

**APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, March 7, 2022**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 7, 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, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur and Steve Paquay

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02, Lake Improvement District (LID) Board member Gary Schumacher attended the LID Board meeting on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 6:30 pm via Microsoft Teams. LID Board member Schumacher was 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 Administrator Jerry Spetzman attended the LID Board meeting on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 6:30 pm via Microsoft Teams. LID Board Administrator Spetzman was seen and heard via electronic means and will participate from 3813 Northstar Drive, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406, 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, and Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. staff Greg Graskie.

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. 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 and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur and Steve Paquay

Director Behnke offered a motion to approve the items on Consent Agenda for the LID meeting, including a) Approval of Minutes: February 7, 2022, b) Financial Report, c) Approval of Invoice Payments, and d) Transfer \$1,000 (618-6561 Gas and Oil) and \$2,000 (618-6482 Truck and Boat Maintenance) to AIS 619. 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 and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur and Steve Paquay

Invoice Payments Include:

Chisago County	LID Postage.	20.40
Chisago SWCD	Lake Water Quality Monitoring Report - 2021.	3,155.00
Chisago SWCD	Land Use Practices, Technical Assistance - Raedeke, Reed, Weiss, Pine View Shores, Swanson, Olmschenck.	6,312.00
Chisago SWCD	Shorelines, Lakeshore and Urban Restoration, Technical Assistance - Weiss, Lydon.	227.50
Chisago SWCD	Shorelines, Landowner Cost Share Program. D Lydon shoreline restoration project (Total project cost: \$2,267.25).	540.53
EOR	Review of fact sheets for upcoming annual meeting, communication with Jerry, review of board packet.	511.50
EOR	Discuss carp surveys on Green and South Center Lake, provide input on goldfish project.	243.00
EOR	Attend Board Meeting on January 3, 2022.	250.00
WSB - October	Project Management, Permit Acquisition and Reporting, CPUE Survey.	1,436.50
WSB - November	Project Management and CPUE Survey.	4,284.00
WSB - January	Project Management, Permit Acquisition and Reporting, CPUE Survey.	1,200.50
WSB - February	Project Management and CPUE Survey.	714.00
Monthly Expense Total		18,894.93

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:34 p.m. No citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:34 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the LID/Lake Association Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership Program for 2022.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to recommend that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners approve the 2022 LID/Lake Association Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership Program. 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 and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur and Steve Paquay

Spetzman updated the Board on the hiring process for the new full-time Water Resource Specialist position. Spetzman reviewed with the Board the LID Staffing Options document. The Chisago County Board of Commissioners approved Staffing Option 2 for the LID Administrator position at their meeting on February 16, 2022.

Director Kinny offered a motion to approve Option 2 as noted in the 2022 LID Staffing Options document. 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 and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur and Steve Paquay

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, proposed change to Minnesota Rules 6212-2525 for permitted fishing contests.

Director Behnke offered a motion to submit a letter of recommendation for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposed changes for permitted fishing contests to include Chisago County. 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 and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur and Steve Paquay

Director Mergens updated the Board on the removal of garbage and recycling from area lakes during the weekend of March 6, 2022 when the Minnesota DNR required ice house removal from area lakes.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the Minnesota DNR, Hinckley Area Fisheries Office, Field Notes for Winter 2022.

Wilson Witkowski and Director Mergens updated with the Board on the Chisago Lakes Home & Business Expo held on February 26 – 27, 2022 and the ad placed in the Chisago County Press Home Show insert.

Director McBride offered a motion to allow the LID to approve funding \$100.00 for the Chisago County Press ad for the 2022 Chisago Lakes Home & Business Expo insert. 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 and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur and Steve Paquay

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming Wild Rivers Conservancy, 2022 Forestry Conference on March 24, 2022.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming St. Croix Watershed Environmental Education Partnership (SWEEP) Meeting on March 30, 2022.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board on placing the LID display, along with Lake Association information, at the Lakes Appreciation Night held during the Lindstrom Karl Oskar Days festival on July 6, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program including watercraft inspections and decontaminations and the approval of the AIS Program for 2022 by the Chisago County Board of Commissioners at their meeting on March 2, 2022. Droppo updated the Board on the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, 2021 Research Report.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board the Lower St. Croix, One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) planning activities, including providing Annual Plan of Work information and reports for 2021 for the LID and county.

STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS

Greg Graske, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., (EOR) updated the Board on preparing snowmelt calculations and projections for 2022 and providing the information at an upcoming LID Board meeting. Director Kinny will provide area snowpack updates to Graske.

Director Kinny offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 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 and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur and Steve Paquay


Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: 
Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager