

**APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, April 2, 2018**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 2, 2018 at the Chisago County Government Center, Conference Room 150B in Center City, MN with the following Board of Directors present: Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, Rob Sandgren and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Joyce Anastasi

Also present: County Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Administrator Jerry Spetzman, County Water Resource Manager Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. staff Greg Graske and 24 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 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, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, Rob Sandgren and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Joyce Anastasi

Director Sandgren offered a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2018 LID Board meeting. Motion seconded by Director Schumacher and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, Rob Sandgren and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Joyce Anastasi

Spetzman provided the Board with the March 2018 year-to-date budget summary and stated that the budget was on track.

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

Chisago County Press	LID Board Annual meeting notice and Chisago Lakes Home & Business Expo ad.	334.00
Croix Valley Pick-Up	3 - 2 yd dumpsters for lake clean up during weekend the DNR requires ice house removal from area lakes.	250.00
EOR	Review Board packet and prep for annual meeting, communication with Jerry.	267.00
EOR	Board Meeting Attendance - February 5, 2018.	235.00
EOR	Coordination with Universities to develop cost estimates for carp projects.	486.00
Monthly Expense Total		1,572.00

Motion seconded by Director Paquay and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, Rob Sandgren and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Joyce Anastasi

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:32 p.m. No citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:32 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the prior work of the North Center North Lindstrom Channel Restoration Feasibility Task Force, whose purpose was to review possible options for re-establishing a navigable channel between North Center Lake and North Lindstrom Lake. Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. staff Graske provided a presentation and reviewed the various channel options as recommended by the Task Force. The LID Board discussed forming a Subcommittee to further discuss and review options for the North Center/North Lindstrom Lakes channel.

Director Sandgren offered a motion to allow the LID Board to request the County Board for permission to form a Subcommittee to review options to widen the channel between North Center Lake and North Lindstrom Lake. Motion seconded by Director Behnke and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, Rob Sandgren and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Joyce Anastasi

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the minutes from the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Subcommittee meeting on March 7, 2018. The AIS Subcommittee recommends including the entire channel between Chisago and South Lindstrom Lakes for the aquatic plant Point-Intercept survey that will occur on Chisago Lake in 2018. LID staff will collect calcium samples to determine the suitability of zebra mussel growth and development in all of the lakes with public water accesses located in the LID in 2018.

The AIS Subcommittee recommends completing carp population surveys on North Center, Bull and North Lindstrom Lakes in the fall of 2018. However, Universities have not responded to LID staff and Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. requests to conduct the surveys. The quote from Carp Solutions is not within the LID budget to conduct the population survey.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the options moving forward discussed by the AIS Subcommittee to install a barrier on the culverts located in Little Green Lake and Lake Ellen, next to Highway 8, to prevent carp from spawning on Lake Ellen. Spetzman and the Board discussed issues regarding measuring success of preventing carp from spawning, the effectiveness of reducing carp population densities, receiving permit approval from the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Natural Resources (DNR) to install the barriers, and concern from the Minnesota DNR Hinckley Area Fisheries office regarding on preventing northern pike from spawning.

Director Paquay offered a motion to allow the LID Board to approve the AIS Subcommittee recommendation to prevent carp from spawning on Lake Ellen and to work with the Minnesota Department of Transportation and Natural Resources for permit approval. Motion seconded by

Director Schumacher and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, Rob Sandgren and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Joyce Anastasi

Spetzman updated the Board that on the upcoming Bow Fishing Tournament on June 1 – 2, 2018. Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. (EOR) will prepare a report of the data collected during the tournament. However, EOR will need two to four volunteers to help measure, weigh, and record fish data. Spetzman updated the Board on the carp research article that the AIS Subcommittee reviewed entitled, “A Decade of Common Carp Research and Management in Minnesota.”

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming Joint Minnesota & Wisconsin Milfoil Morning Workshop on April 11, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board on placing the LID Booth, along with Lake Association information, at upcoming community festivals.

Director Behnke offered a motion to allow the LID Board to approve funding to place the LID Booth at the Lindstrom Karl Oskar Days and Chisago City Ki-Chi-Saga Days (\$130 in total registration fees). Motion seconded by Director Kinny and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, Rob Sandgren and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Joyce Anastasi

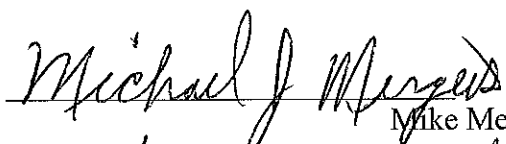
Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming activities organized by the St. Croix River Association and National Park Service in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway.


Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the contact list for the Chisago Lakes Water Trail.

OLD BUSINESS

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming AIS Detector training dates and funding available for five Chisago County residents to receive reimbursement for the training, first come first serve.

Director Sandgren offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 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, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, Rob Sandgren and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Joyce Anastasi


Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: 
Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager