

**Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID)
High-Water Project Team Meeting
May 10, 2019**

In attendance:

Cindy Kevern, LSLID Board Member

Rick Rosar, LSLID Board Member

Terry Sandstrom, Lake Property Owners, Scandia Valley Township

Ronald Carlson, Lake Shamineau Property Owners – flooded boathouse

Bob Ingle – Lake Shamineau Property Owner – On lake since 1987; flooded garage

Pam Carter, Lake Shamineau Commercial Property Owner – Shamineau Resort

Others in attendance:

Fred Comb - LSLID Board

Bob Koll – LSLID Board - Have been using the lake for 49 years

Brian Ross – Widseth Smith Nolting Project Manager

Tom Schuler (for Chuck Ross, Lake Shamineau Property Owner)

Cindy Kevern kicked off meeting. Discussed it is informal with general input. She listed the team purpose at the top of one-page Project Team handout (attached). Attendees introduced themselves.

She talked about looking at the possibility of having two options for annual meeting for property owners to vote on. This may depend on finding the “sweet spot” for the size of the outlet that is as minimalistic as possible, but still being able to keep up with future environmental changes.

Cindy discussed agency participation. County Commissioners have recently given more positive comments regarding project updates. Cindy said she is hopeful that County, Soil and Water, and DNR participants may attend Project Team meetings in the future. Ron mentioned that we need to get agencies together. Cindy and Brian discussed the TEP (Technical Evaluation Panel) and how it works, and the need to attend the TEP meetings. The LID Board has met with all the agencies. The DNR toured the lake which raised interest. Pat Lynch of DNR is assisting with the grant. Ron said that one of the concerns some people have is that some are not affected. He went on to indicate the amount of money is high and people want to see what they get.

Bob Ingle said it is difficult to get the average lake property owner to participate. Rick said 67% are seasonal. Cindy said they meet lots of people on the sand bar and around the lake to hear their opinions. Bob pointed out that the sand bar is too far under the water to use anymore. There was more discussion on getting people to support the project.

Brian mentioned that with many of the water and sewer projects WSN works on, the breakdown is always one-third want it, one-third are not for or against, one-third are against. Need to get to the one-third that could go either way.

Ron said we don't have power. Cindy said we do have power, but it is limited. They are getting more support from agencies all the time.

Rick discussed the DNR grant and where it comes from. He said the money comes from the general fund and DNR has set money aside for the Lake Shamineau project.

Rick reviewed how the LID was formed and the upcoming changes to the establishment order. The LSLID initiated a change to lower the charges paid by commercial property owners. The County Board then wanted to rework the LID establishment order wording to address some of the concerns they heard from a few property owners. The LID felt the many of the changes they recommended were good, but a handful were overly burdensome including one change where the county would charge the LSLID for services. The Morrison

County Commissioners will review comments received on the changes to the establishment order. The comment period deadline is until May 19. The public hearing will most likely be this summer.

Terry indicated it would be helpful if we could do a boring near the wetland on the west side of Bugle road. Brian indicated that we have one boring in the gravel pit as far west as we could go on the east side of the road, and in addition, WSN plans to do a hand boring in the area of the wetland and drive a sand point to obtain more data.

The group, OHW has been reluctant to provide the data they have collected with their testing project. They have not shared much data in the past, but recently have provided some surveying data. Brian will reach out to the surveyor to obtain the "raw" data points which would be more helpful.

The next project team meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 31st. Cindy recommends May instead of June because the final report is due at the end of May. They are planning to finalize the Engineer's Report on or about May 31st.

Ron was concerned about having an additional group (referring to the project team) and that would confuse people and splinter the support. He said there are several groups already involved. Brian indicated that it is not a new group; it is a committee of the LSLID to look at and provide recommendations to the LID Board.

Friday afternoon or Monday morning should be best for most people and for agency participation. Weekend are difficult for some individuals. It appears Friday afternoons may be preferred.

Brian discussed the outlet situation from the unnamed lake on Gold and DNR land. Pam indicated a ditch is a good solution and there are many in southern MN. Rock rip-rap channel. Ditches are common. Cindy mentions a Q & A document prepared by Tim Crocker at the DNR regarding Stanchfield Lake. In this document, Tim discusses that it does not make sense that dye would flow from Stanchfield into Shamineau. The LSLID may consider publishing the letter so members can read it for themselves. Brian indicated the dam on Stanchfield is owned by the DNR and they must have a way to access it. He will contact Mark Anderson of DNR to get more information about the outlet structure.

We discussed Crookneck. Ron is curious about how they are looking at the project. Cindy said there are some people negatively affected by the high water problem, but other individuals prefer the water higher.

The discussion moved to how other high-water projects have been funded. Cindy and Rick indicated Krebs/MacDonald project was able to obtain State of Minnesota bonding money. The Krebs/Little MacDonald group had an attorney on the lake and they were able to lobby to get the bonding money.

Ron suggested a letter to the Commissioner of the DNR may assist with the project. Ron said that if you get the attention of the Commissioner, she will get her staff to make it a priority. Cindy suggested that Ron may want to draft a letter. Cindy indicated there are several other lakes with high water problems. Ron indicated we need to be louder than everyone else.

Cindy and Rick indicated Assistant Commissioner Bob Meier was supportive and took a tour of the lake last year and was shocked at the amount devastation around the lake.

The meeting was adjourned. Cindy and Rick thanked everyone for attending.

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Meeting Handout

Team Purpose/Mission

The purpose of the Lake Improvement District project team is to provide communication and feedback as the LID moves through the LID approved High-Water Project. Team members will provide valuable input to the LSLID Board of Directors to enable them to make informed decisions on the project. The team is made up of representatives from Morrison County, Scandia Valley Township, Soil and Water, DNR (invited), Lake Shamineau property owners and LSLID Board members.

The project team will work in support of the overall goal of the High-Water project to determine a solution to the high-water problem that is most feasible, cost-effective and timely, and will minimize ongoing maintenance and future operating costs.

Membership

Members include:

1. Cindy Kevern, LSLID Board Member, Meeting facilitator
2. Rick Rosar, LSLID Board Member
3. Commissioner LeMieur, Morrison County
4. Deb Gruber, Morrison County Administrator
5. Shannon Wettstein, Morrison County Soil and Water
6. Terry Sandstrom, Scandia Valley Township and Lake Shamineau Property Owner
7. Chuck Ross, Lake Shamineau Property Owner
8. Bob Ingle, Lake Shamineau Property Owner
9. Jim Dick, Lake Shamineau Property Owner
10. Ronald Carlson, Lake Shamineau Property Owner
11. Pam Carter, Lake Shamineau Commercial Property Owner

Other Invitees:

Amy Kowalski, Morrison County Land Services
Mark Anderson, DNR Hydrologist

May 10th Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Agency Participation
3. Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP)
4. High-Water Project Scope
5. Review of Key Project Milestones
6. Future Meetings/Schedule
7. Questions