

**APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, January 4, 2021**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, January 4, 2021 via a virtual Meeting with the following Board of Directors present: Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Jill Behnke

Each LID Board Director, and others present, attended the 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, and Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. staff Greg Graske.

The Chair Mike Mergens called the business meeting to order at 6:37 pm and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director McBride offered a motion to approve the agenda for the Lake Improvement District (LID) meeting. Motion seconded by Director Schumacher and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Jill Behnke and Steve Paquay

Director Kinny offered a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2020 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:** Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Jill Behnke and Steve Paquay

Spetzman provided the Board with the December 2020 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-Lindstrom Lakes Association	Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership Request - Invasive Phragmites.	2,172.60
Center Lakes Association	Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership Request - Invasive Phragmites.	1,648.62
Chisago SWCD	Lake Water Quality Monitoring Report - 2020.	325.00
Chisago SWCD	Land Use Practices, Matching Funds - Robert Maloney Ag BMPs (Total Project Cost: \$24,812.61).	6,812.61

Green Lake Association	Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership Request - Additional grant request for treatment of curly-leaf pondweed on Big and Little Green Lakes.	1,000.00
EOR - November	Review Board packet and prep for meeting, fall channel and weir inspection report, prep for and attend LID Subcommittee meeting on 11/19 and Board Workshop on 11/24, channel navigability calculations and graphs, review of conductivity-chloride data and provide feedback, communication with Jerry.	3,171.00
EOR - November	Attend Board meeting on November 2, 2020.	250.00
EOR - December	Review Board packet and prep for meeting, channel navigability calculations and graphs, update exhibits for Board meeting, check in with DNR on flood modeling, review conductivity-chloride data and provide feed back, communication with Jerry.	3,121.00
EOR - December	Attend Board meeting on December 7, 2020.	250.00
Monthly Expense Total		18,750.83

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

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:42 p.m. No citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:43 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Spetzman updated the Board on the City of Lindstrom recent acquisition of an island located in North Center Lake near Allemansrätt Park. The city wishes to preserve the island and include it as part of Allemansrätt Park.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the Chisago County Lakes Conductivity Monitoring report for 2020 and the results of the monitoring for conductivity that occurred in lakes located within the LID and countywide.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the minutes from the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Subcommittee meeting on December 17, 2020 and the issues surrounding goldfish located in holding ponds one (1) and two (2) in the Lakeside Woodlands housing development adjacent to Kroon Lake.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to recommend that the LID Board write a formal letter to the City of Lindstrom to request that the city consider options to remove the goldfish from the holding ponds located in the Lakeside Woodlands housing development to prevent them from getting into Kroon Lake. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Monica Kinny, Margaret

LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Jill Behnke

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the request for garbage/recycling dumpsters needed for cleanup of area lakes when the MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requires the removal of icehouses from area lakes.

Director McBride offered a motion to allow the LID Board to fund up to \$250.00 for additional Croix Valley Pick-Up garbage and recycling bins at four public water accesses within the Chisago Lakes Chain of Lakes Watershed for 2021 lake clean-up on the weekend the MN Department of Natural Resources requires the removal of icehouses from area lakes. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Jill Behnke

OLD BUSINESS

Spetzman updated the Board on the upcoming LID Board Election on February 1, 2021 and Board of Directors Vacancy Announcement for Area 5 and Area 7 (At-Large). Candidate Monica Kinny submitted an application for Area 5. Candidate Todd McBride submitted an application for Area 7 (At-Large).

Spetzman updated the Board on the request for absentee ballot process for the upcoming LID Board Election on February 1, 2021.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming LID Annual Meeting format and presentation on February 1, 2020.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the quote received from Lakes Aquatic Weed Removal for removal of aquatic vegetation and bogs located in the channel between North Center and North Lindstrom Lakes in 2021.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to recommend that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners approve the proposal from Lakes Aquatic Weed Removal for the amount not to exceed \$14,650 from reserves for the maintenance of the channel located between North Center and North Lindstrom Lakes. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Jill Behnke

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the 2020 Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species Program including the preparation of the annual AIS Report and 2021 program, the Minnesota AIS Advisory Committee request for applications, and Research Center report for 2020.

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

2022 and the new county webpage for the Lower St. Croix Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS

Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc. (EOR)


Greg Graska, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., updated the Board on the ongoing research of the computer model for the LID Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Study in regards to changing the current elevation in which the Lofton Avenue Weir is closed.

Director Kinny offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Motion seconded by Director McBride and, upon a roll-call vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Jill Behnke



Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest:



Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager