

**APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, December 5, 2022**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District (LID) Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, December 5, 2022 via both an in-person and virtual meeting held at the Chisago County Government Center, Room 150B, in Center City, MN with the following Directors present: Jill Behnke, 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 LID Administrator Ben Elfelt, Chisago County Water Resource Manager Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Chisago Lakes LID Water Resource Specialist Monica Kinny, Chisago County Commissioner Chris DuBose, EOR engineer Greg Graske, EOR Environmental Scientist Jimmy Marty, and one citizen.

Chair Mike Mergens called the business meeting to order at 6:30 pm and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Behnke offered a motion to approve the amended agenda for the LID meeting. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, 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: November 7, 2022, b) Financial Report and c) Approval of Invoice Payments. Motion seconded by Director Schumacher and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** None

December 2022 LID Invoices Received

Invoice Detail	LID Budget Category	Amount
Alliance	Chisago Lakes Water Quality Monitoring	1,560.00
SWCD	Goal 3, Obj 2, matching funds: Pine View Shores	2,283.50
SWCD	Goal 3 BMP Maintenance	2,368.06
SWCD	Goal 6, Obj 2, Cost Share Program	5,013.33
EOR	Oct - Board Meeting attendance October 3, 2022.	250.00
EOR	Oct - Water Levels: Fall channel & weir inspection, NC-NL channel	1,428.75
EOR	Oct - Carp Management - Kroon stormwater pond goldfish project	40.50
EOR	Oct - Point Intercept Surveys: Lakes Emily & Ellen	342.50
EOR	Nov - Water Levels: Fall Inspection Report, DNR modeling activities	3,179.50
EOR	Dec - Board Meeting attendance December 5, 2022	250.00
EOR	Dec - Water Levels: review of old SWMM model, DNR model files	2,498.00
Monthly Expense Total		19,214.14

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:35 p.m. No citizens offered comment. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:36 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

The LID Board voted on the two applicants for the vacant Area 5 LID Board Director position. The results were as follows:

Bruce Meyer received 3 votes. (Directors Mergens, Paquay, and Schumacher.)

Travis LaMotte received 3 votes. (Directors LeVasseur, McBride, and Behnke.)

Director Behnke offered a motion to table the Area 5 LID Director appointment process and push the tiebreaker to the general election to be held at the February 2023 LID Annual Meeting with current applicants, pending legal review. Motion seconded by Director McBride and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** None

Elfelt updated the Board on the withdrawal of the Sunrise River Water Management Organization from the Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership.

Director LeVasseur offered a motion to approve the draft 2023 LID Board Meeting Schedule, Annual Calendar, and preferred meeting room location of 150B. Motion seconded by Director Paquay and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** None

Director Behnke offered a motion to approve registration for a joint LID - Lake Associations booth at the 2023 Chisago Lakes Home & Business Expo being held on February 25th and 26th. Motion seconded by Director McBride and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** None

Director McBride offered a motion to approve up to \$1200 in advertising expenses for the upcoming Area 1 and Area 6 Election and LID Annual Meeting notice to be published in the Chisago County Press. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** None

Director Behnke offered a motion to table the discussion on a joint Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District - LID Rain Barrel Sale program for 2023. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** None

OLD BUSINESS

Elfelt stated that the county GIS department is putting together a map with updated Phragmites treatment locations. This same information is being added to the EDDmapS invasive species application by Julia Bohnen from the University of Minnesota.

Elfelt relayed his discussion with DNR Area Hydrologist Craig Wills regarding the North Center/North Lindstrom Channel project. He stated that Wills intends to use an existing water level model to determine any changes in water levels or function as a result of channel widening. Using the existing model may result in a significant cost savings for the project.

STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS

Chisago County Water Resources

Wilson Witkowski informed the Board that the Zebra Mussel Veliger and Spiny Waterflea Tow surveys conducted by Wild Rivers Conservancy that took place in late June/early July resulted in no new detection of either invasive species within the Chisago Lakes watershed.

Wilson Witkowski shared with the Board that the roadside phragmites survey conducted by Wild Rivers Conservancy within Wyoming, North Branch, Rush City, and Rusheba Townships resulted in discovery of a single new invasive hybrid phragmites population in Wyoming Township, and was documented and submitted to EDDMapS.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the outcome of the American Recovery Plan Act Proposals brought before the Chisago County Board of Commissioners Budget and Finance Committee.

Among the items approved are the following:

- \$250,000 for developing a Water Resource Match Grant program for lake associations.
- \$50,000 to purchase a second truck to be shared among the 5 Water Resource staff for survey and sampling field work.
- \$5000 for laptops for Water Resource Manager and AIS Specialist positions.
- \$10,000 to purchase new AIS signage at public water accesses.
- \$5000 to develop AIS rapid response plans.
- \$1,200 to implement a Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring program at Sunrise Lake.
- \$100,000 to develop countywide Lake Management Plans.

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

Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc (EOR)

Elfelt reviewed with the Board the *General Engineering and Administrative Services Agreement Between Chisago County and Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. for the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District*, which once approved, will go the Chisago County Board of Commissioners for final approval.

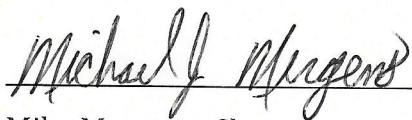
Director McBride offered a motion to recommend to the Chisago County Board of Commissioners approval of the General Engineering and Administrative Services Agreement Between Chisago County and Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. for the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District and allotted funds as listed in the Cost, Compensation and Payment of Services on page 2 of the contract. Motion seconded by Director Schumacher and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** None

Director McBride left the meeting at 7:30 pm

Jimmy Marty, EOR Environmental Scientist updated the LID Board on the Aquatic Plant Point Intercept surveys completed in 2022 on Swamp Lake, Peterson Lake, and Lake Emily.

EOR Engineer Greg Graske discussed with the LID Board findings from the fall Channel and Outlet Structure Inspection. Several minor maintenance items were completed during the inspection and two items should be addressed at a future date.

Director LeVasseur offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Motion seconded by Director Schumacher and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Todd McBride



Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: 

Benjamin Efelt, Administrator

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