

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

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, October 3, 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: Steve Paquay, Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Todd McBride

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 Ben Elfelt, Chisago County Water Resource Manager Susanna Wilson Witkowski, and Chisago County Commissioners Chris DuBose.

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

Director Paquay offered a motion to approve the items on Consent Agenda for the LID meeting, including a) Approval of Minutes: September 12, 2022, b) Financial Report and c) Approval of Invoice Payments. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Steve Paquay, Jill Behnke Margaret LeVasseur, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher, and. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Todd McBride

October 2022 LID Invoices Received

Invoice Detail	LID Budget Category	Amount
Alliance	LID Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring analysis - August 2022.	540.00
EOR	Survey Review and Summer Channel / Weir Inspection	1,154.75
EOR	Point intercept surveys...Swamp/Ellen survey.	2,972.75

EOR	Attend Board Meeting on August 22, 2022.	250.00
NALMS	2022 International Conference	595.00
SWCD	Goal 3 - Swanson Project Match	4,840.00
SWCD	Goal 3 - Land Use - BMP Maintenance	4,540.00
SWCD	Goal 6 - Shorelines - Lakeshore and Urban Restoration Labor	8,385.00
SWCD	Goal 6 - Shorelines - Lakeshore and Urban Restoration - Cost Share: Raedeke, Hastings, and Gray	3,246.84
Monthly Expense Total		26,524.34

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:33 p.m. There were no citizens who offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:34 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Elfelt updated the Board on the conclusion of the water quality monitoring within the LID.

OLD BUSINESS

Elfelt updated the Board on the ongoing survey and treatment of Invasive Phragmites. Drone treatments at two sites were conducted by Minnesota Native Landscapes.

Elfelt updated the Board on the hiring process for the LID Water Resource Specialist position. The interview panel has 5 interviews scheduled for October 6, 2022.

STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS

Chisago County Water Resources

Wilson Witkowski reported to the Board that during Starry Trek, volunteers visited twelve lakes and did not find any new aquatic invasive species (AIS). Wilson Witkowski also reported that County staff and volunteers have conducted 14,700 watercraft inspections or decontaminations to date in 2022.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Children's Water Festival that took place on September 22, 2022. Wilson Witkowski shared photos of festival and stated that it was very successful.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Lower St. Croix, Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (1W1P) and introduced the FY23 Watershed Based Implementation Funding Plan funding goal of \$1.2 million.

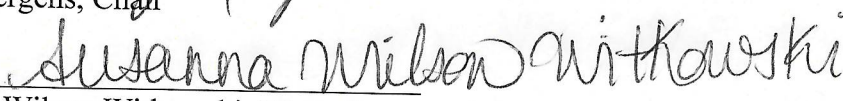
Wilson Witkowski presented the Lower St. Croix, Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (1W1P) Partnership 2022 Education video to showcase the collaborative work being done on habitat and water quality projects throughout the region.

Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc. (EOR)

Graske updated the Board on the summer channel and weir inspection, stating that there are no immediate concerns and that there were no direct impacts from the roundabout construction on Lofton Avenue.

Director Behnke offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Margaret LeVasseur, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher, Steve Paquay, and Jill Behnke. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Todd McBride


Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: 
Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager