

**APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, September 12, 2022**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, September 12, 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: Margaret LeVasseur, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher, and Todd McBride. **ABSENT:** Steve Paquay and Jill Behnke

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 6:30 pm and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Director Schumacher offered a motion to approve the items on Consent Agenda for the LID meeting, including a) Approval of Minutes: August 1, 2022, b) Financial Report and c) Approval of Invoice Payments. Motion seconded by Director McBride and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Margaret LeVasseur, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher, and Todd McBride. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Steve Paquay and Jill Behnke

September 2022 LID Invoices Received

Invoice Detail	LID Budget Category	Amount
Alliance	LID Water Quality Monitoring analysis - July 2022.	1,092.00
Alliance	LID Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring analysis - June 2022.	984.00

Brink's Market	Ice for LID Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring shipment - July.	4.77
EMWREP	2nd Quarterly billing for Shared Water Resource Educator Program.	1,671.40
EOR	Review of board packet and water level trends, check in with team regarding upcoming project work.	372.00
EOR	Scheduling and GIS data/map preparation for point intercept surveys...Emily/Allen survey.	151.25
EOR	Scheduling and GIS data/map preparation for point intercept surveys...Swamp/Allen survey.	117.00
EOR	Attend Board Meeting on July 11, 2022.	250.00
Center Lakes Association	Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership Request - Eurasian watermilfoil.	3,978.00
Chisago Lindstrom Lakes Association	Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership Request - Eurasian watermilfoil and curly-leaf pondweed.	8,758.00
Green Lake Association	Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership Request - Eurasian watermilfoil and curly-leaf pondweed.	10,817.00
Lindstrom Hardware	Broom and scrub brush for cleaning Lofton Avenue Weir.	17.08
Pioneer Lake Homeowners Association	Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership Request - Eurasian watermilfoil and curly-leaf pondweed.	1,000.00
Monthly Expense Total		29,212.50

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:32 p.m. There were no citizens who offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:33 p.m.

WATER QUALITY MONITORING PRESENTATION

Spetzman presented research and findings of water quality monitoring in his report called *Water Quality Predicted on Water Color*.

NEW BUSINESS

Elfelt updated the board on the hiring process for the LID Water Resources Position, which closes on September 19, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

Elfelt updated the Board on the North Center North Lindstrom Channel project. Elfelt met with landowners and discussed the process of acquiring easements.

Elfelt updated the Board on the status of the County staffing transitions, Spetzman announced he will retire on September 30, 2022. Also, starting October 1, 2022, Wilson Witkowski will transition to working fulltime as the County Water Resources Manager.

Elfelt updated the Board on the postponement of the Fall Tour, the tour will be rescheduled for Summer 2023.

Elfelt updated the Board on the progress of the Invasive Phragmites Survey and Treatment. The County has received most of the landowner permissions and will be scheduling drone treatment before the second week of October.

Elfelt updated the Board on his registration to the upcoming North American Lake Management Society Conference (November 14 -17, 2022) and the Water Resources Conference (October 18-19, 2022).

Elfelt presented to the Board the minutes from the 2023 LID Planning and Budget Workgroup and the LID Channel & Weir Operation and Maintenance Plan Subcommittee.

Elfelt updated the Board on the LID booth that Ki-Chi-Saga Days. Elfelt noted that the booth was well attended, and it was a great opportunity for community outreach.

Elfelt presented to the Board the Summer 2022, Department of Natural Resources Hinckley Area Fisheries Field Notes.

STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS

Chisago County Water Resources

Agenda Item 8,a was postponed until the October 3, 2022 LID Board Meeting

Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc. (EOR)

Graske updated the Board on upcoming channel and weir inspection.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES/WORKGROUPS

Elfelt updated the Board on two upcoming conferences, the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center's, Research and Management Showcase (September 21, 2022) and the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference (October 25-27, 2022)

Director McBride offered a motion to approve funding, not to exceed \$200, for three LID Board Members and one staff person to attend the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center's, Research and Management Showcase (September 21, 2022), the motioned **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Margaret LeVasseur, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher, and Todd McBride. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Steve Paquay and Jill Behnke

LID STAFFING TRANSITION

The LID Board congratulated Spetzman on his retirement and thanked him for his years of dedicated service and hard work. Elfelt will be taking over as the LID Administrator and Wilson Witkowski will transition to working fulltime as the County Water Resources Manager.

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

Michael Mergens
Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: Susanna Wilson Witkowski
Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager