

APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, April 4, 2022

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 4, 2022 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, Gary Schumacher and Steve Paquay. **ABSENT:** None.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02, Lake Improvement District (LID) Board member Gary Schumacher remotely attended the LID Board meeting on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:30 pm via Microsoft Teams. LID Board member Schumacher was seen and heard via electronic means and participated from 8840 98th Street, Road Unit C, Ocala, FL 34481, a location open and accessible to the public. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02, Lake Improvement District (LID) Board member Margaret LeVasseur remotely attended the LID Board meeting on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:30 pm via Microsoft Teams. LID Board member LeVasseur was seen and heard via electronic means and participated from 12915 Pleasant Ave., Lindstrom, MN 55045, a location open and accessible to the public. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02, Lake Improvement District (LID) Board Administrator Jerry Spetzman remotely attended the LID Board meeting on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:30 pm via Microsoft Teams. LID Board Administrator Spetzman was seen and heard via electronic means and participated from 3813 Northstar Drive, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406, 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: Administrator Jerry Spetzman, Chisago County Water Resource Manager Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Chisago County Commissioners Marlys Dunne and Chris DuBose, and Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. staff Greg Graske and one resident.

The Chair Mike Mergens called the business meeting to order at 6:30 pm and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director McBride offered a motion to approve the agenda for the LID meeting, as amended. 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, Gary Schumacher and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none.

Director McBride offered a motion to approve the items on Consent Agenda for the LID meeting, including a) Approval of Minutes: March 7, 2022, b) Financial Report and c) Approval of Invoice Payments. Motion seconded by Director Kinny 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, Gary Schumacher and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none.

Invoice Payments Include:

Chisago County Press	Chisago County Press Home Show insert ad.	100.00
Chisago SWCD	Land Use Practices, Technical Assistance - Schultz, Prah, Raedeke, Reed, Weiss, Pine View Shores, Swanson, Olmschenck.	7,943.00
Chisago SWCD	Shorelines, Lakeshore and Urban Restoration, Technical Assistance - Maine, Runte.	195.00
Croix Valley Pick-Up	Cans for garbage/recycling pickup at four public water accesses during weekend of DNR ice house removal.	100.00
Department of Natural Resources	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Aquatic plant management permit.	35.00
Grainger	Supplies for water quality monitoring program.	63.38
EOR	Review annual meeting slides and prep for meeting presentations, communication with Jerry, review of board packet.	428.25
EOR	Attend Board Meeting on February 7, 2022.	250.00
Monthly Expense Total		9,114.63

The Chair opened the Citizen’s Forum at 6:37 p.m. No citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen’s Forum at 6:37 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Spetzman reviewed with the Board updates on the Minnesota Open Meeting Law.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the proposed changes to the 2022 LID/Lake Association Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership Program.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to recommend that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners approve the proposed changes to the 2022 LID/Lake Association Aquatic Invasive Species Control Partnership Program. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur 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, Gary Schumacher and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the bog and vegetation removal quote for the North Center North Lindstrom Channel. Spetzman updated the Board on the Aquatic Plant Management Permit application submitted to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Director McBride offered a motion to recommend that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners approve the Lakes Aquatic Weed Removal quote to remove vegetation in the North Center North Lindstrom (NC NL) Channel and authorize the NC NL Channel Maintenance Workgroup to decide during the open water season, to move forward with the project, if the work to remove the vegetation is needed. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur 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, Gary Schumacher and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board that the DNR permit for the 2016 Channel and Weir – Operations and Maintenance plan expires in May 2022. A renewal of the permit is required, along with adding Appendix H – Review of Operational Procedures for the Lofton Avenue Weir.

Director Behnke offered a motion to recommend that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners approve submitting the required Public Waters Work permit to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for renewal of the 2016 Channel and Weir – Operations and Maintenance Plan. 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, Gary Schumacher and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none.

Spetzman updated the Board on the submission and approval of the Minnesota Department of Transportation permit application for the Little Green Lake and Lake Ellen carp mitigation barrier.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the quote for treatment of roadside populations and aerial treatment of non-roadside populations of invasive phragmites through use of a drone located within the LID. Spetzman updated the Board on the hiring of Minnesota Conservation Corp members for invasive phragmites roadside survey work through the University of Minnesota.

Director Behnke offered a motion to recommend that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners approve the quote from MNL for invasive phragmites treatment up to \$10,000 total, using \$5,000 from reserves to cover the additional treatment costs, in addition to the \$5,000 budgeted amount for 2022. Motion seconded by Director Schumacher 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, Gary Schumacher and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the water quality monitoring proposal and quotes received for data analysis for 2022.

Director McBride offered a motion to recommend that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners approve the quote from Alliance for \$14,870 using funds from reserves to fund the difference of \$2,370 in the amount budgeted for Goal 1, Water Quality: Obj 1, Lake Water

Quality Monitoring. Motion seconded by Director Kinny 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, Gary Schumacher and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the reports available on the Chisago County websites for the 2021 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Annual Report – Chisago and Northern Washington County and the 2021 Chisago County Lake Water Quality Monitoring Results.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program for 2022, including:

- a. Watercraft Inspections beginning on April 29, 2022,
- b. Prevention, Early Detection, Rapid Response Plan
 - i. Zebra Mussel Watch Program - Monitoring Plates
 - ii. Zebra Mussel Veliger and Spiny Waterflea Sampling
 - iii. Water Access Monitoring Program
 - iv. Starry Trek in August 2022
- c. Northern Lakes Point-Intercept Surveys (East Rush Lake South Bay),
- d. National Park Service Osceola Landing Construction, and
- e. DNR Aquarium Trades Webinar on April 12, 2022.

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with Board the draft 2022 Minnesota Impaired Waters List and the proposal to remove School Lake from the list.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming Shallow Lakes webinar on April 12, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board the Lower St. Croix, One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) planning activities.

STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS

Greg Graske, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., (EOR) reviewed with the Board snowmelt calculations and projections for 2022, including water levels will be two to three feet lower this spring compared to previous years during the same timeframe.

Director Kinny offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 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, Gary Schumacher and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none.

Michael J Mergens
Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: Susanna Wilson Witkowski
Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager