

APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, February 5, 2024

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District (LID) Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, February 5, 2024 via an in-person and virtual meeting held at the Chisago County Government Center in Center City, Minnesota, with the following Board of Directors present: Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** None

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02, LID Board Director Gary Schumacher remotely attended the LID Board meeting on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 6:30 pm via Microsoft Teams. Director Schumacher was seen and heard via electronic means and participated from 8840 98th Street, Road Unit C, Ocala, Florida, 34481, a location open and accessible to the public.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02, LID Board Director Steve Paquay remotely attended the LID Board meeting on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 6:30 pm via Microsoft Teams. Director Paquay was seen and heard via electronic means and participated from 19610 Gulf Blvd, Indian Shores, Florida 33785, 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 meeting 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: LID Administrator Ben Elfelt, Chisago County Water Resource Manager Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist Camden Droppo, LID Water Resource Specialist Monica Kinny, Chisago County Commissioner Marlys Dunne, Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. (EOR) Water Resources Engineer Greg Graske, Chisago County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) Water Resource Specialist Casey Thiel, and 2 citizens.

The 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 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 LeVasseur offered a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda for the LID meeting, including a) Approval of Minutes: January 8, 2024, b) Financial Report and c) Approval of Invoice Payments. Motion seconded by Director Behnke 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

February 2024 LID Invoices Received		
Invoice Detail	LID Budget Category	Amount
MN Lake Mgmt. Society	Symposium Registration	50.00
CL Community Ed	CL Showcase Booth Rental	175.00
CC Press	Annual Meeting & Election Announcement	357.12
WSB	East Zone Baseline D Invoice	1,006.50
Washington Cons. District	Shared Water Resource Educator	1,671.40
Monthly Expense Total		3,260.02

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:33 p.m. No citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:33 p.m.

2024 ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION RESULTS

Elfelt reviewed with the Board the LID election candidates for Area 3: Meg LeVasseur and Dan Hames, and Area 4: Steve Paquay and Derek Duffy

40 ballots were received. Election results are as follows:

- Meg LeVasseur, Area 3 Candidate, received 33 votes.
- Dan Hames, Area 3 Candidate, received 5 votes.
- Steve Paquay, Area 4 Candidate, received 35 votes.
- Derek Duffy, Area 4 Candidate, received 1 vote.

Directors LeVasseur and Paquay will continue to serve as the LID Board Directors for Area 3 and Area 4.

Elfelt reviewed with the Board the process to administer the Oaths of Office for the LID.

Commissioner Dunne administered the Oaths of Office for newly re-elected LID Board Directors LeVasseur and Paquay.

2024 ANNUAL MEETING

Director Mergens reviewed with the Board on nominating Board Directors to serve as LID Board Chair and Vice Chair for 2024.

Director LeVasseur offered a motion to nominate Director Mergens to serve as LID Board Chair for 2024. Motion seconded by Director Behnke 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 Paquay offered a motion to nominate Director Schumacher to serve as LID Board Vice Chair for 2024. 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, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** None

Director Mergens reviewed with the Board on selecting Board Members to serve on the LID Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), North Center North Lindstrom Lakes Channel Maintenance, Planning and Budget, and LID Channel and Weir – Operations and Maintenance Plan Workgroups for 2024.

Director McBride offered a motion to allow the LID Board to approve forming the following workgroups:

- An Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Workgroup of up to three (3) Directors (Jill Behnke, Mike Mergens, and Gary Schumacher) to meet and provide recommendations to the LID Board for 2024.
- A North Center North Lindstrom Lakes Channel Maintenance Workgroup of up to three (3) Directors (Meg LeVasseur, Mike Mergens, and Todd McBride) to meet and provide recommendations to the LID Board for 2024.
- A Planning and Budget Workgroup of up to three (3) Directors (Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, and Steve Paquay) to meet and provide recommendations to the LID Board for 2024.
- A LID Channel and Weir – Operations and Maintenance Plan Workgroup of up to three (3) Directors (Travis LaMotte, Todd McBride, and Steve Paquay) to meet and provide recommendations to the LID Board for 2024.

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 reminded the Board that the Water Resource Management Plan was updated for 2024.

Elfelt provided the Board with the 2024 budget summary and stated that the budget was on track.

OLD BUSINESS

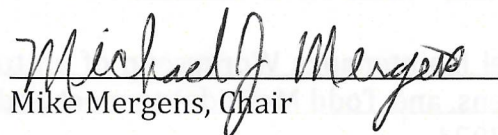
Elfelt shared the bid for weir repair services submitted by Collins Engineering, Inc. The LID Channel and Weir – Operation and Maintenance Plan Workgroup will meet with a representative from Collins before the next LID Board meeting to get a detailed description of the work plan and associated costs. The workgroup hopes to have a recommendation for the LID Board by the March meeting regarding the bid.

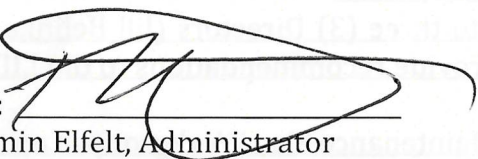
STAFF REPORTS

2023 ANNUAL REPORTS PRESENTATION

Chisago County, SWCD, and EOR staff provided a presentation on the Water Resources programs and projects implemented in 2023 within the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District, including Chisago County Lake Water Quality Monitoring, Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention, and Chisago County Water Resources.

Director LeVasseur offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. 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


Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: 
Benjamin Elfelt, Administrator
Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District