

**APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, February 3, 2025**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District (LID) Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, February 3, 2025, 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: Travis LaMotte, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, and Gary Schumacher **ABSENT:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Steve Paquay

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02, one or more LID Board Directors remotely attended the LID Board meeting on Monday, February 3, 2025, 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

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, LID Water Resource Specialist Monica Kinny, Chisago County Water Resource Manager Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist Madelyn Kinny, Chisago County Commissioner Marlys Dunne, Chisago County Outreach and Initiative Coordinator Katie Malchow, Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. (EOR) Water Resources Engineer Greg Graske, 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 LaMotte offered a motion to approve the agenda for the LID meeting. Motion seconded by Director McBride and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Travis LaMotte, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Steve Paquay

Director McBride offered a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda for the LID meeting, including a) Approval of Minutes: January 6, 2025, b) Financial Report and c) Approval of Invoice Payments. Motion seconded by Director LaMotte and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Travis LaMotte, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Steve Paquay

February 2025 LID Invoices Received		
Invoice Detail	LID Budget Category	Amount
EOR	Board Meeting Attendance	275.00
EOR	Water Levels	104.00
MN Lake Mgmt Society	MLMS Symposium Attendance	70.00
WSB	Lab to Lakes/Carp Mgmt	3,051.12
Monthly Expense Total		3,500.12

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:32 p.m. One citizen offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:33 p.m.

2025 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Elfelt reviewed with the Board the LID election candidates for Area 5: Travis LaMotte and Area 7 (At Large): Todd McBride.

6 ballots were received. Election results are as follows:

- Travis LaMotte, Area 5 Candidate, received 6 votes.
- Todd McBride, Area 7 (At Large) Candidate, received 6 votes.

Directors LaMotte and McBride will continue to serve as the LID Board Directors for Area 5 and Area 7.

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

Director Schumacher offered a motion to nominate Director Mergens to serve as LID Board Chair for 2025. Motion seconded by Director LaMotte and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Travis LaMotte, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Steve Paquay

Director McBride offered a motion to nominate Director Schumacher to serve as LID Board Vice Chair for 2025. Motion seconded by Director LaMotte and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Travis LaMotte, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Steve Paquay

Director McBride offered a motion to allow the LID Board to keep the current workgroup assignments as follows:

- 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 2025.
- A North Center North Lindstrom Lakes Channel Maintenance Workgroup of up to three (3) Directors (Margaret LeVasseur, Mike Mergens, and Todd McBride) to meet and provide recommendations to the LID Board for 2025.
- 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 2025.
- 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 2025.

Motion seconded by Director Schumacher and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Travis LaMotte, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Steve Paquay

Elfelt provided the Board with the 2025 budget summary and stated that the budget was on track.

Elfelt reminded the Board that the Water Resource Management Plan was updated for 2025 when the 2025 budget was created last July.

Director LaMotte offered a motion to approve the LID Meeting Calendar for 2025. Motion seconded by Director Schumacher and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Travis LaMotte, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Steve Paquay

2024 ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATIONS

Staff from the Lake Improvement District and Chisago County Water Resources provided a presentation on the programs and projects implemented in 2024 within the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District, including Lake Level and Water Quality Monitoring, Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention, and more.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Schumacher offered a motion to approve spending \$325.00 for a new tablecloth with the updated logo for the LID booth display. Motion seconded by Director LaMotte and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Travis LaMotte, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** None **ABSENT:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Steve Paquay

OLD BUSINESS

Elfelt reminded the Board that spaces remained for the shared LID/Lake Associations booth at the Chisago Lakes Showcase being held on March 1st from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Kinny will send out the current schedule to the Board.

Elfelt updated the Board on the Lab to Lake Initiative including contract status and timelines.

STAFF & ENGINEER REPORTS

LID Updates

Elfelt shared with the Board that staff has arranged with Prism Design & Embroidery of North Branch to personalize clothing items with the new LID logo to help promote the LID during field work and outreach events.

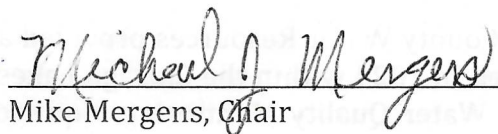
Elfelt relayed a concern that a LID resident expressed regarding the condition of the Little Green Lake boat landing.

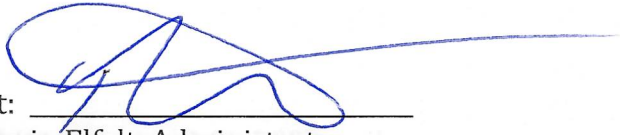
EOR Updates

Graske shared that the weir repair construction kick-off meeting would be coming up and a discussion regarding the channel project would be scheduled soon.

ADJOURNMENT

Director McBride offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Motion seconded by Director LaMotte and, upon a voice vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows:
IN FAVOR THEREOF: Travis LaMotte, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, and Gary Schumacher
OPPOSED: None **ABSENT:** Jill Behnke, Margaret LeVasseur, Steve Paquay


Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: 
Benjamin Elfelt, Administrator
Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District