

**APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, January 9, 2017**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:35 p.m. Monday, January 9, 2017 at the Chisago County Government Center, County Board Room in Center City, MN with the following Board of Directors present: Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Joyce Anastasi and Orris Erlandson

Also present: County Water Resource Manager Jerry Spetzman, County Water Resource Specialist Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. staff Greg Graske and 6 citizens.

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

Director Behnke offered a motion to approve the agenda for the Lake Improvement District (LID) meeting. Motion seconded by Director Schumacher and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Joyce Anastasi and Orris Erlandson

Director Paquay offered a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2016 LID Board meeting. Motion seconded by Director Kinny and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Joyce Anastasi and Orris Erlandson

Spetzman provided the Board with the December 2016 year-to-date budget summary and stated that the budget was on track.

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

Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District	Goal 3, Land Use Practices, Matching Funds - Enhanced Street Sweeping, City of Lindstrom (Year one total: \$1,100.00).	275.00
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Public Waters Work Individual Permit Fee, Water Level Control Structure, Chisago County.	150.00
EOR	Fall channel and weir inspection, pick up supplies and make new control box cover for Lake Ellen Weir, inspect Lake Ellen Weir and close gate for the season, review agenda and prep for Board Meeting, draft fall inspection report and finalize for Board packet, communications with Jerry, LID partners meeting and review of annual meeting fact sheets. Mileage and supplies - reimbursable.	2,402.39
EOR	Board Meeting Attendance - November 7, 2016.	195.00
EOR	LID Partners Meeting - November 15, 2016.	195.00
EOR	Final revisions to outlet plan.	342.44
St. Mary's University	October 2016 Linn Lake and South Center Lake carp survey and summary report.	1,415.23

Monthly Expense Total	4,975.06
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Motion seconded by Director Schumacher and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Joyce Anastasi and Orris Erlandson

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:40 p.m. One citizen offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:40 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Spetzman reviewed with the Board scheduling LID Planning and LID Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Subcommittee meetings and identifying committee members for 2017. According to LID Bylaws, the LID Board selects subcommittees during their Annual Meeting, scheduled on February 6, 2017.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the possible LID/Lake Associations/DNR Aquatic Invasive Control Partnership Program for 2017 and having an AIS Subcommittee review the program.

Director Kinny offered a motion to allow an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Subcommittee of Director Kinny, Mergens and Schumacher to meet and provide a recommendation on the LID/Lake Associations/DNR Aquatic Invasive Control Partnership Program for 2017 at the LID Board meeting on February 6, 2017. Motion seconded by Director Paquay and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Joyce Anastasi and Orris Erlandson

Wilson Witkowski and Director Mergens reviewed with the Board the request for garbage/recycling dumpsters for cleanup of area lakes during the weekend of March 6, when the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requires the removal of icehouses from area lakes.

Director Paquay offered a motion to allow the LID Board to fund up to \$1,000 to place dumpsters at four public water accesses within the Chisago Lakes Chain of Lakes Watershed for disposal of unwanted materials during cleanup on the weekend the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requires the removal of icehouses from area lakes. Motion seconded by Director Behnke and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Joyce Anastasi and Orris Erlandson

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on Governor Dayton's Town Hall Water Summit on January 27, 2017 and available teleconferencing options.

OLD BUSINESS

Greg Graske, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., reviewed with the Board the November 13, 2016 South Center and Linn Lakes Carp Survey Report. Poor water quality on Linn Lake made electrofishing conductivity difficult. Severing the connection for carp to spawn between Linn Lake and South Center Lake and improving habitat for native fish species will help improve overall water quality in Linn Lake and South Center Lake.

Spetzman updated the Board on the LID Annual Meeting on February 6, 2017. The Annual Meeting will also include a presentation of the LID Annual Report for 2016 and election of Area 5 and one At Large LID Board of Directors.

Spetzman updated the Board that Monica Kinny submitted an Application for Area 5 and Donna Nowicki and Steve Paquay submitted Applications for the one At Large Director positions.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to allow the LID Board to approve up to \$400 in funds for advertising for the absentee voting process for the open Area 5 and one At Large LID Board Director positions. Motion seconded by Director Kinny and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Joyce Anastasi and Orris Erlandson

Spetzman updated with the Board that five firms submitted proposals for Engineering Consultant to the LID. Spetzman and Wilson summarized the process used by the Engineering Subcommittee to review, rank and select the top candidate. EOR scored the highest among the engineering consultants and had the lowest in staff costs.

Director Kinny offered a motion to allow the LID Board to accept the Engineering Subcommittee recommendation for Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., (EOR) to serve as the LID Engineer. Motion seconded by Director Behnke and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Joyce Anastasi and Orris Erlandson

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Board the new Chisago Lakes Water Trail Map and Guide.

STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS

Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc. (EOR)

Greg Graske, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., gave an update on the revisions to the Operation and Maintenance Plan – Chisago Lakes Outlet Project. The DNR is currently reviewing the latest draft and will provide recommendations. The next step is for the Chisago County Board to review and approve the plan at their meeting in February or March 2017.

Graske reviewed with the Board the Chisago Lake to Wallmark Lake Channel Survey Proposal to identify any areas of concern, or blocked with debris, to determine maintenance needs for the channel.

Director Behnke offered a motion to allow the LID Board to approve \$6,000 in funds for the Chisago Lake to Wallmark Lake Channel Survey proposal. Motion seconded by Director Schumacher and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Joyce Anastasi and Orris Erlandson

Graske reviewed with Board the 2016 Carp Spawning Habitat Assessment, which included identifying water flow locations, connections with lakes and carp migration to identify strategies and implement projects to mitigate carp. The AIS Subcommittee will discuss strategies to address carp issues in South Center to Linn, North Center to North Lindstrom, and Little Green to Lake Ellen lakes and provide a recommendation to the LID Board at their next meeting.

Graske reviewed with Board the 2017 Carp Management Project Recommendations, including the costs for the six tasks and assumptions as identified in the work plan. The budget to Develop and Implement a Carp Control Plan for 2017 is \$12,000 and the AIS Subcommittee will review the specific options for carp management and provide a recommendation to the LID Board at their next meeting.

Director Behnke offered a motion to allow the LID Board to approve \$5,000 in funds for EOR for 2017 Carp Management Projects and up to \$7,000 for research and implementation totaling \$12,000 upon specific recommendation from the AIS Subcommittee. Motion seconded by Director Schumacher and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Joyce Anastasi and Orris Erlandson

Graske reviewed with Board the 2017 Point – Intercept Survey Proposal to inventory aquatic vegetation following DNR methodology, to create maps and provide a report. The budget to Survey Aquatic Plants for 2017 is \$4,000 and the AIS Subcommittee will review the specific options for the survey proposal and provide a recommendation to the LID Board at their next meeting.

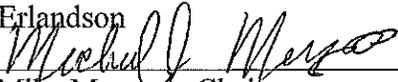
Director Schumacher offered a motion to allow the LID Board to approve \$5,000 in funds for EOR to conduct Point-Intercept Surveys in 2017. Motion seconded by Director Paquay and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Joyce Anastasi and Orris Erlandson

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the Green Lake Aquatic Vegetation Survey conducted and prepared by the DNR in 2015.

Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD)

Spetzman updated the Board on the Minnesota State Clean Water Grant Funds awarded for 2017. The Chisago SWCD received a total of \$310,000 in grants and \$250,000 will fund water quality projects for Goose and Rush Lakes in Chisago County.

Director Behnke offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Director Kinny and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Joyce Anastasi and Orris Erlandson



Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: 
Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Specialist