

**APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, March 2, 2020**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 2, 2020 at the Chisago County Government Center, Conference Room 150B in Center City, MN with the following Board of Directors present: Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, and Mike Mergens. **ABSENT:** Steve Paquay and 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 6 citizens.

The Chair Mike Mergens called the business meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Behnke offered a motion to approve the agenda for the Lake Improvement District (LID) meeting, as amended. 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, and Mike Mergens. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher

Director Kinny offered a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020 LID Board meeting. 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, and Mike Mergens. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher

The LID Board discussed revisiting the selection of Board Members to serve on the LID Board Subcommittees in 2020 at the April Board meeting. These subcommittees include 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.

Spetzman provided the Board with the February 2020 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 County	LID Postage.	65.70
Chisago County Press	February 3, 2020 Annual Meeting and Election Notice.	257.52
Chisago SWCD	Chisago Lakes Chain of Lakes Watershed - 2019 Lake Water Quality Monitoring Report.	2,990.00
Chisago SWCD	Land Use Practices, Matching Funds - Chisago City Enhanced Street Sweeping (Total Project Cost: \$2,500).	625.00

EOR - January	Review of annual meeting slides and prep for presentation, communication with Jerry, review of board packet and prep for meeting.	490.75
EOR - January	Attend Board meeting on January 6, 2020.	250.00
EOR - January	Green Lake carp project management.	377.50
Printing Express	2018 Water Resources Annual Report printing for 8 sets.	106.16
Monthly Expense Total		5,162.63

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, and Mike Mergens. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher

The Chair opened the Citizen’s Forum at 6:44 p.m. Two citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen’s Forum at 6:49 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

According to LID Bylaws – LID vacancy appointments, vacancies created by resignation or other reasons, including if nominations are not received at the Annual Meeting, will be filled by appointment by a majority of the remaining District Board of Directors.

Spetzman introduced the three applicants for the At Large Director position: Theron Drenckhahn, Dan Lydon and Todd McBride. Applicants provided a statement on their interest in serving as a LID Board of Director.

LID Board Directors Behnke, Kinny, LeVasseur and Mergens voted for one of the three applicants to serve as the new At Large Director.

Applicant Theron Drenckhahn received one vote. Applicant Dan Lydon received one vote. Applicant Todd McBride received two votes. Todd McBride is the new At Large Director.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the transfer of \$1,000 from Staff & Administrative Support: Objective 4 Gas & Oil 6561 and \$3,000 from Staff & Administrative Support: Objective 4 Truck/Boat Maintenance 6482 to budget code 619 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).

Director Behnke offered a motion to recommend that the LID Board approve the transfer of \$1,000 from Staff & Administrative Support: Objective 4 Gas & Oil and \$2,000 from Staff & Administrative Support: Objective 4 Truck/Boat Maintenance to budget code 619 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). Motion seconded by Director McBride and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, and Mike Mergens. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher

OLD BUSINESS

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR) preliminary list of lakes located in the LID and in Chisago County that will be receiving the DNR Aquatic Invasive Species Grants in 2020.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on a recent letter received from the MN Department of Agriculture regarding the Minnesota State Noxious Weed List and the reclassification of non-native phragmites.

Spetzman updated the Board on the MN Department of Transportation permit application for the Lake Ellen carp barrier.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the status of Chisago County's application for the 2020 Minnesota Department of Agriculture - Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Grant. Chisago County was not selected to receive the grant. Spetzman reviewed with the Board that the LID could use funds from Goal 8, Aquatic Invasive Species: Objective 1 Lake Association Partnerships to treat the areas identified as invasive phragmites in the roadside survey conducted by the St. Croix River Association in 2019.

Wilson Witkowski and Director Mergens updated the Board on the Chisago Lakes Home & Business Expo held on February 29 - March 1, 2020.

Spetzman and Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the Chisago County Press ad inserts for the Chisago Lakes Home & Business Expo on February 29 – March 1, 2020.

Director Kinny offered a motion for the LID Board to approve funding \$100 for a Chisago County Press ad for the 2020 Chisago Lakes Home & Business Expo insert. 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, and Mike Mergens. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher

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

Director Behnke offered a motion to allow the LID Board to pay registration fees for up to two (2) Directors totaling \$550 (\$195 per person registration and \$69 per person hotel) to attend the State of Water Conference on April 30 – May 1, 2020. 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, Todd McBride, and Mike Mergens. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher

Director Kinny and Spetzman updated the Board on the removal of garbage and recycling from area lakes during the weekend of February 28 – March 1, 2020 when the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources required ice house removal from lakes.

Wilson Witkowski, Spetzman and County Commissioner DuBose reviewed with the Board the Lower St. Croix, One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) planning activities. These activities include

the development of the implementation table, work plan, and appendix for Chisago County specific water related goals, updates from Advisory and Policy Committee meetings, and Stakeholder public input meetings held on February 20 and on March 2, 2020.

Spetzman updated the Board on the North Center North Lindstrom Lakes Channel Maintenance and the request for quotes for maintenance of the channel bogs. The deadline to receive quotes is March 28, 2020. The North Center North Lindstrom Lakes Channel Maintenance Subcommittee will review the quotes and provide a recommendation to the LID Board at an upcoming meeting to provide a final recommendation to the Chisago County Board of Commissioners for their approval.


STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS

Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc. (EOR)

Greg Graske, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., updated the Board on the projected lake level for Chisago Lake for 2020. Monitoring of the channel and weir system by Spetzman and Graske will occur each week during the open water season in 2020.

Director Kinny offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. 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, Todd McBride, and Mike Mergens. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher


Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: 
Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager