

**APPROVED MINUTES  
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
Monday, July 6, 2020**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 6, 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 1 citizen.

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

Director Behnke offered a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2020 LID Board 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

Spetzman provided the Board with the June 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:

CDW Government	Phone cases for LID staff cell phones.	73.80
Chisago County	LID Postage	7.50
Chisago County Press	23 weeks publication of Lake Level readings.	690.00
EOR	Weekly channel and weir inspections, drop off water quality monitoring equipment for Jerry, minor edits to channel and weir lessons learned memo, review board packet and prep for meeting.	2,340.50

EOR	Mileage - Reimbursable.	187.47
EOR	Attend Board meeting on May 11, 2020.	250.00
Lindstrom Hardware	Hook, Line and Sinker Collector supplies.	6.29
PACE Analytical	LID Water Quality Monitoring analysis - May 2020.	728.00
UPS	LID Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring shipping - May 2019.	36.43
<b>Monthly Expense Total</b>		<b>4,319.99</b>

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

The Chair opened the Citizen’s Forum at 6:38 p.m. One citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen’s Forum at 6:39 p.m.

## NEW BUSINESS

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the request from the Center Lakes Association for Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership funding request for treatment of 18.58 acres of curly-leaf pondweed in North Center Lake and 14.16 acres of curly-leaf pondweed in South Center Lake. The total request is \$5,708.32.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to recommend that the LID Board approve funding \$5,708.32 for curly-leaf pondweed treatment at North and South Center Lakes for the 2020 Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership application from the Center Lakes Association. Motion seconded by Director Paquay and, upon a 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

Bob Milam with the Green Lake Association presented the Board with an Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership request for treatment of 21.72 acres of curly-leaf pondweed and 52 acres of Eurasian Watermilfoil in Big and Little Green Lakes. The total request is \$10,076.40.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to recommend that the LID Board approve funding \$10,076.40 for curly-leaf pondweed and Eurasian Watermilfoil treatment at Big and Little Green lakes for the 2020 Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership application from the Green Lakes Association. 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, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the minutes from the LID Planning and Budget Subcommittee meeting on June 25, 2020. Spetzman reviewed with the Board the recommendations from the LID Planning and Budget Subcommittee for the Draft 2021 Water Resource Management Plan and

Draft 2021 LID Budget. Spetzman reviewed with the Board the excerpt from the March 4, 2018 LID Board meeting minutes describing the LID Board motion approved regarding requirements for reserve carryover.

Director McBride offered a motion to allow the LID Board to approve the 2021 Draft LID Budget and associated levy request of \$255,000, and recommend for approval by the Chisago County Board of Commissioners. 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, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Director Paquay offered a motion to allow the LID Board to approve the 2021 Draft Water Resource Management Plan and recommend for approval by the Chisago County Board of Commissioners. 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, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Director Behnke offered a motion to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2020, 2021 LID Planning and Budget Subcommittee Meeting. 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, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the North Center North Lindstrom Channel Maintenance Press Release that was submitted to the local Chisago County Press newspaper.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Hydrologic Conditions Report for May of 2020.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board on the preference to attend future LID Board meetings in person or via a virtual meeting. The Board prefers attending the August Board meeting virtually and further reviewing meeting options at the September meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the 2020 Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species Program including watercraft inspections, the upcoming Starry Trek event on August 15, 2020 and the completion of zebra mussel veliger and spiny waterflea monitoring in LID and Chisago County lakes.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the submittal of the One Watershed One Plan (1W1P), Draft Lower St. Croix Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan) to state agencies and stakeholders for 60-day review and comments to the Draft Plan and Chisago County Appendix. The next steps are submittal to state agencies in July for a 90-day review.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the printing of the 2019 Water Quality Monitoring Report and request for the Board to receive a digital or paper copy of the report.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board that staff have received the technology hardware in order to work remotely from home.

## **STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS**

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

Greg Graske, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., provided the Board with the report on the Spring Channel and Outlet Structure Inspection conducted on June 11, 2020. Graske reviewed the Recommended Actions, Suggested Follow up Items, and Minor Maintenance Items Completed as noted in the report.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 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

*Michael J Mergens*

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Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest:

*Susanna Wilson Witkowski*  
Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager