

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, August 2, 2021**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 2, 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, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Monica Kinny

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.

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, Chisago County Commissioners Chris DuBose, and Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. staff Greg Graske.

The Chair Mike Mergens called the business meeting to order at 6:30 pm and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to approve the agenda for the Lake Improvement District (LID) meeting. Motion seconded by Director McBride and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Monica Kinny

Director McBride offered a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021 LID Board meeting, as amended. Motion seconded by Director Paquay and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Monica Kinny

Spetzman provided the Board with the July 2021 year-to-date budget summary and stated that the budget was on track. Commissioner DuBose discussed proposing to the Chisago County Board of Commissioners increasing the LID levy by \$17,500 for 2022.

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

Chisago SWCD	Lakeshore and Urban Restoration Technical Assistance - Lawns to Legumes Program (Duppong, Hanson, Blaiser, Neumann,	6,695.00
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	Snyder, Luoma, Winje, Noland, Stoltz, Sprain, Weiss, Carlson, Kemnick, Goetdl, Saksvig, Nelson, Ridge View Townhomes, Water's Edge Townhomes).	
Chisago SWCD	Landowner Cost Share Program - Fladeboe (Total project cost: \$4,419.93).	1,500.00
EOR	Spring channel and weir inspection report, review of NC-NL outlet channel survey, prep for Board meeting, communication with Jerry.	1,084.25
EOR	Attend Board meeting on June 7, 2021.	250.00
Spetzman	LID mileage and gas.	67.06
Wilson Witkowski	LID mileage.	41.65
Monthly Expense Total		9,637.96

Motion seconded by Director Paquay and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Monica Kinney

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:36 p.m. No citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:36 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the LID Planning and Budget Workgroup meeting to be held on August 17, 2021 and changes to the LID levy for 2021 and 2022 that will go to the Chisago County Board of Commissioners for review and approval in September 2021.

Spetzman updated the Board on the survey and easement acquisition project for the North Center North Lindstrom Channel maintenance. The Chisago County Board of Commissioners will review the survey proposal at their meeting on August 18, 2021.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the process for holding future hybrid in-person and virtual LID Board meetings. The Board prefers holding hybrid meetings and requested more information on the requirement for roll-call voting on agenda items that require a motion and approval during hybrid meetings.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) Research and Management Showcase on September 22, 2021.

Spetzman updated the Board on the postponement of the Fall LID and Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District Tour until 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

Spetzman and Directors Schumacher and Mergens updated the Board on the roadside treatment of invasive phragmites and the coordination with University of Minnesota staff and area lake associations for sending notices in the Chisago County Press and to landowners regarding the upcoming treatment.

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 updated the Board on the Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program including watercraft inspections and decontaminations, the upcoming Decontamination Blitz on August 6 – 8, 2021 and Starry Trek on August 21, 2021.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the thank you letter for the LID Board contribution to the Chisago County Children's Water Festival and needing volunteers for the event on September 22/23, 2021, at Wild Mountain in Taylors Falls, MN.

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

STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS

Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc. (EOR)

Spetzman updated the Board on the recent maintenance and removal of vegetation and rocks in the seven culverts located by Swamp Lake.

Director McBride offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Monica Kinny


Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: 
Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager