



Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District
Chisago County Government Center
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(651) 213-8380 or benjamin.elfelt@chisagocountymn.gov

CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (LID) SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 5:00 pm

In-Person and Virtual Meeting

Room 150B, Chisago County Government Center, Center City

LID BOARD MEMBERS

Jill Behnke

South Center, Ogren, Linn,
Bloom and Swamp Lakes

Travis LaMotte

Green/Little Green, School,
and Mattson Lakes

Margaret LeVasseur

North Lindstrom, South
Lindstrom, and Wallmark
Lakes

Mike Mergens

Chair
North Center, Little, and
Pioneer Lakes

Todd McBride

At Large

Steve Paquay

Chisago, Kroon, and
Spider Lakes

Gary Schumacher

Vice Chair

At Large

Staff

Ben Elfelt

Administrator

Monica Kinny

Water Resource Specialist

*****Notice of Participation via Teams*****

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02, Subd. 3, persons interested in monitoring the meeting electronically from a remote location may view the meeting through the Microsoft Teams meeting link below.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02, Lake Improvement District (LID) Board Director LeVasseur will remotely attend the LID Board meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 5:00 pm via Microsoft Teams. LID Board Director LeVasseur will be seen and heard via electronic means and will participate from 12915 Pleasant Avenue, Lindstrom, MN 55045 a location open and accessible to the public.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02, Lake Improvement District (LID) Board Director Gary Schumacher will remotely attend the LID Board meeting on Monday, December 2, 2024 at 6:30 pm via Microsoft Teams. LID Board Director Schumacher will be seen and heard via electronic means and will participate from 8840 98th Street, Road Unit C, Ocala, FL 34481, a location open and accessible to the public.

Virtual Meeting Audience Attendance Instructions

Please enter the link below to join the meeting:

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Meeting ID: 270 965 239 281

Passcode: kE95gU3b

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[+1 612-428-8763](tel:+16124288763), [901624264#](tel:+1901624264) United States, Minneapolis

[Find a local number](#)

Phone conference ID: 901 624 264#

1) Convene; Pledge of Allegiance (5:00 p.m.)

2) Approval of Agenda*

3) CONSENT AGENDA

4) CITIZEN'S FORUM

5) NEW BUSINESS

a) Beaver Dam Removal, Lake Ellen Weir*

a. Peterson Companies, Inc.

b. Dresel Contracting, Inc.

b) Beaver Trapping Services, Lake Ellen*

c) Survey and Legal Descriptions, Lindstrom Park LLC*

9) ADJOURNMENT* (6:30 p.m.)

*** Indicates a motion is required for this agenda item**

2025 Budget - April

LID 618	Description			
Goal 1 Water Quality 6828		2025 Reserve Spending	2025 Approved Budget	2025 Actual
Obj 1	Lake Water Quality Monitoring		\$ -	\$ -
Obj 2	Lake Water Quality Monitoring Report		\$ -	\$ -
Obj 3	Lower St. Croix 1W1P		\$ -	\$ -
	Subtotal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Goal 2 Ditch & Weir System, Water Levels 6813		2025 Reserve Spending	2025 Approved Budget	2025 Actual
Obj 1	Maintain Ditch & Weir System			
Obj 1a	Master Services Agreement		\$ 40,000.00	\$ 104.00
Obj 1b	Channel and Weir Maintenance		\$ 46,000.00	
Obj 2	Monitor Water Supplies, Lakes and Ground water Observation Wells			
Obj 3	Equipment/Supplies/Publications		\$ 500.00	
	Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 86,500.00	\$ 104.00
Goal 3 Land Use Practices 6893		2025 Reserve Spending	2025 Approved Budget	2025 Actual
Obj 2	Matching funds - Install Projects			
Obj 2a	SWCD FY 2023 Match			
Obj 2b	SWCD FY 2024 Match		\$ 45,000.00	
Obj 3	Best Management Practices Maintenance		\$ 8,000.00	\$ 4,186.27
	Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 4,186.27
Goal 4 Recreational Use 6454		2025 Reserve Spending	2025 Approved Budget	2025 Actual
Obj 1	Recreation and safety recommendations			
Obj 2	Waterway Trail System		\$ 150.00	
Obj 3	Parks adjacent to lakes		\$ 150.00	
Obj 4	Special needs docks		\$ 150.00	
	Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 450.00	
Goal 5 Navigation Channels 6834		2025 Reserve Spending	2025 Approved Budget	2025 Actual
Obj 1	North Center North Lindstrom Channel			\$ 14,332.50
Obj 2	Navigation Channel Maintenance			
	Subtotal		\$ -	\$ 14,332.50
Goal 6 Shorelines 6827		2025 Reserve Spending	2025 Approved Budget	2025 Actual
Obj 1	Lakeshore and Urban Restoration		\$ 10,000.00	
Obj 2	Landowner Cost Share Program		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,347.60
	Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 7,347.60
Goal 7 Environmental Education & Stewardship 6881		2025 Reserve Spending	2025 Approved Budget	2025 Actual
Obj 1	Children's Water Festival		\$ 1,000.00	
Obj 2	Water Resource Education Collaboration EMWREP		\$ 7,000.00	\$ 2,036.40
Obj 3	Education/Outreach		\$ 200.00	
Obj 4	Hook Line & Sinkers			
Obj 6	Boat Launch Garbage & Recycling			
	Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 2,036.40
Goal 8 Aquatic Invasive Species 6840		2025 Reserve Spending	2025 Approved Budget	2025 Actual
Obj 1	Lake Association partnerships		\$ -	
Obj 2	Rapid Response			
Obj 3	Develop and Implement Carp Control Plan			\$ 24,305.74
Obj 4	Survey Aquatic Plants/Animal Monitoring		\$ 6,000.00	
Obj 5	Invasive Phragmites Roadside Treatment		\$ 7,000.00	
	Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 24,305.74
Staff & Administrative Support		2025 Reserve Spending	2025 Approved Budget	2025 Actual
Obj 1	Contractor meeting attendance 6886		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 275.00
Obj 2	Per diems 6111		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,235.00
Obj 3a	County Staff Support 6105		\$ 197,770.00	\$ 44,047.28
Obj 3b	Technology			
Obj 4	Miscellaneous Expenses			\$ 128.00
	Postage 6205		\$ 350.00	
	Publications and brochures 6235		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,502.72
	Conferences, dues, training 6245		\$ 500.00	\$ 70.00
	Gas & oil 6561		\$ 1,000.00	
	Truck/Boat Maintenance 6482		\$ 2,000.00	
	Mileage 6330			
	Office Supplies 6400			
	Totals	\$ -	\$ 212,620.00	\$ 47,258.00
Totals		2025 Reserve Spending	2025 Approved Budget	2025 Actual
		\$ -	\$ 393,770.00	\$ 99,570.51
	2025 Levy	\$393,770.00		
	Fund Balance 03/2025	\$284,029.57		
	Fund Balance Percentage 03/2025	72.13%		
	Percent based on 2025 Budget	(Goal 35-50%)		
	80%	\$315,016.00		
	50%	\$196,885		
	35%	\$137,819.50		

Date: 04/01/2025

Lab to Lakes		2025 Approved Budget	2025 Actual	Remaining Budget
Expenses	18-618-325-0000-6454	\$ 324,281.00	\$ 24,305.74	\$ 299,975.26
Revenue	18-618-325-0000-5300	\$ 360,462.00	\$ 27,811.70	\$ 332,650.30

REMAINING BUDGET	\$ 299,975.26
% REMAINING BUDGET	92.50%
LID STAFF COSTS RETAINED	\$ 3,505.96

Lab to Lakes WSB Expenses

		unpaid	pending	paid		
Date	Discription	Invoice Number	WSB STAFF COST	EQUIPMENT	TOTAL INVOICE	LID STAFF COST
10/29/2024	Permits & Project Management (Sept)	000-1	\$ 310.50		\$ 310.50	\$ 1,455.84
11/21/2024	Electro CPUE & Telemetry (Oct)	000-2	\$ 12,461.75	\$ 6,388.37	\$ 18,850.12	\$ 1,455.84
1/8/2025	Electro CPUE & Data Entry (Nov)	000-3	\$ 3,051.12		\$ 3,051.12	
1/31/2025	Telemetry & PM (Dec)	000-4	\$ 2,094.00		\$ 2,094.00	\$ 594.28
2/28/2025	Winter Telemetry & P PM (Jan)	000-5	\$ 1,553.50		\$ 1,553.50	
3/22/2025	Permits, PIT station ordered and recon (Feb)	000-6	\$ 3,806.75	\$ 46,129.97	\$ 49,936.72	
					\$ -	
	Subtotal	\$ -	\$ 23,277.62	\$ 52,518.34	\$ 75,795.96	\$ 3,505.96

Lab to Lakes Revenue

Date	Discription	LID Invoice Number	WSB COSTS	LID STAFF COST	TOTAL REQUEST
2/5/2025	WSB invoices 1-4	LID-1	\$ 24,811.70	\$ 3,505.96	\$ 27,811.70
	Subtotal		\$ 24,811.70	\$ 3,505.96	\$ 27,811.70

Date: 04/01/2025

Weir Repair		Approved Budget	2025 Actual	Remaining Budget
Expenses	ARPA	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 66,933.00	\$ 108,067.00
Expenses	18-618-000-0000-6813 (LID Levy)	\$ 46,000.00		\$ 46,000.00
Expenses	County Loan	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00
Totals		\$ 521,000.00	\$ 66,933.00	\$ 454,067.00

REMAINING BUDGET	\$ 454,067.00
% REMAINING BUDGET	87.15%

Weir Repair Expenses		unpaid	pending	paid	
Date	Discription	Invoice Number	Collins Staff	EQUIPMENT	TOTAL INVOICE
10/12/2023	inspections Sept 2023	54995	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
1/15/2023	inspections Oct-Dec 2023	55534	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
7/9/2024	engineering May - June 2024	56503	\$ 2,289.71		\$ 2,289.71
8/6/2024	engineering July 2024	56703	\$ 18,724.25		\$ 18,724.25
11/12/2024	engineering Aug - Sept 2024	57322	\$ 34,492.75		\$ 34,492.75
2/11/2025	engineering, Oct 2024 - Jan 2025	57808	\$ 8,635.01		\$ 8,635.01
3/21/2025	engineering, Feb 2025	57995	\$ 1,757.50		\$ 1,757.50
					\$ -
					\$ -
	Subtotal	396860	\$ 69,899.22	\$ -	\$ 10,392.51

KWaddell

4/2/2025

4:31:13PM

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TREASURER'S CASH TRIAL BALANCE



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As of Date: 03/2025

Save Report: N

Comment:

FUND Range From 18 Thru 18

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TREASURER'S CASH TRIAL BALANCE

As of 03/2025

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Current Balance</u>
18 Lake Imprvmnt Distr Maint				
	353,487.97			
Receipts		27,811.70	27,811.70	
Disbursements		5,846.59-	68,672.62-	
Payroll		10,381.47-	30,852.89-	
Settlement		0.00	2,255.41	
Fund Total		11,583.64	69,458.40-	284,029.57
All Funds	353,487.97			
Receipts		27,811.70	27,811.70	
Disbursements		5,846.59-	68,672.62-	
Payroll		10,381.47-	30,852.89-	
Settlement		0.00	2,255.41	
Total		11,583.64	69,458.40-	284,029.57

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REVENUES & EXPENDITURES BUDGET REPORT

Page Break Option: 2 1 - Page Break by FUND
2 - Page Break by DEPT
3 - Page Break by PROGRAM

Specific G/L Months: From: 01/2025 Thru: 04/2025

Revenue Sort Option: 1 1 - List as appears in G/L Chart of Accounts

Expend Sort Option: 1 2 - List by OBJECT within FUND
3 - List by OBJECT within DEPT
4 - List by OBJECT within PROGRAM

Revenue Range Subtotal: 1 1 - None

Expend Range Subtotal: 1 2 - Detail and Subtotals by OBJECT Range
3 - Subtotals only by OBJECT Range
4 - DEPT Totals and Subtotals by DEPT Range
5 - Subtotals only by DEPT Range

Report Basis: Cash

Subtotal for Services N

Subtotal for Programs N

Subtotal For Objects: N

Budget for Report: 2025 Budget - w/ Amendments

Include on Report: 1 1 - All G/L Accounts
2 - Only G/L Accounts with Budget Amounts
3 - Only G/L Accounts without Budget Amounts

Print on Report: 1 1 - Monthly Tot. "thru" G/L Month
2 - Variance Amt. (Budget - Ytd Amt.)
3 - Current/Prior Yr. Budget, % Change
4 - Current/Prior Yr. Budget, \$ Change

Include Zero Dollars: N

Save Options: N

Comment:

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REVENUES & EXPENDITURES BUDGET REPORT

Report Basis: Cash

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From: 01/2025 Thru: 04/2025

Percent of Year: 33%

18 Fund
Lake Imprvmnt Distr Maint

618 Dept
Lake Improvement District Maintenance

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>04/2025 Amount</u>	<u>Selected Months</u>	<u>2025Budget As Amended</u>	<u>% Of Budget</u>
--- Revenues ---						
18-618-000-0000-5001	Current Taxes		.00	2,221.82 -	393,770.00-	1
18-618-000-0000-5004	Delinquent Taxes		.00	2.57 -	0.00	0
18-618-000-0000-5007	Mobile Home Current		.00	23.66 -	0.00	0
18-618-000-0000-5008	Mobile Home Delinquent		.00	7.36 -	0.00	0
--- Expenditures ---						
18-618-000-0000-6103	Salaries And Wages - Permanent		.00	23,929.75	104,565.00	23
18-618-000-0000-6105	Salaries And Wages - Parttime		.00	7,813.52	35,988.00	22
18-618-000-0000-6111	Per Diem In Lieu Of Salaries		.00	1,235.00	6,000.00	21
18-618-000-0000-6153	Insurance		.00	7,843.71	35,924.00	22
18-618-000-0000-6163	Retirement (Pera)		.00	2,380.74	10,541.00	23
18-618-000-0000-6175	Fica		.00	1,685.39	8,714.00	19
18-618-000-0000-6176	Medicare Match		.00	394.17	2,038.00	19
18-618-000-0000-6205	Postage		.00	0.00	350.00	0
18-618-000-0000-6235	Publications, Brochures, Subs.		.00	1,502.72	2,000.00	75
18-618-000-0000-6245	Conferences, Training And Dues		.00	70.00	500.00	14
18-618-000-0000-6301	Vehicle Repair And Maint		.00	0.00	2,000.00	0
18-618-000-0000-6455	Recreation Supplies		.00	0.00	450.00	0
18-618-000-0000-6561	Gas And Oil		.00	0.00	1,000.00	0
18-618-000-0000-6802	Miscellaneous Expenses		.00	128.00	0.00	0
18-618-000-0000-6813	Water Levels		.00	104.00	86,500.00	0
18-618-000-0000-6827	Shorelines		.00	7,347.60	20,000.00	37
18-618-000-0000-6834	Navigation Channels		.00	14,332.50	0.00	0
18-618-000-0000-6840	Invasive Species		.00	24,305.74	13,000.00	187
18-618-000-0000-6881	Education		65.00	2,036.40	8,200.00	25
18-618-000-0000-6886	Contract Administration		.00	275.00	3,000.00	9
18-618-000-0000-6893	Land Use Practices		.00	4,186.27	53,000.00	8
--- Revenues ---						
18-618-325-0000-5300	State Grants - Lab to Lakes		.00	27,811.70 -	360,462.00-	8
--- Expenditures ---						
18-618-325-0000-6454	State Grant Expenses - Lab to Lakes		.00	0.00	324,281.00	0
618 Dept	TOTALS Lake Improvement District Maintenance	Revenue	.00	30,067.11 -	754,232.00-	4
		Expend.	65.00	99,570.51	718,051.00	14
		Net	65.00	69,503.40	36,181.00-	-192

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18 Fund	TOTALS Lake Imprvmnt Distr Maint	Revenue	.00	30,067.11 -	754,232.00 -	4
		Expend.	65.00	99,570.51	718,051.00	14
		Net	65.00	69,503.40	36,181.00 -	-192
FINAL TOTALS:	27 Accounts	Revenue	.00	30,067.11 -	754,232.00 -	4
		Expend.	65.00	99,570.51	718,051.00	14
		Net	65.00	69,503.40	36,181.00 -	-192

Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District, Request for Board Action



Meeting Date: 4/15/2025	Item Number: 001
Title of Item for Consideration: Beaver Dam Removal, Lake Ellen Weir	
Action Requested by: LID Administrator	Program/Goal: Weir Maintenance
Previous Action on this Matter: None	
Background: Following ice-out, staff began routine inspections the channel and weir system, and significant beaver activity was noted at various locations throughout the LID. The Lake Ellen weir has a large beaver dam that encapsulates the entire perimeter of the structure, preventing flow and proper function of the weir. Staff has made routine efforts to clear the obstruction and reestablish water flow, but the beavers are quick to rebuild the dam. Staff met with 4 contactors over the course of a week to solicit input on how best to remove the obstruction. Contractors were encouraged to submit quotes for the removal of the beaver dam by Monday, April 14, 2025. Attachments: 1. Peterson Companies, Inc. 2. Dresel Contracting, Inc.	
Action Requested/Recommended: It is respectfully requested that the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board approve the removal of the beaver dam and the Lake Ellen weir. The suggested motion is as follows: <i>"Move to approve the removal of the beaver dam and the Lake Ellen weir. "</i>	

Implications of Action: Approval of this motion will allow LID staff to coordinate with the selected contractor to remove the beaver dam and restore water flow and function of the Lake Ellen weir.

Budget/Financial Implications: The LID maintains a budgeted line item for Channel and Weir Maintenance, goal 2 (\$46,000).

Legal/Policy Implications: The proposed action is in general conformity with normal and routine application of state statutes, and county authority and county policies.

Approve _____	Deny _____	Other _____	
Motion By:		Seconded by:	
To:			
Action on Motion:	Aye _____	Nay _____	Abstain _____



Quote

24044 July Ave
Chisago City, MN 55013

Phone (651) 257-9469
Fax (651) 257-1169

To: Chisago LID

4/11/2025

Project: Beaver dam removal

Item	Description	Unit	Qty	Price	Total
1	remove beaver dam	LS	1.00	\$ 41,250.00	\$41,250.00
2	clearing	LS	1.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$2,250.00
3	site restoration	LS	1.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$8,500.00
4	material removal/haul out and disposal	LS	1.00	\$ 2,550.00	\$2,550.00

Standard terms:

Sales tax not included in above prices, if applicable.

All Invoices Net 30, any past due invoices are subject to a 18% APR Finance charge, and any collection cost.

Quote good for above mentioned project.



PETERSON COMPANIES, INC.

8326 WYOMING TRAIL
CHISAGO CITY, MN 55013

651.257.6864

petersoncompanies.net

To:	Chisago County	Contact:	
Address:	31325 Oasis Rd	Phone:	651-213-8700
	Center City, MN 55012 USA	Fax:	651-213-8772
Project Name:	Lake Ellen Beaver Dam Removal	Bid Number:	
Project Location:	9843 Deer Garden LN, Chisago City, MN	Bid Date:	4/9/2025

Item Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	Total Price
Mobilization:	1.00	LS	\$4,030.00	\$4,030.00
· This price will remain constant. Includes mobilizing equipment and load of swamp mats.				
Restoration - Materials Only:	1.00	LS	\$330.00	\$330.00
· This price will remain constant				
· Equipment/Labor to restore will be invoiced hourly at rates below				
Hoe - Midi:	1.00	HR	\$235.00	\$235.00
· Invoiced per hour				
Skidsteer:	1.00	HR	\$220.00	\$220.00
· Invoiced per hour				
Swivel Dumper:	1.00	HR	\$255.00	\$255.00
· Invoiced per hour				
Laborer:	1.00	HR	\$165.00	\$165.00
· Invoiced per hour				
Hook Truck w/ 20 YD Rolloff Box	1.00	LOAD	\$550.00	\$550.00
· Includes disposal of materials offsite at Peterson Facility				
· Invoiced per load removed from site				

Estimated Max Costs

Mobilization:	1.00	LS	\$4,030.00	\$4,030.00
Restoration - Materials Only	1.00	LS	\$330.00	\$330.00
Hoe - Midi:	36.00	HR	\$235.00	\$8,460.00
Skidsteer:	18.00	HR	\$220.00	\$3,960.00
Swivel Dumper:	18.00	HR	\$255.00	\$4,590.00
Laborer:	72.00	HR	\$165.00	\$11,880.00
Hook Truck w/ 20 YD Rolloff Box	6.00	LOAD	\$550.00	\$3,300.00

Total Price for above Estimated Max Costs Items: \$36,550.00

Notes:

- Chisago Lakes LID to obtain permission from City of Chisago to complete work under road posting restrictions
- Permits are excluded
- All proposals exclude subcontractor bonds, bond fees, specialty insurance, workforce goals or business inclusion goals unless so indicated.
- Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. We appreciate the opportunity to provide you with this proposal and look forward to working with you on this project.

ACCEPTED:

The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and hereby accepted.

Buyer: _____

Signature: _____

Date of Acceptance: _____

CONFIRMED:

Peterson Companies, Inc.

Authorized Signature: _____

Estimator: Curt Peterson
(651) 257-0311
cpeterson@petersoncompanies.net

Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District, Request for Board Action



Meeting Date: 4/15/2025	Item Number: 002
Title of Item for Consideration: Beaver Trapping and Removal, Lake Ellen	
Action Requested by: LID Administrator	Program/Goal: Weir Maintenance
Previous Action on this Matter: None	
Background: Following ice-out, staff began routine inspections the channel and weir system, and significant beaver activity was noted at various locations throughout the LID. The Lake Ellen weir has a large beaver dam that encapsulates the entire perimeter of the structure, preventing flow and proper function of the weir. Staff has made routine efforts to clear the obstruction and reestablish water flow, but the beavers are quick to rebuild the dam. Removal of the beavers is necessary to maintain the Lake Ellen weir. Staff consulted with the MNDNR and was referred to Andy Shoemaker. Mr. Shoemaker provided the attached quote to remove the beavers. Mr. Shoemaker does not charge a per-unit fee, rather it is a combination of a flat rate (set-up fee), and a daily inspection fee. Attachments: 1. Andy Shoemaker, Quote	

Action Requested/Recommended: It is respectfully requested that the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board approve the Lake Ellen trapping contact with Andy Shoemaker, not to exceed \$3500.00. The suggested motion is as follows:

“Move to approve the Lake Ellen trapping contact with Andy Shoemaker, not to exceed \$3500.00. ”

Implications of Action: Approval of this motion will allow LID staff to coordinate with the selected trapper to remove the beavers, making the beaver dam removal more long-term.

Budget/Financial Implications: The LID maintains a budgeted line item for Channel and Weir Maintenance, goal 2 (\$46,000).

Legal/Policy Implications: The proposed action is in general conformity with normal and routine application of state statutes, and county authority and county policies.

Approve _____	Deny _____	Other _____	
Motion By:		Seconded by:	
To:			
Action on Motion:	Aye _____	Nay _____	Abstain _____

TO: Benjamin Elfelt
Administrator, Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District
b/p 651-213-8370
email: lakeimprovement@chisagocountymn.gov

FROM: Andy Shoemaker
13733 127th St N
Stillwater, MN 55082
c/p 651-323-3268
email: karenandyshoe@msn.com

RE: Job Bid – Beaver Removal Services from Lake Ellen, Chisago County

DATE: Friday, April 11th, 2025

Benjamin,

I enjoyed meeting you the other day! Thanks for showing me the problem site, and discussing your concerns regarding the beaver damage caused there. I can clearly see why you must have them removed.

My qualifications and experience in removing beavers is something I did not go into detail, with you. I have been a trapper, or involved in trapping to some degree, for 54 years. I worked as a Police Officer for 27 years, retiring from St Paul P.D. in 2012. Since retirement, I finally had much more time to do what I really enjoy – trapping. I started removing beaver for people I knew, then started getting calls from MN DNR Conservation Officers and was advised of problem beaver. Soon, by word of mouth, I was getting calls for my services from a variety of sources, including many City Public Works Departments, County Highway Departments, the DNR, Excel Energy, Canadian Pacific Railroad, and many private property owners. I now do beaver removals all over the Metro area, as well as greater Minnesota.

As a member of the Minnesota Trappers Association (MTA) I was the Director for District 6 (Metro Area) for many years, and as such, would oversee organizing meetings for Metro area members, as well as conducting “Trapper’s Education” classes each year (required for all first time Trappers if born after 1989). I am a State of Minnesota Certified Trapping Instructor. I teach not only trapping methods, but lawful and ethical trapping to all new students learning the trade. I was awarded “**Trapper of the Year**” by the MTA in 2017 for my work in Trapper Education and Training.

My Bid for Removal Services from your property are as follows:

1. A one-time set-up fee of **\$500.00**. This is for the scout of the problem area, work done on the first day I set up traps, and for any significant equipment I may have to bring in; sleds to haul gear, trap stabilizers, rebar stakes, bait, and lure, etc.
2. A **\$100.00 per day check trap fee**. All the traps I set and use are “Lethal” sets, which quickly dispatch the beaver, and are the most humane traps to use. Because of this, I am allowed to check these traps **once every three days**, per State Law. Checking the traps once every three days saves you, the Customer, money, as I am not driving the distance every day to run traps.
3. Since there is little demand for beaver pelts, I almost always charge a catch fee. I have **agreed to waive my Beaver Catch Fee for this removal**. Each beaver is photographed at the catch site, and all photos from the removal process are included in my **Final Report** to the Customer. This helps the Customer “see” where each beaver was caught, and provides verification of the catch site.
4. I normally charge a “carcass disposal fee” for removal of the dead beaver from populated areas, but since the removal would take place during the “Fur Trapping” season when beavers are fully furred, **no carcass disposal fee** will be charged.
5. Since the use of my Jon Boat would be required each trap check for this removal, a **one-time fee of \$250.00** would be added.

Services include the following:

1. Photos of each beaver caught and removed from the site.
2. An **Invoice**, within 60 days of the completion of the removal work, and a **Final Report**, with recommendations on how to reduce or stop future beaver problems at the site.
3. I am a licensed trapper in the State of Minnesota. No special permits would be required to do the removal of the beaver.

Some of the issues contributing to my costs in the beaver removal from this site:

1. **Distance** - from my residence, fuel & vehicle/equipment wear factor.
2. **Time** – Driving time, approx. 1 ½ hours, round trip, from my residence.
3. **Access/conditions** – I will have to pull my boat down a steep embankment, and pull it back up, each time I come to set traps. Much more effort, and time consuming.
4. **Liability Insurance costs.** Trapping in populated areas makes it a necessity that I have Liability Insurance.

Finally, the Customer reserves the right to terminate our agreement at **any** time, and they will be billed for the work done to that point only. On many jobs, I am aware of a beaver or two still present at the removal site, but the Customer is happy with the number of beavers I have already removed. I will immediately conclude my trapping activities when instructed to do so, and document all activity dates for the **Invoice** and **Final Report**. Upon job completion, both my **Invoice** and **Final Report** will be emailed to you. Payment can be made by mailing a check to my home address, after receiving the Invoice and Final Report.

Benjamin, thank you very much for contacting me regarding your pesky beavers. I promise to you that I will do my very best to remove the beavers from your property as quickly & safely as possible, recording dates of activity there, number caught\removed, and photos of all beavers caught, for your records. I look forward to helping you out, and can start the removal right away!

Andy Shoemaker

Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District, Request for Board Action



Meeting Date: 4/15/2025	Item Number: 003
Title of Item for Consideration: Survey and legal description for access, Lindstrom Park LLC.	
Action Requested by: LID Administrator	Program/Goal: North Center Channel
Previous Action on this Matter: In 2024, the LID Board approved surveys of three parcels for easement, as the initial step in North Center / North Lindstrom channel project.	
Background: In 2024, the LID Board approved surveys of three parcels for easement, as the initial step in North Center / North Lindstrom channel project. The surveys were used to draft legal descriptions for the proposed easements. It is recommended that an access agreement be included in the acquisition from Lindstrom Park, LLC. To draft such an easement, the access road will require a survey and legal description, as it is a private road and has not been surveyed. Widseth Smith Nolting & Associates, Inc. conducted the 2024 surveys and drafted the legal descriptions for the three parcels. Widseth Smith Nolting & Associates, Inc. can conduct the requested survey and draft an ingress and egress easement exhibit for access to the acquired Lindstrom Park LLC. parcel, out to North Lakes Trail, for \$750.00. There are no attachments on this matter.	
Action Requested/Recommended: It is respectfully requested that the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board approve Widseth Smith Nolting & Associates, Inc. to complete an ingress and egress easement exhibit for access to the acquired channel parcel, out to North Lakes Trail. The suggested motion is as follows:	

“Move to approve Widseth Smith Nolting & Associates, Inc. completing the requested survey and drafting an ingress and egress easement exhibit for access to the acquired Lindstrom Park LLC. parcel, out to North Lakes Trail, for \$750.00. ”

Implications of Action: Approval of this motion will ensure County/LID access to the proposed parcel in Lindstrom Park LLC., from North Lakes Trail.

Budget/Financial Implications: \$750.00 of fund balance would be required.

Legal/Policy Implications: The proposed action is in general conformity with normal and routine application of state statutes, and county authority and county policies.

Approve _____

Deny _____

Other _____

Motion By:

Seconded by:

To:

Action on Motion:

Aye _____

Nay _____

Abstain _____