

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

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District (LID) Board of Directors met for their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 5th, 2024, via both an in-person and virtual meeting held at the Chisago County Government Center, Administrative Board Room, in Center City, MN with the following Directors present: Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Mike Mergens

Notice of Participation 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: LID Administrator Ben Elfelt, LID Water Resource Specialist Monica Kinny, County Water Resource Manager Susanna Wilson Witkowski, County Commissioner Marlys Dunne, County Outreach & Initiative Coordinator Katie Malchow, EOR Water Resources Engineer Greg Graske, and one citizen.

Vice Chair Gary Schumacher called the business meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director McBride made a motion to approve the agenda for the LID meeting as amended. Motion seconded by Director LaMotte and, upon a voice vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Mike Mergens

Director Behnke offered a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda for the LID meeting, including a) Approval of Minutes from the Board Meeting on July 8th, 2024, b) the Financial Report, and c) Approval of Invoice Payments. Motion seconded by Director Paquay and, upon a voice vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Mike Mergens

August 2024 LID Invoices Received		
Invoice Detail	LID Budget Category	Amount
Chisago County Press	2023 Lake Level Publication	860.00
EOR	Water Levels	156.00
MAISRC	Research & Mgmt Showcase (Schumacher)	50.00
SWCD	Goal 1: Water Quality	6,000.00
SWCD	Goal 3: Land Use Practices	1,599.37
SWCD	Goal 6: Shorelines	975.00
Monthly Expense Total		9,640.37

The Vice Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:32 p.m. No citizen offered comment. The Vice Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:32 p.m.

WORKGROUP & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director Paquay made a motion to approve \$10,900 from reserve spending to contract with WSB to sub-contract with Lake State Realty Services, Inc. to perform appraisals on three parcels adjacent to the North Center-North Lindstrom Channel. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a voice vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Mike Mergens

Elfelt informed the Board that he had been approached by staff from the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) about their Lab to Lakes Initiative; a potential partnership and assistance with carp management within North & South Center, North & South Lindstrom, and Chisago Lakes. MAISRC will be requesting more information and making their determination by the end of August.

NEW BUSINESS

Director LeVasseur expressed concern regarding the use of glyphosate for invasive phragmites treatment, and Elfelt stated that he would inquire with Julia Bohnen from the University of Minnesota for guidance on chemical toxicity and best practices for phragmites eradication.

Director LaMotte made a motion to approve spending up to \$7000 from Goal 8, Aquatic Invasive Species to contract with Lake Management for treatment of invasive phragmites within LID lakes. Motion seconded by Director McBride and, upon a voice vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Mike Mergens

Director Behnke made a motion to approve spending up to \$3000 from reserve funding to contract with Minnesota Native Landscapes for treatment of residual invasive phragmites at the Ivywood site. Motion seconded by Director McBride and, upon a voice vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Mike Mergens

OLD BUSINESS

Elfelt update the Board on the status of the weir repair project and stated that WSB would have a final plan by the end of September.

Malchow discussed the process that brought about a new Chisago County logo. She advised against the LID's use of the new county logo because the LID is not a county-wide organization. Commissioner Dunne advised discontinuing use of the current LID logo as it is a variation of the discontinued county logo.

Director LaMotte made a motion to move forward with Elfelt's newly designed LID logo. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a voice vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Mike Mergens

Elfelt stated that invitations for the September 16th LID Fall Tour went out earlier in the day, and encouraged LID Directors to RSVP ASAP as seating on the tour bus is limited.

Kinny reminded the Board that time slots are still available for the LID/Lake Associations booth at Ki Chi Saga Days on August 17th and 18th and encouraged them to sign up.

STAFF & ENGINEER REPORTS

LID Updates

Elfelt informed the Board that the next channel and weir inspection would take place on August 12th, and at that time concerns raised by Chisago City Parks Superintendent Doris Zacho would be addressed.

Kinny shared an educational opportunity in the form of an AIS Detectors webinar on invasive cattail research and management offered on September 19th.

Chisago County Water Resources Updates

Wilson Witkowski updated the LID Board on the following:

The Children's Water Festival is looking for volunteers for its 22nd annual festival on September 26th.

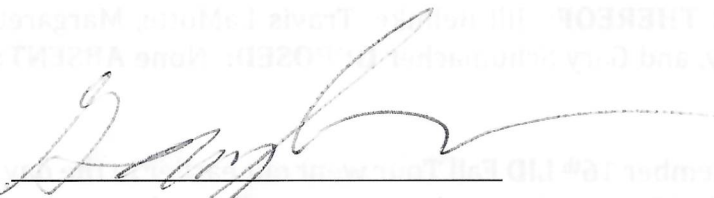
AIS inspections are beginning to wind down due to several inspectors returning to college, but the program would continue into October. Decontamination Blitz will take place August 16-18th at the Osceola landing and Lions Park in Taylors Falls in conjunction with Wild Rivers Conservancy.

Starry Trek will take place on August 10th and registration is still open.

The American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) grant program is underway, and the County Board will review at their next meeting the recommendation by the Water Plan Policy Team to create county-wide lake management plans.

The We Are Water MN Exhibit is winding down and its last day for viewing is August 12th. The final event will be a book reading with two local authors at the North Branch Library on August 8th from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Director McBride offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Motion seconded by Director Schumacher and, upon a voice vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Mike Mergens



Gary Schumacher, Vice Chair

Attest: 

Benjamin Elfelt, Administrator

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