

**APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, September 14, 2020**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, September 14, 2020 via a virtual Meeting with the following Board of Directors present: Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Steve Paquay

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, and Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. staff Greg Graske and one citizen.

The Chair Mike Mergens called the business meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director McBride offered a motion to approve the agenda for the Lake Improvement District (LID) meeting, as amended. 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 and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Steve Paquay

Director Behnke offered a motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2020 LID Board meeting. 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 and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Steve Paquay

Spetzman provided the Board with the August 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:

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| City of Lindstrom | Dock section at Bull Lake in Allemansrätt Park in Lindstrom, MN. | 450.00 |
| EOR | Communication with Jerry on multiple items, review Board packet and prep for meeting. | 264.25 |
| EOR | Attend Board meeting on July 6, 2020. | 250.00 |
| Lindstrom Hardware | Stake for lake level gage located at South Center Lake. | 6.79 |
| PACE Analytical | LID Water Quality Monitoring analysis - July 2020. | 728.00 |

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| PACE Analytical | LID Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring analysis - July 2020. | 364.00 |
| UPS | LID Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring shipping - July 2020. | 54.16 |
| Monthly Expense Total | | 2,117.20 |

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 and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Steve Paquay

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:38 p.m. No citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:43 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the process to administer the Oaths of Office for the LID. Commissioner DuBose administered the Oaths of Office for Director Kinny.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the request for quotes for treatment of invasive phragmites located along the roadsides within the LID and the notification letters sent to homeowners and government agencies. The Board received no quotes by the requested deadline from chemical treatment contractors to provide treatment. The Board discussed postponing the invasive phragmites treatment until 2021 and beginning the request for quote process early in the summer to ensure obtaining quotes from contractors.

Commissioner DuBose updated the Board on the appointments, approved by the Chisago County Board of Commissioners at their meeting on September 2, 2020, to serve on the Lower St. Croix, One Watershed, One Plan Policy Committee. The appointments include one Chisago County Commissioner and two other potential at large appointees from Chisago County residents. Staff will provide additional information at the next LID Board meeting.

Graske reviewed with the Board the cost estimate from EOR to provide an interactive web mapping for the 2020 aquatic plant point-intercept survey data for Pioneer and School Lakes. The Board reviewed and discussed the cost estimate. The Board tabled the discussion, and recommended that the AIS Subcommittee provide further review and provide a recommendation at a future LID Board meeting.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board that the Planning Committee for the Chisago County Children's Water Festival postponed the festival for September 17, 2020 and rescheduled to May 20, 2021. The Planning Committee will continue to provide updates to the school districts located in the county, including teachers, presenters and volunteers that participate in the event.

Spetzman updated the Board on his application to the Chisago County Soil and Water Conservation District, Lawns to Legumes Demonstration Grant.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center Research and Management Showcase on September 22 – 24, 2020, the North American Invasive Species Management Association Annual Conference on October 6 – 8, 2020, and the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference on November 2 – 5, 2020.

Director Behnke offered a motion to allow the LID Board to pay registration fees for up to three (3) Directors totaling \$900 (\$10 per person registration to attend the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center Research and Management Showcase on September 22 – 24, 2020; \$195 per person registration to attend the North American Invasive Species Management Association Annual Conference on October 6 – 8, 2020; and \$95 per person registration to attend the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference on November 2 – 5, 2020). 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 and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Steve Paquay

OLD BUSINESS

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the minutes from the LID Channel & Weir Operation and Maintenance Plan Subcommittee meeting held on August 6, 2020 and the summary list of potential considerations to update the 2016 Channel and Weir Operations and Maintenance Plan.

Spetzman updated the Board on the review of the Aquatic Plant Management Permit for maintenance of the North Center North Lindstrom Channel.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the LID response to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency request regarding the citizen's petition from North Lindstrom Citizens for Clean Water to designate the City of Lindstrom as a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4).

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the 2020 Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species Program including watercraft inspections, the results from Starry Trek held on August 15, 2020, and the Decontamination Blitz held on August 28 – 30, 2020.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the Lower St. Croix, One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) planning activities. These activities include updates from Advisory and Policy Committee meetings, next steps and timeline for approval of the Draft Lower St. Croix Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan, and Chisago County Appendix.

STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS

Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc. (EOR)

Greg Graske, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., updated the Board on the Summer Channel and Weir Inspection held on August 20, 2020. Graske will provide a summary of the inspection at a future LID Board meeting.

Director Behnke offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 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 and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Steve Paquay

Michael J Mergens

Mike Mergens, Chair

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