

**APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, June 5, 2023**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District (LID) Board of Directors met for their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 5, 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, Lake Improvement District (LID) Board Director Todd McBride remotely attended the meeting on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 6:30 pm via Microsoft Teams. McBride was seen and heard via electronic means and participated from 939 Burnaby Ave, Penticton, BC V2A 1G7, Canada, a location open and accessible to the public

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 3 citizens.

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 both the Board Meeting on May 1, 2023, and the AIS Workgroup Meeting on May 31, 2023, the b) Financial Report, and c) Approval of Invoice Payments. Motion seconded by Director Paquay 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

June 2023 LID Invoices Received

Invoice Detail	LID Budget Category	Amount
EOR	Meeting Attendance	250.00
EOR	Water Levels	3,898.00
Center City	Cost Share - Public Dock Purchase - Center City	4,000.00
Lindstrom Hardware	Hook Line and Sinker	77.72
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Rapid Press	Hook Line and Sinker Stickers	64.16
Lakes Aquatic Weed Removal	Bog Clearing (North Center/North Lindstrom)	14,650.00
Monthly Expense Total		22,994.00

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:34 p.m. Two citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:39 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Elfelt shared with the board an email of concern from a local resident regarding watercraft speed and visibility issues in the channel between North and South Lindstrom Lakes, particularly in Moonlight Bay. Slow-No-Wake buoys are in place, but citizens feel that the speed-restricted area should be extended further into South Lindstrom Lake to ensure safety of swimmers and other recreationalists utilizing Beach Park docks and fishing piers. Visibility is low, especially on windy days, and deputies have been placing safety buoys according to a map but have no GPS coordinates to verify placement accuracy.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to approve making a recommendation to the County Board to create a permanent Slow-No-Wake zone in the entirety of Moonlight Bay to prevent safety issues between boaters and other water recreationalists. Motion seconded by Director Paquay 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, Todd McBride, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** None

Director LeVasseur offered a motion to approve paying citizens who are volunteering their pontoons for the LID tour of projects \$50 each as a fuel reimbursement. 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

Elfelt shared with the Board that the 2024 Water Resource Management Plan has been updated and that the Planning and Budget workgroup will be meeting again to firm up the 2024 LID Budget recommendations before bringing it to the full LID Board for approval.

Todd McBride left the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Director Behnke offered a motion to approve \$1000 from the Environmental Education and Stewardship budget to assist with funding for the 21st Annual Chisago County Children's Water Festival. 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. **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Todd McBride

Todd McBride rejoined the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Director LaMotte offered a motion to approve \$2,086.37 for North Center Lake and \$2,781.41 for South Center Lake as part of the LID/Lake Associations Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment Partnership Program. Motion seconded by Director Paquay 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 updated the Board on the status of the North Center North Lindstrom Channel modeling process. He stated that EOR, LID staff, and the North Center North Lindstrom Channel Workgroup will meet with DNR to discuss whether the new channel model will provide sufficient information needed for DNR to permit the project.

Elfelt shared with the Board that the bog removal project was completed in one day and came in under budget at \$14,650 versus the \$16,908 that was approved.

Elfelt stated that Collins Engineering did a preliminary inspection of the weirs and will do a more thorough inspection of the Lofton Weir by releasing the water currently contained inside and physically entering the weir as there is not sufficient room to dive in or around the structure.

Director Behnke offered a motion to accept the recommendation from the Aquatic Invasive Species workgroup to table the Green/Little Green Lake proposal until 2024 or 2025, and to pursue the Base Project tasks plus Optional Tasks 2 and 3 from the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Common Carp Integrated Pest Management Plan Development proposal, not to exceed \$19,000 from reserve spending. 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

Elfelt relayed to the Board that the Invasive Phragmites Planning Team met and reminded them that the LID has assumed the duties to find and treat phragmites on the lakes within the LID. The next step will be to meet with Lake Associations to coordinate efforts.

STAFF & ENGINEER REPORTS

Elfelt reminded the LID Board that Karl Oskar Days will be held on Friday, July 7th and Saturday, July 8th and encouraged the Board to sign up for a shift at the LID booth, stated that two lake level gauges may need to be relocated already due to cattails, that both staff and volunteer water quality monitoring has begun, and that the bog removal process in the North Center North Lindstrom Channel was successful.

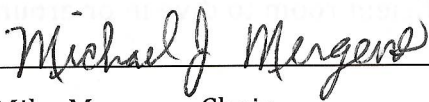
Wilson Witkowski shared the Chisago County Children's Water Festival Volunteer Sign Up Sheet with the Board, that the Watercraft Decontamination unit will be up and running this week, that all of the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) grants submitted have been approved by the County Board, that there is an upcoming Aquatic Plant Identification Workshop on July 27th, 2023, plus two Workshops on the Water on June 27th and July 25th, and gave a Lower St. Croix, One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) update.

Todd McBride left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

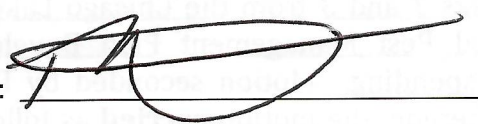
Director LeVasseur offered a motion to approve \$90 from the Conferences, Dues & Training budget to send up to 3 LID Directors to the St. Croix River Workshops on the Water. Motion seconded by Director Paquay and, upon a roll call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Todd McBride

EOR Engineer Graske shared the Channel and Weir Inspection report and findings that took place on April 21st, 2023.

Director LeVasseur offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Motion seconded by Director LaMotte and, upon a 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. **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Todd McBride


Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest:


Benjamin Elfelt, Administrator

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