

**APPROVED MINUTES  
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
Monday, May 7, 2018**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 7, 2018 at the Chisago County Government Center, Conference Room 150B in Center City, MN with the following Board of Directors present: Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, Rob Sandgren and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Monica Kinny

Also present: County Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Administrator Jerry Spetzman, County Water Resource Manager Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. staff Greg Graske and 14 citizens.

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

Director Anastasi 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:** Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, Rob Sandgren and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Monica Kinny

Director Schumacher offered a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2018 LID Board meeting. Motion seconded by Director Sandgren and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, Rob Sandgren and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Monica Kinny

Spetzman provided the Board with the April 2018 year-to-date budget summary and stated that the budget was on track.

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

95 Printing	LID tablecloth.	178.00
Chisago County	Postage for volunteer water quality monitoring program.	18.90
Chisago SWCD	Goal 6, Lakeshore and Urban Restoration Program (Holt, O'Malley, Holec).	1,140.00
EOR	Review Board packet, communication with Jerry, review of North Center to North Lindstrom channel project and prep for upcoming workshop.	949.00
EOR	Contact Universities for carp survey proposals, AIS subcommittee meeting.	1,058.75
EOR	Mileage - reimbursable. Copies, prints and photos - reimbursable.	47.78
Lindstrom Hardware	Supplies for volunteer water quality monitoring program.	5.49

<b>Monthly Expense Total</b>	<b>3,397.92</b>
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Motion seconded by Director Anastasi and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, Rob Sandgren and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Monica Kinny

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:32 p.m. Four citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:35 p.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the prior work of the North Center North Lindstrom Channel Restoration Feasibility Task Force. At their meeting on April 18, 2018, the Chisago County Board of Commissioners reviewed a summary of the Task Force recommendations from 2015 and request from the LID Board to form a North Center/North Lindstrom Lakes Channel Subcommittee consisting of members from the LID Board.

Director Anastasi offered a motion to allow the LID Board to establish a North Center/North Lindstrom Lakes Channel Subcommittee consisting of three (3) LID Board members (Directors Mergens, Sandgren and Schumacher). Motion seconded by Director Behnke and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, Rob Sandgren and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Monica Kinny

Spetzman updated the Board on the Lake Ellen Carp Barrier Project and the application submitted to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) to receive a permit to install a barrier over the culverts located next to US Highway 8, between Little Green Lake and Lake Ellen. Installation of the barrier will begin when the LID Board receives the permit from MNDOT and when the temperature of the lake is suitable for carp spawning.

Spetzman updated with the Board on the opening of the Lake Ellen Weir on April 23, 2018. Water was flowing well and there was no debris at the weir, at the seven culverts at Swamp Lake, and at the wetland complex at County Road 19.

Directory Paquay reviewed with the Board Chisago City's resurfacing of Old Towne Road and Stinson Avenue, and the stormwater project near Little Green Lake. Directory Paquay and Casey Theil, with the Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District, met with city officials to discuss options to reduce phosphorus and sediment from going into Little Green Lake. Chisago City is installing catch basins and sumps to screen phosphorus and sediment before going into the lake. However, the City is not installing barriers to screen water-soluble phosphorus.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board on having the 2019 LID Planning and Budget Subcommittee meet in May rather than later on in the summer of 2018.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Watercraft Inspections training and orientation for the Level 1 and Level 2 Watercraft Inspectors and the program for 2018.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on Lower St. Croix Watershed, One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) and the first Policy Committee meeting held on April 30, 2018.

Mary Kay Ripp, former President of the Chisago – Lindstrom Lakes Association, updated the Board on the LID Annual Report and AIS Program presentation at their annual meeting on May 5, 2018.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming Chisago & Washington Counties Lakes Meeting on May 17, 2018.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming Chisago Lakes Water Trail Memorial Day Paddle on May 28, 2018.

Steve Levey, Chisago Lakes Lions Club, updated the Board on the 2018 Chisago County Bow Fishing Tournament on June 1 – 2, 2018 and on the request for \$500.00 to advertise and market the Bow Fishing Tournament. All Bow Fishing Tournament promotional material will recognize the LID as a supporter of the event.

Director Paquay offered a motion to recommend that the LID Board approve the request for \$500.00 for marketing the 2018 Bow Fishing Tournament on June 1 – 2, 2018. Motion seconded by Director Behnke and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, Rob Sandgren and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Monica Kinny

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Spetzman and Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Milfoil Morning Workshop held on April 11, 2018.

## **STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS**

### Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc. (EOR)

Greg Graske, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., reviewed with the Board that spring inspections of the channel and weir system will begin with the recent ice off on lakes located in the LID. Inspection of Wallmark Lake and its outlet will occur as well.

Director Behnke offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion seconded by Director Anastasi and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Joyce Anastasi, Jill Behnke, Mike Mergens, Steve Paquay, Rob Sandgren and Gary Schumacher. **ABSENT:** Monica Kinny

*Michael J Mergens*

Mike Mergens, Chair

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