

APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, July 12, 2021

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 12, 2021 via an in-person meeting held at the Chisago County Government Center, Conference Room 150B in Center City, MN and 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

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02, Lake Improvement District (LID) Board member **Gary Schumacher attended the LID Board meeting on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm remotely via Microsoft Teams.** LID Board member Schumacher was seen and heard via electronic means and participated from Turkey Run State Park, 8121 Park Road, Marshall, Indiana 47859, a location open and accessible to the public. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02, Subd. 3, persons interested in monitoring the meeting electronically from a remote location viewed the meeting through the Microsoft Teams meeting link. Also, because the meeting had a closed session, persons who are electronically monitoring the meeting were temporarily removed at the beginning of the closed session portion of the meeting and readmitted when the LID Board reconvened back into open session.

Others present, attended the in-person meeting or 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 in-person and 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, Assistant County Attorney Jeff Fuge, Chisago County Commissioners Chris DuBose, Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. staff Greg Graske and 1 citizen.

The Chair Mike Mergens called the business meeting to order at 6:32 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 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

Director Behnke offered a motion to approve the minutes of the June 7, 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 June 2021 year-to-date budget summary and stated that the budget was on track. Commissioner DuBose discussed with the Board budgeting using reserve spending compared to operating budgets. The Board discussed reviewing with the LID Planning and Budget Subcommittee at a future meeting.

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

City of Chisago City	Ki-Chi-Saga Days LID and Lake Association vendor booth registration (August 21 - 22, 2021).	60.00
EOR	Discuss Swamp Lake outlet clogging issues, survey NC-NL outlet channel, prep for board meeting, communication with Jerry.	1,102.00
EOR	Company vehicle mileage. Spatial station charge.	108.16
EOR	Review carp quote from WSB & follow up.	114.75
EOR	Attend Board meeting on May 3, 2021.	250.00
PACE Analytical	LID Water Quality Monitoring analysis - May 2020.	785.00
Monthly Expense Total		2,419.91

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:** none

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:37 p.m. One citizen offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:40 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute Sections 13D.01, Subd. 3 and 13D.05, Subd. 3 (c)(3), the LID Board convened in a closed meeting at 6:41 p.m. to develop strategy toward the acquisition of easements interests in lands adjacent to the North Center North Lindstrom Channel, with the following Board of Directors present: Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** None

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Also present: Administrator Jerry Spetzman, Chisago County Water Resource Manager Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Assistant County Attorney Jeff Fuge, Chisago County Commissioners Chris DuBose, and Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. staff Greg Graske.

Director Behnke offered a motion to close the closed meeting at 8:02 p.m. and allow the LID Board to recess. 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:** none

Following the closed meeting, the LID Board reconvened in open meeting to take up, consider and act on subject matters identified on the July 12, 2021 LID Board agenda.

Director Behnke offered a motion to move to authorize the LID Administrator to enter into professional service contracts for surveys and appraisal of lands adjacent to the North Center North Lindstrom Channel in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 subject to Chisago County Board of Commissioners approval of the amount of expenditure. 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:** none

Director McBride offered a motion to move to recommend to the Chisago County Board of Commissioners to authorize the expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for surveys and appraisal services. 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

Director LeVasseur offered a motion to authorize the LID Administrator to obtain a survey of Chisago Lake Township property through the Chisago County Surveyor. 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

Director Schumacher offered a motion to move to authorize the LID Administrator to issue Letters of Intent on behalf of Chisago County to landowners adjacent to the North Center North Lindstrom channel for the purpose of investigating and developing proposals to acquire easements and or land for channel improvements. 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

Fuge discussed with the Board the Minnesota Open Meeting Law requirements and next steps for holding future hybrid (in-person and virtual) LID Board meetings in consideration of the end of the Minnesota Governor's Plan to End COVID-19 pandemic Emergency on July 1, 2021. The LID Board discussed adding the determination of the process for holding hybrid LID Board meetings to a future LID Board agenda.

Fuge discussed with the Board the Minnesota Open Meeting Law public notice requirements for LID Subcommittee meetings and recommended changing the Subcommittees nomenclature to Workgroups to eliminate the public notice posting requirement.

Director Behnke offered a motion to change the LID Board Subcommittee nomenclature to LID Board Workgroup. 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

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Hinckley Area Fisheries Office, Field Notes for Summer 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 volunteer schedule for the Chisago City Ki-Chi-Saga Days LID/Lake Association booth on August 19 - 22, 2021.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed the Board the request for funding from the Chisago County Children's Water Festival Planning Committee and needing volunteers for the event on September 22/23, 2021, at Wild Mountain in Taylors Falls, MN.

Director McBride offered a motion to recommend that the LID Board approve funding \$1,500 towards the Chisago County Children's Water Festival on September 22/23, 2021 at Wild Mountain in Taylors Falls, MN. 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 updated the Board on the recent A Martha Stewart Guide to Lake Water Quality blog and article in the Stillwater Gazette.

Spetzman updated the Board on the recent Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Snapshot article.

Spetzman updated the Board on the interview of Spetzman and Wilson Witkowski with Kare 11 news regarding the delisting of North and South Center Lakes from the Minnesota impaired waters list and the Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species Program

OLD BUSINESS

Spetzman updated the Board on the contract that is in place for the treatment of invasive phragmites populations located in the LID.

Director Mergens updated the Board on the LID participation and display located 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 Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program including watercraft inspections and decontaminations, the upcoming Starry Trek event on August 21, 2021, the Zebra Mussel Watch program (zebra mussel monitoring plate distribution), and recent zebra mussel veliger and spiny waterflea monitoring.

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

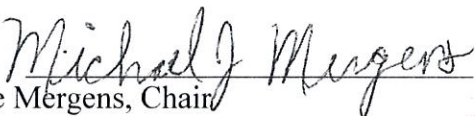
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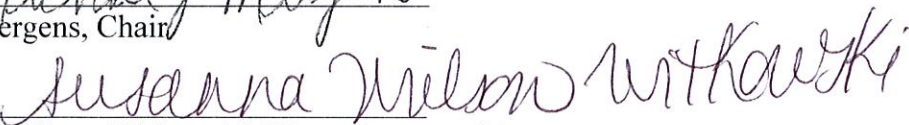
Greg Graske, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., reviewed with the Board the Spring Channel and Outlet Structure Inspection conducted on April 15, 2021. Graske reviewed the Recommended Actions, Suggested Follow Up Items, and Minor Maintenance Items Completed as noted in the report.

Graske updated the Board on the recent surveying of the channel located between North Center and North Lindstrom Lakes to determine the elevation of the channel bottom. The recent survey determined the elevation of the channel bottom to be approximately at 896.2 feet (while a previous survey conducted in 2014 determined the elevation of the channel bottom to be approximately at 896.4 feet).

Graske also provided an update the current maintenance required at the seven culverts located by Swamp Lake.

Director Kinny offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 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