

**APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, December 6, 2021**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, December 6, 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, Lake Improvement District (LID) Board member **Gary Schumacher will remotely attend the LID Board meeting on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Microsoft Teams.** LID Board member Schumacher will be seen and heard via electronic means and will participate from 8840 98th Street, Road Unit C, Ocala, FL 34481, 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.

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, Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. staff Greg Graske and Jimmy Marty, University of Minnesota staff Julia Bohnen and one 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 McBride offered a motion to approve the agenda for the Lake Improvement District (LID) 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, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur

Director Paquay offered a motion to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2021 LID Board 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, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur

Spetzman provided the Board with the November 2021 year-to-date budget summary and stated that the budget was on track.

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

Chisago-Lindstrom Lakes Association	Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership Request - Invasive Phragmites.	669.37
Center Lakes Association	Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership Request - Invasive Phragmites.	819.00
Chisago SWCD	Land Use Practices, Matching Funds - Technical Assistance - Olmschenk, Reid, Radeke, Parmly, Weiss, Swanson.	3,613.50
Chisago SWCD	Land Use Practices, Best Management Practices Maintenance Staff (\$3,141.96), Supplies (\$28.98), Mileage (\$588).	3,758.94
Chisago SWCD	Shorelines, Lakeshore and Urban Restoration - Technical Assistance - Martinson, Silver, CLHS, Kings Loft, Mizra, Weiss, Stoltz, Lyer, Maine, Stack, Lydon.	2,762.50
EOR	Fall channel and weir inspection, NC-NL channel survey figure updates, field measurements for Ivywood lock system and purchase supplies, Lofton Weir Controls memo for board packet and follow up questions, review of lake data and provide recommendations for internal loading grant request, prep for Board meeting, communication with Jerry and Susanna.	4,123.50
EOR	Attend Board meeting on October 4, 2021.	250.00
EOR	Mileage - Reimbursable.	71.68
EOR	Supplies - Reimbursable.	154.43
Lindstrom Hardware	Pliers for Hook, Line and Sinker collectors.	16.49
Monthly Expense Total		16,239.41

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, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:34 p.m. Chisago County Board of Commissioner Chris DuBose offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:37p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Spetzman updated the Board on the internal network upgrade for Chisago County that is set to occur on December 6, 2021 at 8:30 p.m. and the need to end the LID Board meeting at that time,

Jimmy Marty, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc. (EOR), gave a presentation to the Board on the results of the Aquatic Plant Point-Intercept Surveys completed by EOR on Linn Lake on August 18, 2021 and South Lindstrom Lake on August 11 and 12, 2021. The surveys identified, located and mapped the number, type and overall quality of aquatic plant species. EOR also identified invasive plants located in each lake, including their frequency of occurrence, abundance rating and nuisance level and provided a recommendation for treatment of invasive species.

Julia Bohnen, University of Minnesota, gave a presentation to the Board on the treatment status of the populations of invasive phragmites located in the LID and Chisago countywide. The University of Minnesota has funding to continue treatment in 2022. The next steps are to continue to work with landowners to address untreated populations within the LID and Chisago countywide and to identify populations of invasive phragmites that are located on private property.

Spetzman updated the Board on the removal of goldfish in the holding ponds located in the Lakeside Woodlands development near Kroon Lake. Spetzman discussed with the Board the quote from the City of Lindstrom and options to remove the goldfish. The City of Lindstrom estimates \$30,000 for the total project cost to remove the goldfish and requests the LID to pay fifty percent of the project cost up to \$15,000.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to recommend to the Chisago County Board of Commissioners to allow the LID Board to partner with the City of Lindstrom for a fifty percent split payment up to \$15,000 funded through LID Board reserves of the total cost for eradication of goldfish in the Lakeside Woodlands holding ponds located near Kroon Lake in Lindstrom, MN. 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, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the recruitment of members for the statewide Aquatic Invasive Species Advisory Committee.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the upcoming registration to reserve a booth at the Chisago Lakes Home & Business Expo booth on February 26 – 27, 2021.

Director McBride offered a motion to allow the LID Board to approve funding the cost of registration up to \$250 (\$150 booth fee and \$75 for three sets of tables/chairs) for the 2022 Chisago Lakes Home & Business Expo on February 26 – 27, 2021. Motion seconded by Director Schumacher and, upon a roll-call 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. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the hard copies available of the Chisago County Geologic Atlas.

OLD BUSINESS

Spetzman updated the Board on the LID announcement for Application for Area 2, the Application for Election online form, and the online request for absentee ballots.

Spetzman updated the Board on the upcoming LID Annual Meeting format and presentation on February 7, 2022.

Spetzman updated the Board the East Metro Water Resource Education Partnership and the 2022 – 2024 East Metro Water Resource Education Program contract approved by the Chisago County Board of Commissioners at their meeting on November 17, 2021.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the 2021 Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species Program including zebra mussel veliger and spiny waterflea tow results and the 2021 Invasive Phragmites Monitoring Summary provided by the Wild Rivers Conservancy.

Wilson Witkowski and Spetzman updated the Board on the Lower St. Croix, One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) and Watershed Based Implementation Funding projects, including the responses received by and recommendations of the Subcommittee for the Activity 7 – Internal Analyses Call for Projects. Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the option to apply for the Activity 7 – Internal Analyses grant for completing a study for calculating internal loading of phosphorus for Little Lake located in the LID.

Director Behnke offered a motion to allow the LID Board to move forward with the Lower St. Croix, One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) and Watershed Based Implementation Funding, Activity 7 – Internal Analyses grant application for Little Lake. Motion seconded by Director Schumacher and, upon a roll-call 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. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur

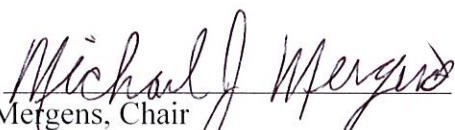
Witkowski and Director Mergens updated the Board on the 2021 1W1P County Conservation Award for Chisago and other partner counties from the Association of Minnesota Counties and Board of Water and Soil Resources.

STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS

Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc. (EOR)

Greg Graske, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., reviewed with the Board on the Fall Channel and Outlet Structure Inspection and the closing of the Lake Ellen Weir conducted on October 22, 2021. Graske reviewed the Recommended Actions, Suggested Follow Up Items, and Minor Maintenance Items Completed as noted in the report.

Director Kinny offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 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, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur


Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: 
Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager