

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**  
**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**Monday, June 7, 2021**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 7, 2021 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:** None

Each LID Board Director, and others present, attended the Virtual 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 Commissioners Marlys Dunne and Chris DuBose, Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. staff Greg Graske and 3 citizens.

The Chair Mike Mergens called the business meeting to order at 6:31 pm and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Paquay offered a motion to approve the agenda for the Lake Improvement District (LID) meeting, as amended. Motion seconded by Director Behnke 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:** none

Director Schumacher offered a motion to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021 LID Board meeting, as amended. 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, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Spetzman provided the Board with the May 2021 year-to-date budget summary, an overview of the LID historical budget and reserves, and stated that the budget was on track.

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

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| EOR | Channel and weir inspections, clean out of Swamp Lake outlet, channel and weir subcommittee meeting, prep for Board meeting, communication with Jerry. | 2,448.00 |
| EOR | Mileage - reimbursable                                                                                                                                 | 59.36    |
| EOR | AIS Subcommittee meeting, carp tracking scopes.                                                                                                        | 229.50   |
| EOR | Attend Board meeting on April 5, 2021.                                                                                                                 | 250.00   |

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| Lakes Aquatic Weed Removal   | North Center to North Lindstrom Channel Maintenance. | 14,650.00        |
| Gary Schumacher              | Posts and fabric for Lake Ellen carp barrier.        | 67.94            |
| Jerry Spetzman               | Waders.                                              | 139.25           |
| <b>Monthly Expense Total</b> |                                                      | <b>17,844.05</b> |

Motion seconded by Director Paquay 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:** none

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:37 p.m. No citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:38 p.m.

## NEW BUSINESS

Spetzman updated the board on the recent lifting of the COVID-19 Mask Mandate for Chisago County.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the preferred LID meeting format of holding in-person, virtual or hybrid (in-person and virtual) meetings. Directors Mergens, Paquay and Schumacher will assist staff with a test of the hybrid meeting option at an upcoming time to confirm that the technology issues that occurred during the spring LID hybrid meetings are no longer an issue.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board on the minutes from LID Planning and Budget Subcommittee meeting on May 27, 2021. Spetzman reviewed with the Board the recommendations from the LID Planning and Budget Subcommittee for the Draft 2022 Water Resource Management Plan.

Director McBride offered a motion to allow the LID Board to approve the 2022 Draft Water Resource Management Plan and recommend for approval by the Chisago County Board of Commissioners. Motion seconded by Director Paquay 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, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the recommendations from the LID Planning and Budget Subcommittee for the Draft 2022 LID Budget.

Director Paquay offered a motion to allow the LID Board to approve the 2022 Draft LID Budget 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:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Director Behnke offered a motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2021 LID Planning and Budget Subcommittee meeting. Motion seconded by Director Paquay 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:** none

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District Cover Crop Incentive Program Policies for 2021.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to allow the LID Board to approve spending for the 2021 Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District Cover Crop Incentive Program. 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, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Spetzman updated the Board on the recent removal of bogs and vegetation in the channel between North Center and North Lindstrom Lakes.

At the May 3, 2021 LID Board meeting, the Board approved up to \$2,500 to clean and maintain the seven culverts, located near Swamp Lake, using reserves funds. However, the bid received for the culvert maintenance exceeds \$2,500. Spetzman reviewed with the Board the request for an additional \$750 in reserve funding for the seven culverts maintenance.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to allow the LID Board to approve spending \$3,200 for the maintenance of the seven culverts located near Swamp Lake. Motion seconded by Director McBride 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, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on placing the LID display at the Lindstrom Karl Oskar Days and Harmony in the Park – Lakes Appreciation Night on July 7, 2021.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the volunteer schedule for the Lindstrom Karl Oskar Days LID/Lake Association booth on July 7 – 11, 2021.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Hook, Line and Sinker Program for 2021.

Spetzman updated the Board on the installation of the carp barriers located at Lake Ellen and Kroon Lake.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the recent fish kills that have occurred at area lakes and the correspondence from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources explaining the cause of the fish kills.

## OLD BUSINESS

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Chisago County Children's Virtual Water Festival for all Chisago County 5<sup>th</sup> graders held on May 20, 2021. The in-person festival scheduled for September 17, 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Director Mergens, Spetzman and Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the recent LID and water resources presentation to the Center Lakes Association Spring Membership Meeting on June 3, 2021.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on lake level readings in the LID and working with the Enterprise Services Department to develop a dashboard for reporting and sharing lake level elevations.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program including watercraft inspections and decontaminations and the Zebra Mussel Watch program (zebra mussel monitoring plate distribution).

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the Lower St. Croix, One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) planning activities, including the recently approved Work Plan and Budget by the 1W1P Policy Committee and upcoming Subcommittee meetings to select projects and funding activities for 2021 and 2022.

## STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS

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

Greg Graske, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., updated the Board on EOR surveyor staff recently surveying the channel located between North Center and North Lindstrom Lakes to determine the elevation of the channel bottom. Graske will review with the Board the summary of the channel survey at a future LID Board meeting.

Director Behnke offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. 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, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

  
Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest:   
Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager