

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

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, November 7, 2022 via both an in-person and virtual meeting held at the Chisago County Government Center, Administrative Board Room, in Center City, MN with the following 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, 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 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: Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Administrator Ben Elfelt, Chisago County Water Resource Manager Susanna Wilson Witkowski, and Chisago County Commissioner Chris DuBose.

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 amended agenda for the LID meeting. Motion seconded by Director Paquay 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

Director McBride offered a motion to approve the items on Consent Agenda for the LID meeting, including a) Approval of Minutes: October 3, 2022, b) Financial Report and c) Approval of Invoice Payments, with the exception of the Chisago Lindstrom Lakes Association phragmites invoice in the amount of \$1,746.00. Motion seconded by Director Behnke 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

November 2022 LID Invoices Received

Invoice Detail	LID Budget Category	Amount
Alliance	LID Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring analysis - September 2022.	648.00
Alliance	LID Water Quality Monitoring analysis - September 2022.	1,305.00
EOR	Summer Channel / Weir Inspection Report	697.50
EOR	Point intercept surveys Peterson survey and Emily Report	2,384.63
EOR	Attend Board Meeting on September 12, 2022.	250.00
WCCD	3rd Quarter Billing for Water Resource Educator	1,671.40
MNL	Drone Treatment for Invasive Phragmites	4,285.00
CLLA	Request for Payment - 2022 Phragmites *	1,746.00
CLA	Request for Payment - 2022 Phragmites *	850.00
Monthly Expense Total		\$13,837.53

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:35 p.m. Elfelt read a letter submitted by Dan Lydon of the Chisago Lindstrom Lakes Association to the LID Board. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:39 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Efelt updated the Board on the low water conditions and the status of lake level gauges.

Efelt informed the Board that the black film reported by a landowner on Green Lake was an abundance of Daphnia (water flea) eggs; a small freshwater crustacean that is a sign of good water quality per Jimmy Marty of EOR. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Department of Natural Resources were also notified of this development.

Efelt stated that the fall channel and weir inspection took place, and no concerns were noted. Both weirs were closed during inspection. EOR will provide a report at the December LID Board meeting.

Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD)

Efelt reviewed with the Board the Professional/Technical Services Contract By and Between Chisago County and Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District, which once approved, will go the Chisago County Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to recommend the Chisago County Board of Commissioners to approve the scope for the Professional/Technical Services Contract By and Between Chisago County and Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District and allotted funds as listed in the Scope of Work on page 1 of 10 of the contract. Motion seconded by Director Kinny 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

Director Behnke offered a motion to approve payment of \$1000 to the Chisago Lindstrom Lakes Association once a revised invoice request is received in the new amount. Motion seconded by Director McBride 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

Elfelt updated the Board on potential supplemental funding to treat Invasive Phragmites from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI). The LID would need to apply for these funds in July of 2023.

Elfelt reviewed the discussion that took place with LID staff, DNR staff Craig Wills, and EOR staff Greg Graske regarding the North Center/North Lindstrom Channel project.

Elfelt updated the Board and on the dewatering of two stormwater ponds in Lindstrom to eradicate the established school of goldfish that have taken up residence there.

OLD BUSINESS

Elfelt updated the Board on the resignation of Board Director Monica Kinny effective immediately following the November 7th LID Board meeting. Per the LID bylaws, the open Director position will be filled by appointment of the remaining Board Directors. The position will be advertised until November 30th and the appointment will take place at the December 5th LID meeting.

Elfelt updated the Board on the ongoing survey and treatment of Invasive Phragmites.

STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS

Chisago County Water Resources

Wilson Witkowski reported to the Board that Minnesota DNR has proposed a change in classification status of 13 invasive plant and animal species, including invasive Phragmites.

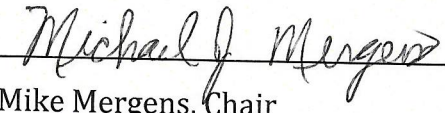
Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Aquatic Invasive Species Program, specifically the Water Access Monitoring Program and Zebra Mussel Watch.

Wilson Witkowski discussed the We Are Water MN Exhibit Host Exploration process and potentially applying to be the host county for this exhibit in 2024.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Shoreland Owner's Guide that is in progress for the LID and greater Chisago County.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Lower St. Croix, Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (1W1P) Watershed Based Implementation Funding Work Plan for FY23.

Director LeVasseur offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Motion seconded by Director Kinny 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


Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: 

Benjamin Elfelt, Administrator

Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District