

**APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, August 5, 2019**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 5, 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 Gary Schumacher **ABSENT:** Rob Sandgren

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 26 citizens.

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 Anastasi offered a motion to approve the agenda for the Lake Improvement District (LID) meeting, as amended. Motion seconded by Director Schumacher 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 Gary Schumacher **ABSENT:** Rob Sandgren

Director Anastasi offered a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 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 Gary Schumacher **ABSENT:** Rob Sandgren

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

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

Chisago SWCD	Matching Funds, 2018 Match Eichten WASCOD (Total Cost: \$9,732.76).	4,000.00
Chisago SWCD	Matching Funds, 2018 Match Jensen WASCOD (Total Project Cost: \$15,357.50).	6,000.00
Chisago SWCD	Matching Funds, 2018 Match City of Lindstrom Newell Alley Rain Garden (Total project cost \$11,134.00).	6,500.00
Chisago SWCD	Shorelines, Lakeshore and Urban Restoration Technical Assistance Ridge Point and Olmschenk.	682.50
EOR	Channel and weir operations and high water concerns, site visits/inspections on June 6, 13, 20 and 27. Clean out of Lake Ellen weir on June 7. Review agenda and prep for Board meeting. Communications with Jerry.	3,799.50
EOR	Mileage - reimbursable.	182.70
EOR	AIS Subcommittee meeting, coordinating carp projects	781.25

EOR	Mileage - reimbursable.	46.40
EOR	Attend Board meeting on June 3, 2019.	250.00
Green Lake Association	Treatment for curly-leaf pondweed and Eurasian Watermilfoil.	11,194.78
Lindstrom Hardware	Supplies for water quality monitoring, lake level reading and LID display.	45.76
Lindstrom Hardware	Supplies for Hook, Line and Sinker collectors.	3.79
PACE Analytical	LID Water Quality Monitoring analysis - June 2019.	686.00
UPS	LID Water Quality Monitoring shipping - June 2019.	62.98
PACE Analytical	LID Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring analysis - June 2019.	441.00
UPS	LID Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring shipping - June 2019.	54.29
Monthly Expense Total		34,730.95

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 Gary Schumacher **ABSENT:** Rob Sandgren

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:35 p.m. Two citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:39 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Chris DuBose reviewed with the Board the issues and costs associated with removing the bogs located in the channel between North Lindstrom and North Center Lakes, including winter safety concerns and ice conditions affecting snowmobilers resulting from the bogs.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to recommend that the LID North Center North Lindstrom Channel Maintenance Subcommittee review the issues regarding the bogs located in the channel between North Lindstrom and North Center Lakes at an upcoming meeting. 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 Gary Schumacher **ABSENT:** Rob Sandgren

Spetzman and Greg Graske with EOR, reviewed with the Board the erosion of the shoreline located next to the County Road 20 Bridge located next to North Lindstrom Lake and the options available to restore the shoreline.

Director Behnke offered a motion to recommend that the LID Board recommend that the Chisago County Public Works Department and Engineer complete the project located south of the County Road 20 Bridge by rocking the shoreline and reinstalling the silt boom until the slopes and vegetation are established to prevent further erosion of the area. Motion seconded by Director Paquay and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR**

THEREOF: IN FAVOR THEREOF: Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **ABSENT:** Rob Sandgren

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the quotes received and options to remove the beaver dam located near the Ivywood Weir.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to recommend that the LID Board send a letter to the interested party the LID policies on beaver dam control and removal. 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 Gary Schumacher **ABSENT:** Rob Sandgren

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the recent request from the Chisago County Engineer to receive recommendations from the LID Board for water quality improvement projects regarding the upcoming Highway 8 expansion project.

Director Anastasi offered a motion to recommend that the LID Board form a Subcommittee of LID Board Directors Joyce Anastasi, Monica Kinny, and Mike Mergens to review and provide formal recommendations to the LID Board for water quality improvement projects regarding the upcoming Highway 8 expansion project. Motion seconded by Director Schumacher 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 Gary Schumacher **ABSENT:** Rob Sandgren

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming Aquatic Invasive Species Research and Management Showcase on September 18, 2019.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to allow the LID Board to pay registration fees for up to three Directors and one Staff totaling \$200 (\$50 per person registration) to attend the Aquatic Invasive Species Research and Management Showcase on September 18, 2019. 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 Gary Schumacher **ABSENT:** Rob Sandgren

OLD BUSINESS

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 Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program including Watercraft Inspections and recent Decontamination Blitz; the upcoming Starry Trek event on August 17, 2019; the new Water Access Monitoring Program, and the quote from Wildlife Forever for the handouts the LID provided for Watercraft Inspectors to distribute to boaters.

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 shifts.

Wilson Witkowski thanked the Board on behalf of the Chisago County Children's Water Festival Planning Committee for providing funding for the Festival. Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on needing volunteers for the event on September 19, 2019, at Wild Mountain in Taylors Falls, MN.

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.

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

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the July 2019 LID Update from the Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District regarding urban and agricultural best management practices, and Clean Water Fund Grant projects completed within the LID.

Greg Graske, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., reviewed with the Board on the Summer Channel and Outlet Structure Inspection conducted on July 11, 2019. Graske reviewed the Recommended Actions, Suggested Follow Up Items, and Minor Maintenance Items Completed as noted in the report. The LID Board discussed reviewing the high water conditions that occurred in the LID in 2019 at a future LID Board meeting.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. 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 Gary Schumacher **ABSENT:** Rob Sandgren


Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: 
Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager