

**APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, October 4, 2021**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, October 4, 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, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur

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 Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist Camden Droppo, Chisago County Commissioner Chris DuBose and Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. staff Greg Graske.

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

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

Director Paquay offered a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021 LID Board meeting, as amended. Motion seconded by Director McBride and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur

Spetzman provided the Board with the September 2021 year-to-date budget summary, which includes the updated budget amounts reflecting the 2021 approved LID levy of \$291,904.00

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

EOR	Summer channel and weir inspection, create CADD drawing of NC-NL outlet channel survey, review of past channel surveys, prep for Board meeting, communication with Jerry.	1,820.25
EOR	Summer channel and weir inspection, review of water levels, prep for Board meeting, communication with Jerry.	994.50
EOR	Attend Board meeting on August 2, 2021.	250.00
EOR	Follow up with WSB about carp proposal and meeting with AIS Subcommittee.	229.50
EOR	Completed field work for South Lindstrom and Linn Lake point intercept surveys.	4,504.75
EOR	Mileage - Reimbursable.	44.24
EOR	Company Vehicle Mileage.	43.12
Green Lake Association	Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership Request - Invasive Phragmites.	10,669.50
Wilson Witkowski	LID mileage.	30.80
Monthly Expense Total		16,766.41

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the 2022 Transition Plan options to consider a full-time replacement for the current part-time LID Administrator position upon Spetzman's retirement in 2022. The Board discussed having the LID Planning and Budget Workgroup meet to review and discuss the following and bring any recommendations to the LID Board for review and approval: 1) Reviewing funding options available within the current LID budget and 2) Establish an Interview Committee to begin the hiring process for the future LID Administrator position.

OLD BUSINESS

Spetzman updated the Board on the Common Carp Catch Per Unit Effort (CPUE) Survey for Green and South Center Lakes.

Spetzman updated the Board on the recommendations (approved by the LID Board on September 13, 2021) that were submitted to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the Surface Water Irrigation permit request for Green Lake Villas, located in Chisago City, and their application to the DNR to use water from Little Green Lake to water lawns and landscaping located in the subdivision.

Spetzman updated the Board on conducting surveys for the survey and easement acquisition project for the North Center North Lindstrom Channel maintenance.

Spetzman updated the Board on the current treatment of invasive phragmites populations, funded by the University of Minnesota, at areas located in the LID that were identified through the roadside surveys conducted in 2019.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program including watercraft inspections and decontaminations. Wilson Witkowski and Droppo updated the Board on the Water Access Monitoring Program and Zebra Mussel Watch.

Directors Mergens and Schumacher updated the Board on the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) Research and Management Showcase on September 22, 2021.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Chisago County Children's Virtual Water Festival held on September 23, 2021.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the Lower St. Croix, One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) grant available for completing a study for calculating internal loading of phosphorus. The Board discussed responding to the Activity 7 – Internal Analyses Call for Projects for Linn Lake or for another lake as determined best suitable by EOR.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to do the request for funding on potentially Linn Lake depending on Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc. finding the most likely candidate for the Lower St. Croix, One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) grant for Activity 7 – Internal Analyses. Motion seconded by Director McBride and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur

Wilson Witkowski shared the 2021 1W1P Virtual Project Tour video. However, the technology in Room 150B was not working correctly and staff will share the video at a future Board meeting.

STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS

Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc. (EOR)

Greg Graskie, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., updated the Board on the recent aquatic plant point-intercept surveys that were completed on Linn and South Lindstrom Lakes in 2021. EOR will provide more detailed point-intercept survey information at a future Board meeting.

Director McBride offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion seconded by Director Kinny and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur


Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: 
Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager