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Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District Members:

Happy New Year! The LID Board would like to provide an update on the activities of your LID.

- On January 9, 2019 we released a Request for Proposals for Engineering Services. We are looking to hire an Engineering Firm to confirm a route and conduct a preliminary analysis to establish a maximum operating level for Lake Shamineau for economic and natural resource benefits. These steps are required to enable us to take advantage of the \$65,000 DNR grant and to enable permitting for a long-term solution. On your behalf, we are working to find a high-water project solution that is the most feasible, cost-effective and timely. The Request for Proposals and timeline will be posted on the LID website.
- We are continuing to find cost-effective solutions to mitigate the Aquatic Invasive Species in the lake with surveys, treatments and pulling. We will be joining with other area lakes to request grant funds from Morrison County for the hand-pulling and other types of remediation. In addition, this year we will be requesting grant funds to begin inspections at the public landings.
- We are also working with the Morrison County Commissioners on updating the Orders of Establishment which are the guidelines for operating our LID. Most of the changes are based upon recommendations from our members regarding elections, notifications, assessment formulas and other clarifications for additional transparency. We pushed to have this accomplished in 2018, but after meeting with the County Commissioners in the fall, it was determined that updating the Orders could not get accomplished until 2019. While the language is not yet final, the County will be sending out the revisions for your review and we will assist in identifying any language that may be problematic for the LID.
- We are working on the end of year Financial Statement for 2018 and we will have it posted on the website when complete. All of our budget information is reviewed and approved at the annual meeting, and also is reviewed and approved by the Morrison County Commissioners.
- On November 4, 2018 we held a LID Board Meeting that was advertised on the LID website and some interested members attended. We are working on a future Board Meeting schedule that will be advertised on the website. We also post all of our Board Meeting Minutes on the website. Our webmaster recently made changes to the website to make it easier to navigate to the LID information. We will also be soon delivering a new newsletter through email.
- In June we will be notifying all members of two Board of Director seats that will be up for election at the August Annual Meeting and open for nominations.
- We continue to meet and communicate with agencies, groups, and LID members. We have met with the Options for High Water group and sought their input for our Request for Proposals. While we are open to meeting with the Concerned Property Owner's group, we are not fully aware of their membership and no meeting has been requested. We have also met and been in contact with our regional DNR area Hydrologist, a DNR Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist, as well as the Morrison County Soil and Water Manager and they have given us optimism that permits for the project can and will be obtained.

We would also like to provide a reminder that the LID provides an opportunity for members to have input into planning for lake projects. Termination of the LID would also terminate the opportunity for all property owners to have a voice for changes to their lake. Through the LID we can address lake concerns, problems with Aquatic Invasive Species, make water flow improvements, apply for grants, and address high-water issues.

Thank you for your support. Please let us know your questions and concerns.

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