

**APPROVED MINUTES  
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
Monday, May 11, 2020**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 11, 2020 via a virtual Meeting with the following Board of Directors present: Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** none

Each LID Board Director, and others present, attended the 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 Commissioner Chris DuBose, Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. staff Greg Graske, and 4 citizens.

The Chair Mike Mergens called the business meeting to order at 6:34 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. 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, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Director McBride offered a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2020 LID Board meeting. 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, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Spetzman provided the Board with the April 2020 year-to-date budget summary and stated that the budget was on track.

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

Chisago County	LID Postage.	65.70
Chisago County Press	Notice for LID Board of Directors vacancy appointment.	324.00
EOR - February	Download and review snowpack data, Chisago Lake Level calculations, Chloride monitoring methodology discussions, communication with Jerry, review of board packet and prep for meeting.	1,208.00
EOR - February	Attend Board meeting on February 3, 2020.	250.00

EOR - March	Review communication regarding NC-NL channel clean out, finalize 2019 channel and weir summary memo, spring channel and weir inspection and coordination, calibrate water quality sonde for LID's use, communication with Jerry, DNR and LID Board.	1,396.75
EOR - March	Mileage - Reimbursable.	31.63
EOR - March	Attend Board meeting on March 2, 2020.	250.00
EOR - March	Follow-up regarding potential carp harvest and WSB costs for tagging.	86.00
Printing Express	Printing of the Chisago Lakes Area Coalition of Lake Associations Water Resource Directory. Water Resource Directory.	189.06
<b>Monthly Expense Total</b>		<b>3,735.44</b>

Motion seconded by Director Behnke and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:52 p.m. One citizen offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:53 p.m.

## NEW BUSINESS

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the list of current LID Subcommittee members as approved by the LID Board at their meeting on February 3, 2020. 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.

Director LeVasseur offered a motion for the LID Board to keep the current list of LID Subcommittee members as approved by the LID Board at their meeting on February 3, 2020, with the exception of modifying the 2016 LID Channel and Weir – Operations and Maintenance Plan Subcommittee by adding Director McBride and removing Director Schumacher from the Subcommittee. The Subcommittees for 2020 include:

- **Aquatic Invasive Species** of up to three (3) Directors (Jill Behnke, Mike Mergens and Gary Schumacher)
- **North Center North Lindstrom Lakes Channel Maintenance** of up to three (3) Directors (Margaret LeVasseur, Mike Mergens and Gary Schumacher);
- **2016 LID Channel and Weir – Operations and Maintenance Plan** of up to three (3) Directors (Monica Kinny, Todd McBride and Steve Paquay);
- **Planning and Budget** of up to three (3) Directors (Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny and Steve Paquay).

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

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the request to receive remote access technology for LID staff members to allow them to work from home. Spetzman discussed with the Board that there is no objective identified in the current LID budget for technology needs, however, the LID Board could add an objective in the budget for 2021.

Director Behnke offered a motion to allow the LID Board to purchase the cost of two remote access technology packages totaling \$3,275.70 for LID staff to access the means to work from home. 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, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the AIS Subcommittee meeting minutes and discussion from their meeting on April 22, 2020. Spetzman reviewed with the Board the LID/Lake Association Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership Program for 2020.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to recommend that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners approve the 2020 LID/Lake Association Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership Program. 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, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Director Behnke offered a motion to recommend that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners transfer \$5,000 from LID reserves to Goal 8: Aquatic Invasive Species, Objective 1: Lake Association Partnerships for roadside phragmites treatment. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the Potential Point-Intercept Surveys for 2020 proposal.

Director Paquay offered a motion to allow the LID to complete aquatic plant point-intercept surveys on School and Pioneer Lakes for 2020 for a total amount of \$4,581 and include an additional \$600 in funding to Goal 8: Aquatic Invasive Species, Objective 4: Survey Aquatic Plants/Animal Monitoring to complete the surveys. Motion seconded by Director McBride and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board that aquatic plant point-intercept surveys will be completed on Little Horseshoe, Mandall and Ravour Lakes in the northern part of Chisago County in 2020.

Spetzman updated the Board on the installation of the carp barriers at Little Green and Lake Ellen Lakes and Chisago and Kroon Lakes.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the North Center North Lindstrom Channel Maintenance Subcommittee meeting minutes and discussion from their meetings on April 22, May 4 and May 5, 2020. Spetzman summarized the process to receive the Channel Maintenance Request for Quotes and the revised request needed for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources permit to have a 30-foot rather than 20-foot wide channel. Director LeVasseur summarized to process to review the quotes and obtain additional information. Director Mergens summarized the quotes received and costs associated with each quote. Director Schumacher reviewed with the Board that City Council permission is not required to use the public water access located at Linden Street for bog disposal.

Director McBride offered a motion to recommend that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners approve the proposal from Lakes Aquatic Weed Removal for the amount not to exceed \$38,500 from reserves for the maintenance of the channel located between North Center and North Lindstrom Lakes. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan Proposal and water quality monitoring lab estimates received for 2020. Spetzman reviewed with the Board the new conductivity monitoring, of which the results will determine the levels of chloride in the lakes that are part of the monitoring program.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to recommend that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners approve the 2020 LID Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan Proposal. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board on the Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring program for 2020.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the lake level readings for the LID for 2020. The Board discussed the 2016 LID Channel and Weir – Operations and Maintenance Plan Subcommittee reviewing the current lake level information that is printed in the Chisago County Press and adding a disclaimer regarding the calibration of the gages.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming St. Croix Virtual Workshops on the Water on June 3, 10, and 17, 2020.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the 2020 Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species Program that includes watercraft inspections, Zebra Mussel Watch program, zebra mussel veliger sampling, Spiny Waterflea sampling, Water Access Monitoring program, Starry Trek (August 15, 2020), an Invasive Species workshop, and AIS Detector Training that was cancelled for May of 2020.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Spring 2020 Department of Natural Resources Hinckley Area Fisheries Newsletter.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Metro Carp Management Workgroup meeting held on March 3, 2020.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the submittal of the One Watershed One Plan (1W1P), Draft Lower St. Croix Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan to state agencies and stakeholders for 60-day review. LID Board members have an opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Plan during the review period.

## **STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS**

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


Greg Graske, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., reviewed with the Board the Review of 2019 Operations - Lessons Learned document that summarizes the operations and maintenance of the LID Channel and Weir System that occurred in 2019.

Graske and Spetzman reviewed with the Board the recent inspection of the Lake Ellen and Lofton Avenue Weirs. Spetzman updated the Board on the 2020 Spring edition of the Chisago County Environmental Connections Newsletter regarding lake levels and protecting shorelines from erosion.

Graske updated the Board that landowner on North Lindstrom Lake has approached EOR requesting engineering information related to storm water activity affecting North Lindstrom Lake. Graske explained that he will not be directly involved with the project nor will the LID incur any expenses related to the project.

Director Paquay offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

  
Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest:   
Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager