

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
INFORMATIONAL MEETING ONLY – NO QUORUM PRESENT
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District (LID) Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 6, 2023 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, Mike Mergens, and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Travis LaMotte, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Steve Paquay

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02, Director Gary Schumacher remotely attended the LID Board meeting on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6:30 pm via Microsoft Teams. Director Schumacher was seen and heard via electronic means and participated from 8840 98th Street Road, Unit C, Ocala, Florida, 34481, a location open and accessible to the public.

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, Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist Camden Droppo, LID Water Resource Specialist Monica Kinny, Chisago County Commissioner Marlys Dunne, Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. staff Greg Graske, Water Resources Education Specialist Barbara Heitkamp, and two citizens.

The Chair Mike Mergens called the business meeting to order at 6:30 pm and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chair determined that a quorum was not present and that the meeting would proceed as informational only. No official LID business would be conducted.

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:31 p.m. One citizen offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:32 p.m.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Jeff Marr, Associate Director of Engineering and Facilities from the St. Anthony Falls Laboratory at the University of Minnesota presented his research on boat-generated wake wave studies.

NEW BUSINESS

Elfelt stated that there may be a need to form an additional LID Workgroup to make recommendations to the LID Board on Water Quality issues and testing procedures.

Elfelt updated the Board on the updated LID/Lake Associations Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership Program for 2023, including a simplified spreadsheet for tracking treatment activities.

Elfelt informed the Board that the Channel & Weir Operations and Maintenance Workgroup will meet on March 20, 2023. EOR will draft a scope of work document for a structural inspection of the weirs and provide the contact information for firms that provide these inspection services.

Elfelt stated that a topic for the next AIS Workgroup meeting would be potentially completing a carp study and putting together a carp management plan for the LID lakes.

OLD BUSINESS

Elfelt updated the Board on the implications of the Baker Tilly Wage study. The LID Budget Workgroup will review funding options at their next meeting and make recommendations to the LID Board.

Elfelt informed the Board that he and Soil & Water Conservation District staff met with the City of Lindstrom to discuss snow pile storage options going forward.

Elfelt stated that Croix Valley Pick-Up provided trash receptacles at the public accesses as a free service to the community and that the LID would not be charged for this.

Elfelt updated the Board on the Green Lake Villas water appropriation report and stated that the property manager will be added to the list of recipients of the weekly lake level readings.

Kinny and Mergens relayed information from the Chisago Lakes Home & Business Expo that took place on February 25-26th, 2023.

Elfelt reminded the Board that the Rain Barrel sale is underway along with the offer of a \$10 coupon for LID residents.

STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS

Chisago County Water Resources

Droppo updated the Board on several upcoming education opportunities.

Emmons and Olivier Resources, Inc.

Graske shared with the Board comments made from the Department of Natural Resources on modeling that was previously completed for the North Center/North Lindstrom Channel project. EOR may need to create a scope of work document to be reviewed at a future LID meeting.

Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: _____
Benjamin Elfelt, Administrator
Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District