Director Kurt Schneider, Administrator Jerry Spetzman, Chisago County Water Resource Manager Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Office Support Specialist – Land Services & Parks Diane Sander, Chisago County Commissioner Chris DuBose, Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. staff Greg Graska, Chisago County Soil and Water Conservation District staff Casey Thiel, and 34 citizens.

The Chair Mike Mergens called the business meeting to order at 6:52 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

LID Board election candidates Jeff Fink and Margaret LeVasseur for Area 3 provided a statement on their interest in serving as a LID Board of Director.

LID Board election candidates Shawn Dunne and Steven Paquay for Area 4 provided a statement on their interest in serving as a LID Board of Director.

Director Sandgren offered a motion to approve the agenda for the Lake Improvement District (LID) meeting. 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, Rob Sandgren, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Director Behnke offered a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020 LID Board meeting. 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, Rob Sandgren, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Spetzman provided the Board with the January 2020 year-to-date budget summary and stated that the budget was on track. Spetzman reviewed with the Board the LID Water Resource Management Plan for 2020.

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

Chisago County Press	LID Board of Directors Legal Vacancy Notice	120.00
Chisago SWCD	Water Quality - Lake Water Quality Monitoring Report - 2019 Lake Monitoring Report.	552.50

Chisago SWCD	Shorelines, Lakeshore and Urban Restoration Technical Assistance.	325.00
Monthly Expense Total		997.50

Motion seconded by Director Paquay 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, Rob Sandgren, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

The Chair opened the Citizen’s Forum at 6:59 p.m. Three citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen’s Forum at 7:05 p.m.

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Spetzman, Wilson Witkowski, Casey Theil Chisago County Soil and Water Conservation District, and Greg Graske Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., provided a presentation on the Water Resources programs and projects implemented in 2019 for the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District, Chisago County Lake Water Quality Monitoring, Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention and Chisago County Water Resources. All information can be found on the LID website at <https://mn-chisagocounty.civicplus.com/364/Annual-Reports>.

2020 ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION RESULTS

Schneider updated the Board on the results of the Election for the Area 3 and Area 4.

Jeff Fink, Area 3 Candidate, received thirteen (13) votes. Margaret LeVasseur, Area 3 Candidate, received seventy-three (73) votes. Director Margaret LeVasseur will serve as the LID Board Director for Area 3.

Shawn Dunne, Area 4 candidate, received thirty-one (31) votes. Steven Paquay, Area 4 candidate, received fifty-seven (57) votes. Director Steven Paquay will serve as the Area 4 LID Board Director.

Election ballots submitted are as follows:

- Ninety-four (94) Total Ballots
- Sixty (60) Meeting Ballots
- Thirty-four (34) Absentee Ballots

2020 ANNUAL MEETING

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the LID Bylaws, Section D. Vacancy Appointments establishing “Vacancies created by resignation or other reasons...will be filled by appointment by a majority of the remaining District Board of Directors.”

Director Behnke offered a motion to allow the LID Board to approve funding a notice advertising the open At Large position. The appointment will be filled at the March 2, 2020 meeting. Applications are to be received by February 28, 2020 to the LID Board of Directors. Motion seconded by Director Kinny and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Director Mergens reviewed with the Board on nominating Board Members to serve as LID Board Chair and Vice Chair for 2020.

Director Schumacher offered a motion for the LID Board to nominate Director Mergens to serve as LID Board Chair. Motion seconded by Director Paquay and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Director Paquay offered a motion for the LID Board to nominate Director Schumacher to serve as LID Board Vice Chair. Motion seconded by Director Kinny and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

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 2016 LID Channel and Weir – Operations and Maintenance Plan Subcommittees for 2020.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to allow the LID Board to approve forming an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Subcommittee of up to three (3) Directors (Jill Behnke, Mike Mergens and Gary Schumacher); to approve forming a North Center North Lindstrom Lakes Channel Maintenance Subcommittee of up to three (3) Directors (Margaret LeVassuer, Mike Mergens and Gary Schumacher); to approve forming a 2016 LID Channel and Weir – Operations and Maintenance Plan Subcommittee of up to three (3) Directors (Monica Kinny, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher); and to approve forming a Planning and Budget Subcommittee of up to three (3) Directors (Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny and Steve Paquay) in order to meet and provide recommendations to the LID Board for 2020. Motion seconded by Director Behnke and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the LID Board meeting dates and calendar for 2020.

Director Kinny offered a motion for the LID Board to approve the LID Board Meeting calendar dates for 2020, as presented. Motion seconded by Director Schumacher and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

NEW BUSINESS

Spetzman updated the Board on the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Aquatic Invasive Species control grants available for 2020.

Spetzman and Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the new Metro Management Carp Workgroup.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the recent updates to the Minnesota State Noxious Weed List.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the staffing schedule for the Chisago Lakes Home & Business Expo on February 29 – March 1, 2020.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming State of Water Conference on April 30 – May 1, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the Lower St. Croix, One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) planning activities, Advisory and Policy Committee meetings and upcoming Stakeholder public input meetings on February 20 and March 2, 2020.


STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS

Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc. (EOR)

Greg Graske, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., updated the Board on the recent search for the location of carp in Green and Little Green Lakes by the local commercial fisherman.

Director Behnke offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. Motion seconded by Director Kinny and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none


Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: 
Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager