

**APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, July 8, 2019**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 8, 2019 at the Chisago County Government Center, Conference Room 150B in Center City, MN with the following Board of Directors present: Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Rob Sandgren **ABSENT:** Gary Schumacher

Also present: Administrator Jerry Spetzman, Chisago County Water Resource Manager Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. staff Greg Graske, and 4 citizens.

The Chair Mike Mergens called the business meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Anastasi offered a motion to approve the agenda for the Lake Improvement District (LID) meeting. Motion seconded by Director Sandgren and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Rob Sandgren **ABSENT:** Gary Schumacher

Director Behnke offered a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2019 LID Board meeting. Motion seconded by Director Kinny and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Rob Sandgren **ABSENT:** Gary Schumacher

Spetzman provided the Board with the June 2019 year-to-date budget summary and stated that the budget was on track.

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

Chisago City	Paradise Park reservation form for Fall LID Tour on September 25, 2019.	72.48
Chisago County Press	Chisago County Press (22 weeks of lake level reports starting May 30, 2019. 22@\$30 each).	660.00
Chisago SWCD	Matching Funds, Mitchell Project - Diversion (Total Cost: \$3,536.97).	1,000.00
Chisago SWCD	Matching Funds, Fredell WASCOB (Total Project Cost: \$20,774.35).	6,000.00
Chisago SWCD	Matching Funds, Chisago Lakes School District Structure for Water Control (Total project cost \$100,000+).	1,000.00
Chisago SWCD	Lakeshore and Urban Restoration (Zeman, Rueter, Osterberg, Minke, Alms, Ridge Point).	1,137.50
Chisago SWCD	Landowner Cost Share Program (Ridge Point Townhomes Native Planting, Total Project Cost \$5,000.00).	1,500.00
City of Chisago City	Ki-Chi-Saga Days LID and Lake Association Vendor form registration (August 17 - 18, 2019).	55.00

City of Lindstrom	Karl Oskar Days LID and Lake Association Information Booth registration (July 12 - 14, 2019).	100.00
EOR	EOR Channel and weir spring operations and high water concerns, site visits/inspections on May 2nd, May 9th, and May 30th, repair of shaft coupler at Lofton weir. Prep for and attend channel subcommittee meeting, communication with Jerry, review agenda and prep for board meeting.	2,756.50
EOR	Mileage, copies, prints and photos - reimbursable.	117.12
EOR	Attend Board meeting on May 6, 2019.	250.00
PACE Analytical	LID Water Quality Monitoring analysis - May 2019.	686.00
UPS	LID Water Quality Monitoring shipping - May 2019.	54.85
PACE Analytical	LID Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring analysis - May 2019.	441.00
UPS	LID Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring shipping - May 2019.	63.28
Wildlife Forever	Kare 11 Cabin Cast opportunity.	250.00
Monthly Expense Total		16,143.73

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

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:35 p.m. Three citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:47 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Bruce Meyer, Green Lake Association President, presented the Board with an Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership request for Big and Little Green Lakes treatment for curly-leaf pondweed (\$4,440.00), and Big and Little Green Lakes treatment for Eurasian Watermilfoil (\$6,754.78). The total request is \$11,194.78.

Director Kinney offered a motion to recommend that the LID Board approve funding \$4,440.00 for curly-leaf pondweed treatment at Big & Little Green lakes and \$6,754.78 for Eurasian Watermilfoil treatment on Big & Little Green lakes for the 2019 Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership application from the Green Lakes Association. Motion seconded by Director Paquay and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Rob Sandgren **ABSENT:** Gary Schumacher

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the discussion with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding adding lighting at the Chisago/South Lindstrom public water access. The DNR is considering the request for their next fiscal year.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the Minnesota DNR Hinckley Area Fisheries Spring 2019 Newsletter and the upcoming fish and lake survey schedule for 2019.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board on the LID Planning and Budget Subcommittee meeting on June 11, 2019. Spetzman reviewed with the Board the recommendations from the LID Planning and Budget Subcommittee for the Draft 2020 Water Resource Management Plan and Draft 2020 LID Budget.

Director Paquay offered a motion to allow the LID Board to approve the 2020 Draft Water Resource Management Plan and 2020 Draft LID Budget and levy request of \$255,000, and recommend for approval by the Chisago County Board of Commissioners. Motion seconded by Director Kinny and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Rob Sandgren **ABSENT:** Gary Schumacher

Spetzman and Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board on the LID Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Subcommittee meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2019. The Subcommittee discussed developing a fact sheet for the operation and function of the LID channel and weir system, purchasing AIS handouts for Watercraft Inspectors to distribute to boaters at public water accesses, the upcoming invasive phragmites treatment process and roadside survey, the Lake Ellen and Chisago/South Lindstrom carp barriers, and the Green Lake Carp Telemetry proposal.

Director Sandgren offered a motion to allow the LID Board to fund up to \$500 to purchase handouts for Watercraft Inspectors to distribute at public water accesses available by Labor Day weekend 2019. Motion seconded by Director Behnke and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Rob Sandgren **ABSENT:** Gary Schumacher

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming Lakes Area Coalition of Area Lakes, Lakes Appreciation Night on July 24, 2019. County LID staff will provide the LID display, the AIS display and the watercraft decontamination unit at the event.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming Chisago Lakes Phragmites Eradication Project meeting on August 7, 2019.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the volunteer schedule for the Ki-Chi-Saga Days LID/Lake Association booth on August 17 – 18, 2019 and encouraged LID Board members and lake associations to provide coverage during available time slots.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed the Board the request for funding from the Chisago County Children's Water Festival Planning Committee and needing volunteers for the event on September 19, 2019, at Wild Mountain in Taylors Falls, MN.

Director Sandgren offered a motion to recommend that the LID Board approve funding \$1,000.00 towards the Chisago County Children's Water Festival on September 19, 2019 at Wild Mountain in Taylors Falls, MN. Motion seconded by Director Anastasi and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **In FAVOR THEREOF:** Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Rob Sandgren **ABSENT:** Gary Schumacher

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming Fall LID and Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District Tour of water quality improvement projects on September 25, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the volunteer schedule for the Lindstrom Karl Oskar Days LID/Lake Association booth on July 12 – 14, 2019 and encouraged LID Board members and lake associations to provide coverage during available time slots.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program and Watercraft Inspections. Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming Starry Trek event on August 17, 2019 and registering for the intensive search for the invasive Starry Stonewort in Chisago County lakes.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the Lower St. Croix, One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) planning activities, Advisory and Policy Committee meetings.

STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS

Greg Graska, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., presented the Board with a Budget Adjustment Request to transfer \$8,000 from reserve spending and \$2,000 from funding Staff & Administrative Support, Objective 1: Contractor Meeting Attendance, to Goal 2, Ditch & Weir System, Water Levels: Objective 1, Maintain Ditch & Weir System. The budget for Goal 2, Ditch & Weir System, and Water Levels: Objective 1, Maintain Ditch & Weir System would increase from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

Director Sandgren offered a motion to recommend that the LID Board approve transferring \$8,000 from reserve spending and \$2,000 from funding Staff & Administrative Support, Objective 1: Contractor Meeting Attendance, to Goal 2, Ditch & Weir System, Water Levels: Objective 1, Maintain Ditch & Weir System. The budget for Goal 2, Ditch & Weir System, and Water Levels: Objective 1, Maintain Ditch & Weir System would increase from \$15,000 to \$25,000. The LID Board recommends for approval by the Chisago County Board of Commissioners. Motion seconded by Director Kinny and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **In FAVOR THEREOF:** Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Rob Sandgren **ABSENT:** Gary Schumacher

Greg Graska, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., provided the Board with an update on the recent channel and weir inspections in the LID.

Director Sandgren offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Motion seconded by Director Anastasi and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Rob Sandgren **ABSENT:** Gary Schumacher

Michael J Mergens
Mike Mergens, Chair

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