

**APPROVED MINUTES  
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
Monday, September 9, 2019**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, September 9, 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, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **ABSENT:** Monica Kinny and 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 19 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, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **ABSENT:** Monica Kinny and Rob Sandgren

Director Kinny and Director Sandgren arrive.

Director Paquay offered a motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2019 LID Board meeting, as amended. 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, Rob Sandgren and Gary Schumacher **ABSENT:** none

Spetzman provided the Board with the August 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 County	LID Postage	1.30
Chisago County	Staff mileage.	159.92
Chisago SWCD	Shorelines, Lakeshore and Urban Restoration Technical Assistance (Jaehnke, Noren and Persons).	325.00
Chisago SWCD	Shorelines, Landowner Cost Share Program - Noren	489.23
Chisago SWCD	Shorelines, Landowner Cost Share Program - Persons	500.00
EOR	Channel and weir operations and high water concerns, site visits/inspections, draft summer channel and weir inspection report, review North Lindstrom Lake erosion concerns and provide input to the county. Review agenda and prep for board meeting. Communication with Jerry.	2,841.00

EOR	Mileage - reimbursable.	72.50
EOR	Preparation of Wallmark Aquatic Plant Point-Intercept Surveys 2019.	31.25
EOR	Preparation of North Lindstrom and other bays Aquatic Plant Point-Intercept Surveys 2019.	62.50
EOR	Coordinating carp projects.	62.50
EOR	Attend Board meeting on July 8, 2019.	250.00
University of Minnesota Extension	Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center Showcase Registration (September 18, 2019).	88.12
PACE Analytical	LID Water Quality Monitoring analysis - July 2019.	686.00
UPS	LID Water Quality Monitoring shipping - July 2019.	58.94
PACE Analytical	LID Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring analysis - July 2019.	343.00
UPS	LID Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring shipping - July 2019.	51.26
University of Minnesota Extension	Registration for Aquatic Plant Identification Workshop (July 25, 2019).	60.00
Wildlife Forever	Aquatic Invasive Species handouts for Watercraft Inspectors to distribute to boaters at launches in the LID.	460.00
<b>Monthly Expense Total</b>		<b>6,542.52</b>

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, Rob Sandgren and Gary Schumacher **ABSENT:** none

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:45 p.m. Eleven citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 7:15 p.m.

## NEW BUSINESS

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the minutes and the next steps identified from the North Center North Lindstrom Channel Maintenance Subcommittee meeting on August 26, 2019. Spetzman reviewed with the Board the required Minnesota Department of Natural Resources permits and cost estimates to remove and dispose of the bogs located in the channel. The Board discussed completing the next steps as identified in the LID Subcommittee meeting minutes from August 26, 2019, including developing a future maintenance plan specifically for channel maintenance.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the minutes and recommendations from the Highway 8 Improvement Recommendations Subcommittee meeting on August 14, 2019. Spetzman reviewed with the Board the letter addressed to the Chisago County Highway Department based on the recommendations from the LID Subcommittee meeting on August 14, 2019.

Director Anastasi offered a motion to recommend that the LID approve the letter to the Chisago County Highway Department, for the Highway 8 Improvement recommendations, with modifications identified by the LID. 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, Rob Sandgren and Gary Schumacher  
**ABSENT:** none

Spetzman reviewed with the Board on establishing a Subcommittee to review the 2016 LID Channel and Weir – Operations and Maintenance Plan and how it functioned during this year’s high water conditions.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to recommend that the LID develop a Subcommittee of Directors Kinny, Sandgren, Schumacher or Paquay to review the 2016 LID Channel and Weir – Operations and Maintenance Plan 1) to see if the plan needs to be updated, and 2) to review with Chisago County on culvert requirements for County Road 19 and any other issues that may need to be addressed. 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, Rob Sandgren and Gary Schumacher **ABSENT:** none

Theron Drenckhahn, South Center Lake lakeshore owner, reviewed with the Board on the wood debris and platform that is floating in South Center Lake. The LID recommends communicating with the Center Lakes Association to remove the wood debris.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming St. Croix River Association Best Management Practices Tour on September 17, 2019, the Comfort Lake – Forest Lake Watershed District Tour on September 21, 2019, and the Community Summit for a Livable Planet on September 22, 2019.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming St. Croix River Research Rendezvous on October 22, 2019.

Director Sandgren offered a motion to allow the LID Board to pay registration fees for up to three Directors and two Staff totaling \$225 (\$45 per person registration) to attend the St. Croix River Research Rendezvous on October 22, 2019. 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, Rob Sandgren and Gary Schumacher **ABSENT:** none

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Spetzman updated the Board on the erosion repair at the Chisago County Road 20 Bridge and North Lindstrom Lake.

Spetzman updated the Board on the status of the beaver dam located near the Ivywood Weir.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program including the Starry Trek event on August 17, 2019 and the new Water Access Monitoring Program.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the LID Booth at the Chisago City Ki-Chi-Saga Days on August 17 – 18, 2019.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on needing volunteers for the Chisago County Children's Water Festival on September 19, 2019, at Wild Mountain in Taylors Falls, MN.

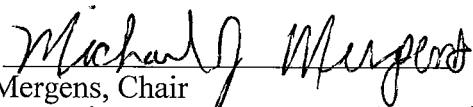
Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming Fall LID and Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District Tour of water quality improvement projects on September 25, 2019.

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**

Greg Graske, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., updated with the Board that the next channel and weir inspection and inspection of the reported Koi aquarium fish located in ponds near Kroon Lake will be on September 10, 2019.

Director Sandgren offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 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, Rob Sandgren and Gary Schumacher **ABSENT:** none

  
Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest:   
Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager