

**APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, March 1, 2021**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 1, 2021 via an in-person meeting held at the Chisago County Government Center, Conference Room 150B in Center City, MN and a virtual Meeting with the following Board of Directors present: Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** None

Each LID Board Director, and others present, attended the 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 virtual Meeting via their devices and to participate in discussion through microphones located in their devices.

Also present: Administrator Jerry Spetzman, Chisago County Water Resource Manager Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Chisago County Commissioner Chris DuBose, Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. staff Greg Graske, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) staff Melisa Rodriguez and 2 citizens.

The Chair Mike Mergens called the business meeting to order at 6:35 pm and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Behnke offered a motion to approve the agenda for the Lake Improvement District (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, Monica Kinny, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur

Director Kinny offered a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2021 LID Board meeting. Motion seconded by Director McBride and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Margaret LeVasseur and Gary Schumacher

Spetzman provided the Board with the February 2021 year-to-date budget summary and stated that the budget was on track.

Director McBride offered a motion to approve payment of the following invoices:

Chisago County Press	LID Board Annual Meeting legal notice.	285.12
Chisago County	LID Postage.	69.42
EOR	Communication with DNR and review of old flood study data, review of slides and prep for Annual meeting presentation, communication with Jerry.	1,300.50

EOR	Attend Board meeting on January 4, 2021.	250.00
Monthly Expense Total		1,905.04

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

The Chair opened the Citizen’s Forum at 6:47 p.m. One citizen offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen’s Forum at 6:48 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Kinny introduced Melisa Rodriquez, with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), who provided a presentation and summary on the new Get The Lead Out Program and partnership between Chisago County and the MPCA.

Director LeVasseur joined the meeting.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the process to administer the Oaths of Office for the LID. Commissioner DuBose administered the Oaths of Office for newly re-elected LID Board Director’s Kinny and McBride.

Director Mergens updated the Board on the removal of garbage and recycling from area lakes during the weekend of February 26 – 28, 2021 when the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) required ice house removal from lakes.

Spetzman and Director Mergens provided an update on the 2021 Minnesota DNR, Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grants.

Spetzman and Director Schumacher reviewed with the Board the LID/Lake Association Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership Program for 2021.

Director Paquay offered a motion to recommend that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners approve the 2021 LID/Lake Association Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership Program. Motion seconded by Director McBride and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan Proposal and water quality monitoring lab estimate received for 2021.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to recommend that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners approve the 2021 LID Water Quality Monitoring Work Plan Proposal. Motion seconded by Director Behnke and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried**

as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Spetzman, Wilson Witkowski and Director Mergens reviewed with the Board the transfer of \$1,000 from Staff & Administrative Support: Objective 4 Gas & Oil 6561 and \$3,000 from Staff & Administrative Support: Objective 4 Truck/Boat Maintenance 6482 to budget code 619 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).

Director Kinny offered a motion to recommend that the LID Board approve the transfer of \$1,000 from Staff & Administrative Support: Objective 4 Gas & Oil and \$2,000 from Staff & Administrative Support: Objective 4 Truck/Boat Maintenance to budget code 619 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). Motion seconded by Director Schumacher and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Wilson Witkowski and Commissioner DuBose updated the Board on the MPCA proposed 2020 Impaired and Delisted Waters List and recommended delisting of North Center and South Center Lakes. The Board discussed having the AIS Subcommittee review at an upcoming meeting pesticide pollution in lakes and programs available to test for pesticides.

Wilson Witkowski and Commissioner DuBose updated the Board on the recent reclassification of non-native phragmites by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for the 2021 Noxious Weed List.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming Minnesota DNR Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Management Course 101.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to allow the LID Board to pay registration fees for up to three (3) Directors totaling \$225 (\$75 per person registration) to attend the Minnesota DNR Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Management Course 101. Motion seconded by Director McBride and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

OLD BUSINESS

Wilson Witkowski and Commissioner DuBose reviewed with the Board the Lower St. Croix, One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) planning activities, including the draft Work Plan and Budget for 2021 and 2022.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the new newsletter for the St. Croix Watershed Environmental Education Partnership (SWEEP).

Wilson Witkowski discussed with the Board on receiving a digital or paper copy of the 2020 Water Resources Annual Reports.

STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS

Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc. (EOR)

Greg Graske, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., reviewed with the Board the Projected Spring Water Levels summary for 2021.

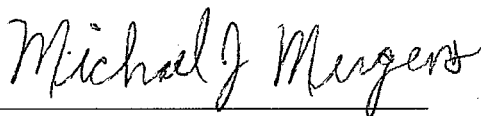
Graske reviewed with the Board the aquatic plant Point-Intercept Surveys Work Plan for 2021.

Director McBride offered a motion to allow the LID to complete aquatic plant point-intercept surveys on South Lindstrom Lake for a total amount of \$3,855 and a generic small lake for \$2,520 for 2021. Motion seconded by Director Paquay and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Spetzman and Graske updated the Board on the companies interested in submitting quotes for channel maintenance and the request to receive pre-authorization from the Board for channel work and tree removal.


Director Schumacher offered a motion to recommend that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners approve up to \$7,500 for channel maintenance work in 2021. Motion seconded by Director Paquay and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none

Director Schumacher offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 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, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none



Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest:


Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager