

**APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, August 1, 2022**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 1, 2022 via an in-person meeting held at the Chisago County Government Center, Admin Board Room, in Center City, MN and a virtual meeting with the following Board of Directors present: Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher, Todd McBride, and Steve Paquay. **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: Administrators Jerry Spetzman and Ben Elfelt, Chisago County Water Resource Manager Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Chisago County Commissioners Chris DuBose and Greg Graske from EOR Inc.

The Chair Mike Mergens called the business meeting to order at 6:32 pm and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to approve the agenda for the 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, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher, Todd McBride, and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur.

Director Behnke offered a motion to approve the items on Consent Agenda for the LID meeting, including a) Approval of Minutes: July 11, 2022, b) Financial Report and c) Approval of Invoice Payments. Motion seconded by Director Paquay and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher, Todd McBride, and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur

August 2022 LID Invoices Received

Invoice Detail	LID Budget Category	Amount
Alliance	LID Water Quality Monitoring analysis - May 2022.	1,122.00
Alliance	LID Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring analysis - May 2022.	468.00

Brink's Market	Ice for LID Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring shipment - May.	4.77
EOR	Channel and weir maintenance - clean out of 7-culverts, communication with Jerry, review of Board packet.	604.50
EOR	Mileage - Reimbursable.	38.03
Monthly Expense Total		2,237.30

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:34 p.m. There were no citizens who offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:35 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Elfelt introduced himself as the new LID Administrator, his first day with Chisago County was August 1, 2022. Elfelt will be transitioning into the LID Administrator role while Spetzman transitions into retirement and Wilson Witkowski transitions from a halftime role with the LID and a halftime role County (as Water Resource Manager) into a fulltime role with the County.

Spetzman announced he will be retiring by September 30, 2022, and his last LID Board meeting will be September 12, 2022. Wilson Witkowski's halftime role with the LID will end on September 30, 2022 and her last LID Board meeting as a LID employee will be on September 12, 2022.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to allow Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager of the countywide AIS Program, to participate in the LID Aquatic Invasive Species Workgroup meetings. Motion seconded by Director McBride and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher, Todd McBride, and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership request from the Chisago Lindstrom Lakes Association for North Lindstrom, South Lindstrom, Chisago, and Kroon Lakes treatment for Eurasian watermilfoil (\$558.40, \$997.20, \$4,080, and \$4,386, respectively), and Chisago Lake treatment for curly-leaf pondweed (\$4,378). Total application cost is \$14,379.60. Total LID request is \$8,758, which is the maximum LID grant amount available to the lake association.

Director Behnke offered a motion to recommend that the LID Board approve funding \$8,758 for Eurasian watermilfoil and curly-leaf pondweed treatment at Chisago, Kroon, North and South Lindstrom Lakes for the 2022 Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership application from the Chisago Lindstrom Lakes Association. Motion seconded by Director Paquay and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke,

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

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the recommendations from the North Center North Lindstrom Channel Maintenance Workgroup meeting on August 1, 2022. The Workgroup discussed right of entry agreements to complete property surveys, easements, and channel width.

Spetzman updated the Board on holding an upcoming Fall LID and Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Tour; date to be determined.

Spetzman updated the Board on the upcoming LID and Chisago County invasive phragmites survey and treatment.

Spetzman updated the Board on the recent Green Lake Watershed and Chisago County National Resources Conservation service projects and articles.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming 2022 Water Resources Conference and North American Lake Management Society Conference Registration.

Director McBride offered a motion to allow the LID Board to pay registration fees approve up to \$1000.00 for Elfelt to attend either or both conferences of his choice; 2022 Water Resources Conference on October 18 – 19, 2022 and/or the North American Lake Management Society Conference on November 14 – 17, 2022 and the membership fee to join the North American Lake Management Society. Motion seconded by Director Schumacher and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher, Todd McBride, and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur

OLD BUSINESS

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the LID Booth sign-up for Ki-Chi-Saga Days (August 20-21, 2022)

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Chisago County Children's Water Festival thank you letter for the LID Board's contribution, which stated that approximately 700 fifth grade students from Chisago County are expected to attend.

STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Program

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on upcoming Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) events for 2022, including Decontamination Blitz (August 5-7, 2022), Stary Trek (August 20, 2022), and the virtual Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, Research and Management Showcase (September 21, 2022).

Chisago County Water Resources

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on upcoming Chisago County Water Resources events. Events including:

- *Workshop at the Winery* (August 24, 2022) – Hosted by the Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership, and
- *We are MN Exhibit* (2024) – Application will be prepared for consideration to host the event in 2024. Major considerations include location and staffing for the duration of the 7-week runtime of the event.

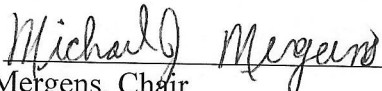
Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the \$5000 awarded to the Chisago SWCD from the MN Department of Agriculture's Noxious Weed Grant program for 2022, for the control of wild parsnip.

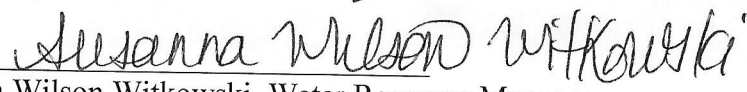
Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Lower St. Croix, Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (1W1P) planning activities.

Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc. (EOR)

Graske updated the Board on upcoming Lake Ellen, Lake Emily, and Swamp Lake aquatic plant point-intercept surveys that Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc. (EOR) will assist with, as well as the upcoming channel and weir inspection.

Director Kinny offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Director McBride and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher, Todd McBride and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur


Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: 
Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager