

**APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, January 3, 2022**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, January 3, 2022 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 will remotely attend the LID Board meeting on Monday, January 3, 2022 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, Lake Improvement District (LID) Board member Jill Behnke will remotely attend the LID Board meeting on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 6:30 pm via Microsoft Teams. LID Board member Behnke will be seen and heard via electronic means and will participate from 501 Park Island Rd., Center City, MN 55012, 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 Mike Majeski, WSB staff Mary Newman and two citizens.

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

Director McBride offered a motion to approve the agenda for the LID 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

Director McBride offered a motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2021 LID Board 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, Margaret

LeVasseur Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Spetzman provided the Board with the December 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:

EOR - November	Fall channel and weir inspection report, planning for and installation of Ivywood lock system, prep for Board meeting and send packet information, communication with Jerry and Susanna.	2,027.25
EOR - November	Mileage - Reimbursable.	42.00
EOR - November	Attend Board meeting on November 1, 2021.	250.00
EOR - November	Finalized and delivered draft South Lindstrom and Linn Lake aquatic plant point-intercept survey reports.	1,260.00
EOR - December	NC-NL Channel alignment review and figure edits, prep for Board meeting and send packet information, communication with Jerry.	1,506.00
EOR - December	Attend Board meeting on December 6, 2021.	250.00
EOR - December	Follow up with WSB about carp proposal and meeting with AIS Subcommittee.	191.25
EOR - December	Communication with Jerry and edits to final report, prep for and presentation to the LID Board.	522.89
Lindstrom Hardware	Packaging tape for water quality monitoring.	17.16
Monthly Expense Total		6,066.55

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 6:35 p.m. No citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:36 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Mary Newman with WSB, Mike Majeski with EOR and Spetzman gave a presentation to the Board on the results of the Green Lake and South Center Lake: 2021 Carp Population Estimate Project Report. The Board discussed the next steps for carp management on Green and South Center Lakes including receiving a proposal from WSB for contracting with the local commercial fisherman for a future carp harvest.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the option for LID staff to receive new and upgraded technology (laptops) in order to continue to work remotely from home.

Director LeVasseur offered a motion to allow the LID Board to approve funding up to \$4,000 for the cost of two new and upgraded tablets for LID staff funded through Staff and Administrative Support, Technology Objective. 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

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the LID Board meeting calendar dates for 2022.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) upcoming Winter 2022 Virtual Trainings for floodplain and shoreland management.

Wilson Witkowski and Director Mergens reviewed with the Board the request for garbage/recycling dumpsters needed for cleanup of area lakes when the DNR requires the removal of icehouses from area lakes.

Director Behnke offered a motion to allow the LID Board to fund up to \$250.00 for additional Croix Valley Pick-Up garbage and recycling bins at four public water accesses within the Chisago Lakes Chain of Lakes Watershed for 2022 lake clean-up on the weekend the MN Department of Natural Resources requires the removal of icehouses from area lakes. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur 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 Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02 and the notice requirements if Board members are not able to attend Board meetings in-person after the meeting agendas have been posted.

Director LeVasseur discussed with the Board on managing LID agenda topics and setting a time limit or cap for meetings. The Board discussed adding specific items for Board approval to a new Consent Agenda section on the regular agenda and ending meetings at 8:00 p.m. when possible. Spetzman offered to develop a new Board Agenda including the new Consent Agenda and time limit to discuss at the February 2022 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Spetzman updated the Board on the upcoming LID Board Election on February 7, 2022 and Board of Directors Vacancy Announcement for Area 2. Candidates Jill Behnke, Robert Klatt and Scott Noland submitted an application for Area 2 and introduced themselves and their qualifications to the Board.

Spetzman updated the Board on the request for absentee ballot process for the upcoming LID Board Election on February 7, 2022.

Spetzman updated the Board on the removal of goldfish in the holding ponds located in the Lakeside Woodlands development near Kroon Lake.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the 2021 Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Program including the preparation of the annual AIS Report and 2022 program.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Lower St. Croix, One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) and Watershed Based Implementation Funding projects, including the Activity 7 – Internal Analyses grant application submitted by Chisago County, on behalf of the LID, for calculating internal loading of phosphorus for Little Lake.

Spetzman updated the Board on the hiring process for the new full-time Water Resource Specialist position.

STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS

Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc. (EOR)

Greg Graske, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., reviewed with the Board on the EOR submittal of the quote for the Activity 7 – Internal Analyses grant application for Little Lake.

Director McBride offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 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, 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