

**APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, May 1, 2023**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District (LID) Board of Directors met for their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 1, 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: Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** None

Notice of Participation via Teams

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02, LID Board Director Gary Schumacher remotely attended the meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 6:30 pm via Microsoft Teams. Schumacher was seen and heard via electronic means and participated from 8840 98th Street Road, Unit C, Ocala, FL 34481, a location open and accessible to the public. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02, LID Board Director Steve Paquay remotely attended the meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 6:30 pm via Microsoft Teams.

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, LID Water Resource Specialist Monica Kinny, Chisago County Water Resource Manager Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Chisago County Commissioner Marlys Dunne, EOR Engineer Greg Graske, and 1 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 amended agenda for the LID meeting. Motion seconded by Director LaMotte and, upon a roll call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** None

Director Behnke offered a motion to approve the items on Consent Agenda for the LID meeting, including a) Approval of Minutes from the Board Meeting on April 3, 2023, the b) Financial Report, and c) Approval of Invoice Payments. Motion seconded by Director McBride and, upon a roll call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** None

May 2023 LID Invoices Received		
Invoice Detail	LID Budget Category	Amount
Karl Oskar Days Booth Registration	Education/Outreach	100.00
Forest Lake Printing	Water Quality Monitoring Report	170.70
Amazon	Lake Water Quality Monitoring	197.95
EOR	Meeting Attendance	250.00
EOR	Water Levels	1,324.00
City of Lindstrom	Reserve Spending (AIS)	12,285.50
Monthly Expense Total		13,859.50

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:34 p.m. One citizen offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:35 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Schumacher offered a motion to approve taking \$4000 from Reserve Spending to reimburse Todd McBride for the purchase of a dock system for public use near the downtown area on North Center Lake. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a roll call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **ABSTAINED:** Todd McBride (Conflict of Interest) **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** None

Elfelt encouraged the Board to save the date of July 31, 2023 for a Summer Tour of LID Projects.

EOR Engineer Greg Graske relayed a short history of the North Center – North Lindstrom Channel Restoration project and updated the Board on the possibility of creating a new watershed hydrologic model to replace an outdated version as requested by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Director Behnke offered a motion to approve hiring Lakes Aquatic Weed Removal to eliminate two large stands of cattails/vegetation in the channel between North Center and North Lindstrom Lakes for a total of \$16,908. Motion seconded by Director McBride and, upon a roll call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** None

Director McBride offered a motion to approve up to \$750 from the Aquatic Invasive Species budget to provide rakes for aquatic weed removal at public boat landings within the LID. Motion seconded by Director LaMotte and, upon a roll call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** None

OLD BUSINESS

Elfelt let the Board know that the LID portion of the Water Quality Testing Proposal from Alliance Testing is \$9,600 versus the \$13,520 that was previously quoted.

The LID Board chose to delegate the discussion of an updated Carp Management Plan (including Green Lake) to the Aquatic Invasive Species Workgroup and have them make a recommendation to the full Board.

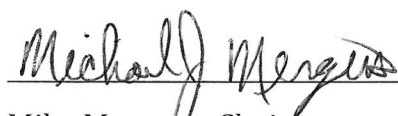
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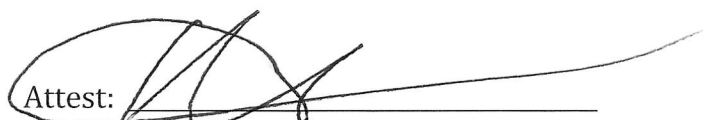
Elfelt updated the Board on the status of lake level staff gauges, Facebook posts, and the Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program. Elfelt recently gave a talk to the Chisago Lakes Rotary Club and reminded the Board that the Aquatic Invasive Species Partnership Program is up and running.

Wilson Witkowski shared with the Board that the Slow-No-Wake Ordinance was in effect at several lakes within the LID, that the Water Resources Department had received a grant of \$240,000 to assist low-income residents with replacement of failing septic systems, that several Aquatic Invasive Species programs were up and running, including Watercraft Inspections and Zebra Mussel Monitoring Plates.

Graske verbally updated the LID Board on the Channel and Weir Inspection that took place on April 21st. He will have a formal report to review at the June meeting.

Director McBride offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** None


Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: 
Benjamin Elfelt, Administrator

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