

APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, December 2, 2024

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District (LID) Board of Directors met for their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, December 2nd, 2024, 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, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Travis LaMotte

Notice of Participation via Microsoft Teams

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02, one or more LID Board Directors remotely attended the LID Board meeting on Monday, December 2, 2024 at 6:30 pm via Microsoft Teams. Directors were seen and heard via electronic means and participated from the following locations, which were open and accessible to the public:

Gary Schumacher: 8840 98th Street, Road Unit C, Ocala, FL 34481

Margaret LeVasseur: 12915 Pleasant Ave., Lindstrom, MN 55045

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, EOR Water Resources Engineer Greg Graske, and two citizens.

Chair Mike Mergens called the business meeting to order at 6:31 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 Paquay and, upon a roll call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Travis LaMotte

Director Schumacher 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 November 4, 2024, b) the Financial Report, and c) Approval of Invoice Payments. Motion seconded by Director Behnke and, upon a roll call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as **IN FAVOR THEREOF**: Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED**: None **ABSENT**: Travis LaMotte

December 2024 LID Invoices Received		
Invoice Detail	LID Budget Category	Amount
CC Auditor	Postage - Volunteer Thank You Cards	6.90
CC Press	Weir Rehab Bid Notice	97.76
CL Community Ed	Showcase Registration Fee	175.00
EOR	Board Meeting Attendance	275.00
EOR	Water Levels	811.49
SWCD	Goal 3 BMPs/Goal 6 Shorelines	11,533.87
WSB	Lab to Lakes Project Mgmt	310.50
Monthly Expense Total		13,105.86

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:33 p.m. No citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:34 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Elfelt shared with the board a summary of work completed entitled "Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District 2024 Annual Summary" that had been prepared at the request of the county administrator.

Director McBride made a motion to approve the Professional/Technical Services Contract By and Between Chisago County and Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a roll call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF**: Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED**: None **ABSENT**: Travis LaMotte

Director Behnke made a motion to approve the General Engineering and Administrative Services Agreement Between Chisago County and Emmons and Olivier Resources, Inc. for the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District. Motion seconded by Director Paquay and, upon a roll call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Travis LaMotte

Graske shared with the board the findings at the most recent channel and weir inspection that took place on November 6th, 2024.

Director Schumacher made a motion to approve the price quote from Peterson Companies, Inc. for cleanout and removal of sediment from the Swamp Lake culverts, not to exceed \$6,500.00. Motion seconded by Director Paquay and, upon a roll call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Travis LaMotte

Director McBride made a motion to approve the price quote of \$6,610.00 from Peterson Companies, Inc. for beaver dam removal along Sportsman Drive in Chisago City. Motion seconded by Director Behnke and, upon a roll call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Travis LaMotte

Director Schumacher made a motion to approve up to \$1,500.00 for beaver removal services from North Country Beaver Control. Motion seconded by Director Behnke and, upon a roll call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Travis LaMotte

Elfelt will create a Doodle Poll to schedule a special meeting to review and approve the promissory note from Chisago County to the Chisago Lakes LID for a loan to fund the weir reconstruction project.

OLD BUSINESS

Elfelt relayed to the board that LID staff will attend the Chisago Lakes Joint Sewage Treatment Commission meeting on December 16th, but that the Wastewater Permit Comment Opportunity was not the avenue to pursue replacement of Invasive Phragmites currently in use at the facility.

Kinny informed the board that the application period for LID Areas 5 and 7 Director positions was open and that applications would be accepted through December 31, 2024.

Elfelt updated the board on receiving the final proposed easement descriptions and plat map from Widseth Smith Nolting & Associates, Inc. for the North Center-North Lindstrom Channel project, which was also sent to the appraisers. Elfelt and several LID Directors

attended the November Chisago Lakes Township meeting to gauge support for the project and no concerns were noted at that time.

STAFF & ENGINEER REPORTS

LID Updates

Kinny shared with the board that staff is nearing the end of lake level monitoring for the season as ice is forming on area lakes.

Chisago County Water Resources Updates

Wilson Witkowski updated the LID Board on the following:

The 2023 Chisago County Water Quality Monitoring Report has been completed and shows a reduction in total phosphorus throughout county lakes.

The Chisago County Emergency Management Plan is being updated and the public comment period will end on December 2, 2024.

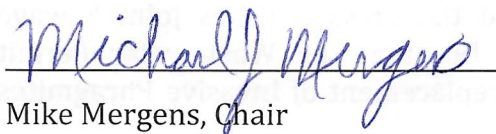
The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant application period for 2025 closed on November 8th. The Water Plan Policy Team reviewed applications at their meeting on November 18th and will make recommendations to the County Board on December 4th. Agreements will be in place by the end of the year and grant money needs to be spent by the end of 2025.

The Lower St. Croix Partnership 2024 Education Program Video was completed by Barbara Heitkamp, was shared with the board, and will be shared widely on social media.

EOR Updates

No further updates.

Director McBride offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Motion seconded by Director Behnke and, upon a voice vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Travis LaMotte


Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: 

Benjamin Elfelt, Administrator

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