

## **Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID)**

### **Annual Meeting Minutes**

*August 25, 2018*

*Present:* Bob Koll (Chair), Rick Rosar (Vice Chair), Fred Comb (Treasurer), Cindy Kevern (Secretary), Don Ogilvie

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#### **Check-in**

LID members checked in to receive a voting card for the 2019 Budget vote. They also received handouts: Agenda for the Annual Meeting, the 2019 LID proposed budget, and Frequently Asked Questions.

#### **Welcome/Introductions**

Chairman Bob Koll called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. He introduced the LID board members; Morrison County Board members; Deb Lowe, County Auditor; Deb Gruber, County Administrator; Helen McLennan, Soil and Water; Amy Kowalzek, Land Services; Brad Persons, Attorney; and Jeff Langan from Houston Engineering. Cindy Kevern reviewed the agenda and made introductory remarks.

#### **I. Minutes of 2017 Meeting**

Cindy Kevern provided an overview of the 2017 Annual Meeting minutes that have been posted on the website and were also projected on the screen. Motion was made by Tom Heltemes to approve the 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes, seconded by Lori Hintz. There was no discussion and one opposed. So approved.

#### **II. Treasurer's Report**

Fred Comb gave an overview of the treasurer's report providing information on the 2018 revenue and expenses for the Lake Improvement District. Fred noted that the second half taxes and some bills have not yet been received for the year. A number of questions regarding the Quad Lakes grant were addressed including the number of lakes included, and the amount of the grant for Shamineau.

Motion was made by Mark Murphy to approve the Treasurer's Report for 2018, seconded by Dale Williams. There was no discussion and one opposed. So approved.

#### **III. Recap of 2018: EWM, Signage, Brochure, CLMP**

Rick Rosar reported on work completed in 2018 to reduce the amount of Milfoil in the lake which included both hand pulling and Chemical Treatments. Rick also discussed the Morrison County Quad Lakes Grant which pays for Brochures, Aquatic Vegetation Survey, and Public Access Signage. The County completed an annual sampling for Zebra Mussels and Spiny Waterflea which showed no infestations.

Cindy Kevern reported on 2018 High Water Project activities which included the completion of a Feasibility Report in January 2018; the submission of a State Grant Request; a Public Hearing held on April 21, 2018; a Stakeholder Meeting held May 22, 2018; various meetings with agencies; and the LSLID Board contacting Morrison County and Scandia Valley Township to

review water flows in ditches and culverts. Cindy also reported on the results of the survey conducted by Morrison County regarding the High Water and noted that the results were on the website.

Rick Rosar reported on a proposed change in the assessment formula for the Association Units which would be changed to 20% and applied to the users of the Associations that have access across the riparian lot. Rick noted that the formula change would require approval of the Morrison County Board as a change to the Establishment Order.

Rick Rosar introduced Helen McLennan, District Manager of the Morrison Soil and Water Conservation District. Helen began her remarks by announcing that she would be leaving Soil and Water and introduced her replacement, Shannon Wettstein. Helen discussed some assistance that she and her staff may be able to provide. She also noted that her office would be submitting a grant request that may assist with funding in 2019.

#### **IV. 2019 Work Plan**

Rick Rosar reported that in 2019 control of the Aquatic Invasive Species will again include hand pulling, and chemical treatments. Rick also noted that they would be again applying for a Morrison County Grant to fund brochures, the Aquatic Vegetation Survey, and public access signage.

Cindy Kevern provided a review of high water project alternatives. Cindy noted that doing nothing ("NO" Vote on High Water Budget), would result in having no formal plan to stabilize the lake level, there would be no ongoing project assessment charges; there still could be action to pursue reducing flowage into Lake Shamineau through ditches and culverts; property owners would need to mitigate their damage; and inaction can lead to continued damage to shoreline, homes, septic systems, loss of trees, wildlife habitat destruction, and challenging water quality.

Other high water project alternatives were reviewed including the SW Outlet which was the recommended option identified in the Feasibility Study, and the NE Outlet which was an alternative option also studied by Houston Engineering in the Feasibility Study.

It was noted that next project steps will include review and analysis of alternative routes. The Board asked members to contact the LSLID Board if they have ideas. Cindy noted that the Board wants to be sure that we find the most feasible, cost-effective and timely alternative.

Chuck Ross, LID member, was introduced to discuss ideas that he has regarding an alternate NE route. He noted that two actions should be pursued: 1) to work on watershed improvements and 2) to lower the water level to the OHW. He noted issues with the SW outlet option and believes that water should be pumped or siphoned for infiltration. Chuck introduced Brian Ross, Director of Environmental Services/Vice President of Widseth Smith Nolting. Brian discussed some route options to the NE for pumping and siphoning out water and believed this option would be easiest for permitting.

#### **V. Proposed 2019 Budget**

Fred Comb reviewed the 2019 Budget and explained the detail of the expense items and noted that the members have a budget handout. Fred also noted that the budget vote will include a vote on three separate items: 1) 2019 Budget (non-project) -\$22,002; 2) Aquatic Invasive Species Control Budget - \$31,000; and 3) High Water Project -\$360,000.

A question was also asked about whether the Lake Association was doing any invasive species work. It was noted that the AIS work was handled through the LID.

Cindy Kevern reviewed the three main tasks that would be completed for the High Water project:

- Preliminary Design Tasks to include: Route analysis, preliminary surveying, detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analysis, initial completion of operation and maintenance plan at an estimated cost of \$70,000.
- Surveying and Permitting Tasks to include: Permitting/Environmental Review and coordination, geotechnical evaluation, design of final alignment/corridor, Agreements with MnDOT, Counties, Township at an estimated cost of \$60,000.
- Final Design, Plans and Specification Tasks to include: right of way, finalization of plans and specifications, bidding process and construction schedule at an estimated cost of \$230,000.

It was also noted that the estimated timeline uses April 1, 2019 as the beginning of engineering tasks due to funding availability. Additionally, it was announced that the LSLID Board has received a verbal commitment for a grant of \$65,000 from the DNR to cost share at 50% on the first two preliminary design and survey tasks pending Morrison County Board approval of the LSLID budget. The availability of other grant funds are unknown at this time.

## **VI. Open Forum for Comments/Questions**

Bob Koll announced that there would be an open forum and advised that any members that would like to make a comment should step up to the microphone to speak, sign their name and address on the sheet provided. Speakers were also asked to state their name and address to the audience, to be concise and respectful, and to limit their comments to 2 minutes.

- There were several comments suggesting that the project was moving too fast, the cost was too high, that it would be difficult to operate, and that the invasive species would be an issue.
- There were comments from those that spoke in favor suggesting that the project would help with property values, septic problems, and with flooded properties.
- Some members believed the lake water level was cyclical and the water would again go down on its own.
- Some spoke in favor of syphoning.
- A question was asked regarding review of septic systems. Helen McClennan noted that a grant had been made available to Fish Trap Lake residents for a septic system review, but that the Lake Shamineau Lake Association did not take advantage of the grant.
- Some members spoke in favor of reviewing all options.
- A question was raised regarding the qualifications needed for the Board members.

## **VII. No Wake Zone**

Deputy Jordan Geise was introduced from the Morrison County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Geise reviewed the 300' No Wake zone and advised that boaters slow down and respect the flooded lake level. He also advised that since the Sheriff's Office does not have enough staff to monitor and enforce the No Wake zone, members can note the DNR# on a boat or jet ski that is not honoring the No Wake zone. If they share that information, the Sheriff's Office will contact the owner to advise them of the No Wake zone and to slow down.

A question was asked of the Deputy as to whether the Sheriff's Office could put out more buoys to mark the No Wake Zone. Deputy Geise responded that he would look into it.

### VIII. Voting

It was announced to members to put their Election of Officer ballots in the applicable ballot box. They were advised to vote for up to five (5) candidates for the following nominees:

- Cindy A Kevern, Permanent Resident, 2 year term
- Don Ogilvie, Permanent Resident, 1 year term
- Fred Comb, Seasonal, 2 year term
- Rick Rosar, Seasonal, 2 year term
- Bob Koll, Permanent Resident, 1 year term

A question was asked about the nomination process for Board Members. The Board responded that the nomination process was announced at the Lake Association and LID meetings, posted on the website and Facebook. In addition, the bylaws and past practices were followed. The Board also noted that changes would be looked at for the next election.

Members were advised to vote on 2019 Budget, by voting Yes or No on each of the following budget items and put their ballot in the appropriate ballot box:

- 2019 Budget (non-project) -\$22,002
- Aquatic Invasive Species Control Budget - \$31,000
- High Water Project -\$360,000

The voting cards were collected and tallied by Pat Held, Don Kirchner, Kristi Carlson, Christine Solberg, Deb Lowe, Cindy Kevern and Fred Comb. Bob Koll and Cindy Kevern announced the following vote tally.

Budget Questions	YES	NO
#1 Non- Project Budget-\$22,002	130	15
#2 AIS Budget - \$31,000	129	16
#3 High Water Project - \$360,000	99	45

#### Election of Board Members:

	Residency Status	Term of Office
Cindy Kevern	Permanent	2
Don Ogilvie	Permanent	1
Fred Comb	Seasonal	2
Rick Rosar	Seasonal	2
Bob Koll	Permanent	1

### IX. Other Business

Several announcements were made including: The 2019 Annual Meeting will be scheduled for Saturday, August 24, 2019; members were advised to visit the LID website for more information including documents and notes; and members were asked to fill out the yellow sheet handout to give their email address to receive periodic email updates.

### X. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.

Respectively submitted by Cindy Kevern.