

**APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, June 1, 2020**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 1, 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 Assistant Attorney Jeff Fuge, 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 6:35 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Paquay offered a motion to approve the agenda for the Lake Improvement District (LID) meeting. 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

Director Schumacher offered a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2020 LID Board meeting. 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 provided the Board with the May 2020 year-to-date budget summary and stated that the budget was on track. Spetzman reviewed with the Board spending from reserves for technology and aquatic plant point-intercept survey expenses.

Director McBride offered a motion to approve transferring \$600.00 from reserves to Goal 8, Aquatic Invasive Species: Objective 4, Survey Aquatic Plants/Animal Monitoring and to transfer \$3,275.70 from reserves to Staff & Administrative Support: Objective 3, Technology. 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

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

EOR	Channel and weir inspections on 4-1, 4-9, 4-23, and 4-30, open Lofton weir, boat inspection of North Center to North Lindstrom channel, draft and send weekly spring lake level updates to Board, respond to multiple questions regarding spring lake levels, review of North Center to North Lindstrom channel maintenance quotes, subcommittee meeting to discuss channel maintenance, communication with Jerry.	4,001.50
EOR	Mileage - Reimbursable.	217.95
Lindstrom Hardware	Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring supplies.	27.26
Monthly Expense Total		4,246.71

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

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:55 p.m. Two citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

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 updated the Board on the progress for the channel clearing project. These updates include communication with the City of Lindstrom regarding the compost site, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources regarding the permit received to clear the channel of vegetation and the Chisago County Sheriff regarding patrol of the channel during the project. The Board also discussed Lakes Aquatic Weed Removal project start date, the informational letter sent to property owners adjacent to the channel and sending press releases to the media.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the letter from North Lindstrom Citizens for Clean Water dated May 20, 2020. The Board discussed that the LID does not have regulatory authority to enforce Chisago County zoning or shoreland ordinances. However, LID cost-sharing funding is available for best management practices projects located along North Lindstrom Lake through the Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board that the Kroon Lake carp barrier was installed on May 29, 2020 and the Little Green to Lake Ellen carp barrier was installed on May 23, 2020.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the 2020 LID budget process and setting an upcoming LID Planning and Budget Subcommittee meeting date.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the Minnesota Department of Administration Data Practices and Open Meeting Requirements During a State of Emergency document and provided an update on technology options for future LID Board virtual meetings.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, May Water Talk Newsletter and high water levels fact sheet.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board lake level readings for the LID and the updated lake level reading information sheet that is submitted each week to the Chisago County Press.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Chisago County Slow-No-Wake Ordinance and lakes located in the LID that are currently subject to Slow-No-Wake restrictions.

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

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the Hook, Line and Sinker Program for 2020.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the cancellation of the Lindstrom Lakes Appreciation Night and letter from the Lindstrom Special Events Coordinator on the cancellation of Karl Oskar Days event for 2020 due to COVID-19.

OLD BUSINESS

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the 2020 Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species Program including watercraft inspections and the hiring of new seasonal Watercraft Inspectors.

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., discussed with the Board the 2016 LID Channel and Weir – Operations and Maintenance Plan and standards to open and close the weirs. The LID Board discussed developing a Subcommittee to review the reviewed with the Board the 2016 LID Channel and Weir – Operations and Maintenance Plan.

Director McBride offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 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, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Michael Mergens
Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: Susanna Wilson Witkowski
Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager