

**APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, January 9, 2023**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District (LID) Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, January 9, 2023 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: Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Travis LaMotte 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 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 County Commissioner Marlys Dunne, 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 LeVasseur offered a motion to approve the agenda for the LID meeting. Motion seconded by Director Schumacher and, upon a roll call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Travis LaMotte and Jill Behnke

Director Paquay offered a motion to approve the items on Consent Agenda for the LID meeting, including a) Approval of Minutes: from December 5, 2022, and the December 15, 2022 Special Meeting and b) Financial Report and c) Approval of Invoice Payments. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a roll call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Travis LaMotte and Jill Behnke

January 2023 LID Invoices Received		
Invoice Detail	LID Budget Category	Amount
CC Press	Legal Ad - Area 5 Announcement	985.68
ODP Business Solutions	Office Supplies (Toner)	151.85
Chisago Lakes Community Ed	Home & Business Expo Booth Rental	195.00
Lindstrom Hardware	Hook, Line & Sinker Collector supplies	20.37
Washington Cons. District	4th Quarter Water Resource Educator Program	1,671.40
Monthly Expense Total		3,024.30

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

NEW BUSINESS

Elfelt introduced a new method of sharing agendas and documents. The LID Board was in favor of moving to OneDrive as the main mechanism for filesharing.

Elfelt updated the Board on the County adoption of the Baker Tilly Wage Study for all exempt positions, and the anticipated adoption for union positions pending contract resolution. Elfelt will update the LID Board with final budget implications once the union contract is finalized.

Elfelt updated the LID Board on the appointment of Commissioner Dunne as the County Board Liaison to the LID Board, and Commissioner Greene as the alternate. Commissioner Dunne introduced herself to the LID Board.

Elfelt updated the Board on the upcoming LID Board Election on February 6, 2023, for Areas 1 & 6. Candidate Mike Mergens submitted an application for Area 1 and candidate Gary Schumacher submitted an application for Area 6.

Director McBride left the meeting.

Elfelt updated the Board on the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) issuance of the Green Lake Villas well permit, permit number: 2021-2835. The LID Board directed Elfelt to follow up MNDNR staff about the monitoring requirements of the permit.

Elfelt updated the Board on the renewal of the Little Green Lake and Lake Ellen carp barrier permit, permit number: 80239.

Director LeVasseur offered a motion to approve funding for garbage cans to be placed at the main public accesses on North Center, South Center, Chisago, and Big Green Lakes, for fourteen days, coinciding with fish house removal deadline, not to exceed three hundred dollars. Motion seconded by Director McBride and, upon a roll call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Travis LaMotte and Jill Behnke

Elfelt updated the Board on the municipal snow storage site near South Center Lake. The Board approved chloride testing of one sample to be used for estimating total chloride load of the snow pile.

Director Paquay offered a motion to approve funding fifty percent (50%) of the cost for four new promotional posters, in partnership with County Water Resources, LID share not to exceed five hundred dollars. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a roll call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Travis LaMotte and Jill Behnke

OLD BUSINESS

Director LeVasseur offered a motion to approve LID funding to provide a ten-dollar discount coupon to residents within the LID to be used when purchasing a rain barrel from the Chisago County Soil and Water Conservation District, total coupon expense not to exceed seven hundred and twenty dollars. Motion seconded by Director McBride and, upon a roll call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Travis LaMotte and Jill Behnke

Elfelt updated the Board on the North Center / North Lindstrom channel project, stating that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) is still reviewing the EOR models and requested data, and will update LID staff when review is complete.

STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS

Chisago County Water Resources

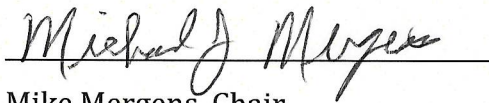
Wilson Witkowski informed the Board that East Metro Water Resource Education Program (EMWREP) staff met with County and LID staff to discuss planning for 2023. Smart salting was discussed as a potential subject for future trainings and outreach events.

Wilson Witkowski shared with the Board that the We Are Water Exhibit committee has formed two subcommittees, one to apply for the grant and one to research and explore host sites.

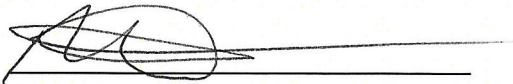
Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the outcome of the American Recovery Plan Act Proposals brought before the Chisago County Board of Commissioners Budget and Finance Committee.

Following the expiration of their three-year terms, Director Mergens volunteered to be the Policy Committee LID Citizen At-Large, and Director Paquay volunteered to be the alternate appointee for the Lower St. Croix, Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (1W1P)

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:** Margaret LeVasseur, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Travis LaMotte, Todd McBride, and Jill Behnke



Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: 

Benjamin Elfelt, Administrator

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