

**APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, May 3, 2021**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 3, 2021 via a virtual Meeting with the following Board of Directors present: Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Todd McBride

Each LID Board Director, and others present, attended the 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 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 2 citizens.

The Chair Mike Mergens called the business meeting to order at 6:34 pm and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Director Behnke offered a motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021 LID Board meeting, as amended. Motion seconded by Director Kinny and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur and Todd McBride

Spetzman provided the Board with the April 2021 year-to-date budget summary, an overview of the LID historical budget and reserves, and stated that the budget was on track.

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

City of Lindstrom	Karl Oskar Days Booth Registration (July 7 - 11, 2021).	50.00
DC Anderson Construction	Channel and weir maintenance.	4,700.00
EOR	Field meeting with contractor to discuss spring channel maintenance work, meeting with DNR and Jerry to discuss channel maintenance and Chisago Flood Study, site visit to open Lake Ellen Weir, channel and weir inspections, pesticide	2,601.00

	monitoring discussions, prep for Board meeting, communication with Jerry.	
EOR	Mileage - reimbursable	116.48
EOR	Attend Board meeting on March 1, 2021.	250.00
Grainger	PH test strips for water quality monitoring.	90.08
Monthly Expense Total		7,807.56

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

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:53 p.m. No citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:54 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the minutes from the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Subcommittee meeting held on April 20, 2021. Spetzman updated the Board on the Subcommittee discussions and recommendations including obtaining quotes for Green and South Center Lakes carp population estimates, Pioneer Lake funding request, Chisago-Lindstrom Lakes Association request to fund channel areas and invasive phragmites roadside survey and treatment updates.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board on the 2016 Channel and Weir – Operations and Maintenance Plan Subcommittee Meeting held on April 22, 2021. Spetzman informed the Board that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) could not find the previous Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) modeling data. Spetzman and Graska updated the Board that the Subcommittee discussed widening the channel between North Center and North Lindstrom Lakes as a priority or changing the elevation in which the Lofton Avenue Weir is closed. Spetzman noted EOR will provide a summary of the process to review adjusting the elevations at which the Lofton Avenue Weir is closed or opened to attach to the 2016 Channel and Weir – Operations and Maintenance Plan.

Spetzman and Director Mergens updated the Board on the upcoming Center Lakes Association Spring Membership Meeting presentation on June 3, 2021.

Spetzman updated the Board on the recent article by the Board of Water and Soil Resources regarding the delisting of North and South Center Lakes.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board on placing the LID display, along with Lake Association information, at the Lindstrom Karl Oskar Days festival from July 7 – 11, 2021.

Director Behnke offered a motion to allow the LID Board to approve funding up to \$50.00 to place the LID Booth at the Lindstrom Karl Oskar Days festival (\$50.00 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, Margaret LeVasseur, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Todd McBride

Spetzman updated the Board on the current maintenance of the channel between North Center and North Lindstrom Lakes.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the recent lake level readings in the LID. The Minnesota DNR has calibrated all lake level gages in the LID and is in the process of confirming their calibrations.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the publication of Lake Level Readings information submitted weekly to the Chisago County Press.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to allow the LID to approve funding up to \$750.00 for publishing up to twenty-five (25) weeks of lake level information in the Chisago County Press for 2021. 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, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Todd McBride

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the LID Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring program for 2021.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming Chisago County Children's Virtual Water Festival for all Chisago County 5th graders on May 20, 2021. The in-person festival scheduled for September 17, 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19.

OLD BUSINESS

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program and upcoming Watercraft Inspections in preparation for fishing opener.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the Lower St. Croix, One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) planning activities, including the recently approved Work Plan and Budget by the 1W1P Policy Committee and upcoming Subcommittee meetings to select projects and funding activities for 2021 and 2022.

STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS

Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc. (EOR)

Greg Graske, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., reviewed the current water levels and outlet structure readings.

Graske updated the Board on the recurring issue of the clogging of floating bogs and reeds, branches and rocks in the seven culverts located near Swamp Lake in the fall of 2020 and spring of 2021. Spetzman updated the Board that county and EOR staff have attempted to clear the blockage, but the debris and rocks cannot be removed without mechanical means.

Director Kinny offered a motion to recommend that Chisago County Board of Commissioners approve a budget change request to allow the LID to approve funding up to \$2,500.00 from reserve funding to clean and complete maintenance of the seven culverts located near Swamp Lake in 2021. 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:** Todd McBride

Director Behnke offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. 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, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Todd McBride

Michael J Mergens

Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest:

Susanna Wilson Witkowski

Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager