

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
Monday, October 5, 2020**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, October 5, 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:**

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.

The Chair Mike Mergens called the business meeting to order at 6:45 pm and lead 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:** Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Director Behnke was present for the meeting but unable to vote due to technical difficulties.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 LID Board 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:** Director Behnke was present for the meeting but unable to vote due to technical difficulties.

Spetzman provided the Board with the September 2020 year-to-date budget summary and stated that the budget was on track.

Director Paquay offered a motion to make a budget transfer. Goal 4 Recreational Use Objective 2 Waterway Trail System transfer \$150 to Objective 3 Parks Adjacent to Lakes, and Objective 4 Special Needs Docks transfer \$150 to Objective 3 Parks Adjacent to Lakes. After the transfers, Objective 3 Parks Adjacent to Lakes has a total budget of \$450. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur, and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Director Behnke was present for the meeting but unable to vote due to technical difficulties.

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

95 Printing	Chisago County Water Quality Monitoring Report printing - 5 sets for LID Directors and staff.	167.50
EOR	Drop off water quality sonde for conductivity testing, review Board packet and prep for meeting, summer channel and weir inspection, LID Subcommittee meeting, review of operations plan, communication with Jerry.	2,227.25
EOR	Mileage - reimbursable.	47.73
EOR	Attend Board meeting on August 3, 2020.	250.00
EOR	Aquatic Plant Point-Intercept Surveys of Pioneer and School Lakes.	2,247.00
EOR	Mileage - reimbursable. Company vehicle mileage.	54.45
eventbrite - MAISRC	2020 Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) Showcase registration - Schumacher.	12.24
PACE Analytical	LID Water Quality Monitoring analysis - August 2020.	728.00
UPS	LID Water Quality Monitoring shipping - August 2020.	58.15
UPS	LID Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring shipping - August 2020.	57.05
<b>Monthly Expense Total</b>		<b>5,849.37</b>

Motion seconded by Director Schumacher and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Director Behnke was present for the meeting but unable to vote due to technical difficulties.

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 7:00 p.m. No citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 7:03 p.m.

## NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed maintenance of the North Center to North Lindstrom channel that took place in 2020. Maintenance included widening of the channel according to the approved DNR permit. The discussion centered on the LID's interpretation of the point at which maintenance could take place near the narrows adjacent to North Center Lake compared to the DNR's interpretation. The LID North Center North Lindstrom Channel Maintenance subcommittee will begin planning for 2021.

The Board discussed how to hold future LID Board meetings virtually as well as in-person. Spetzman and Wilson Witkowski will develop a process to present to the Board by the end of 2020.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Grant available through the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for 2021.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Spetzman updated the Board on the LID Channel and Weir Operation and Maintenance Plan Subcommittee meeting on September 22, 2020. The Board discussed having the Subcommittee review the minutes in detail prior to the Board reviewing them at the next LID Board meeting.

Wilson Witkowski and Director Schumacher updated the Board on the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, Research and Management Showcase held on September 22 – 24, 2020.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the 2020 Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species Program including watercraft inspections, the Water Access Monitoring Program, Zebra Mussel Watch and development of a new Dock and Lift monitoring program.

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

## **STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS**

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

Greg Graske, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., reviewed with the Board on the Summer Channel and Outlet Structure Inspection conducted on August 20, 2020. Graske reviewed the Recommended Actions, Suggested Follow Up Items, and Minor Maintenance Items Completed as noted in the report. Staff will close the weir during the fall channel and outlet structure inspection.

Director McBride offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Director Behnke was present for the meeting but unable to vote due to technical difficulties.

*Michael J Mergens*

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Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest:

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