

**Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District**  
**Candidate Information**  
**Annual Meeting August 24, 2019**

A Voting Card has been provided for the Election of Two Director positions. To vote, you must either mail in your Voting Cards ahead of the meeting **OR** bring your Voting Cards to the meeting. Also note that if you use the Mail-In option, they must be received by Wednesday, August 21. A secrecy envelope has been included to ensure that your vote will be kept private.

There are three (3) nominees for the two (2) available seats for the Board of Directors. In addition, you can write-in the name of your choice for either of the two available seats. The newly elected directors will take office 4 weeks after elected for a two-year term. Each of the two open seats requires that nominees are a permanent resident requiring that their lake address is their primary residence.

**On your voting card, vote for two (2) of the following candidates:**

- Ardis Sandstrom
- Bob Koll (incumbent)
- Herb Bloomquist
- Write-In
- Write-In

**Candidate Information**

**All of the candidates were asked to provide the following:**

1. Your lake address, location, and amount of time you have been on the lake.
2. A few words about yourself and your background.
3. A few sentences about why you are interested in volunteering for the Board of Directors of the Lake Improvement District and your commitment to the LID.
4. Your comments regarding your position on the High-Water Project.
5. Your comments regarding the LID work with Aquatic Invasive Species (Eurasian Water Milfoil, Zebra Mussels, etc.).
6. Any final comments.

**Candidate: Ardis Sandstrom**

Ardis Sandstrom, 4399 Cantleberry Road

We moved to Lake Shamineau 17 years ago. Before buying our home, we researched the lake and Scandia Valley and fell in love with its unique habitat and sand beaches and clear water. I retired 10 years ago as the President of the Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance. A non-profit serving people with brain injury across Minnesota. As president of a non-profit, I have years of experience writing grants and applying for grant monies. The LIDs primary purpose is managing water quality, water level control and aquatic vegetation. All these issues are very pertinent to Lake Shamineau as I volunteer to place my name on the ballot to become a LID board member. I am very concerned about the health and well being of our lake. I must disclose that we currently have close to 2000 sandbags around our home. I thank the OHW for the work they have put into identifying a solution to pumping water out of the east end of the lake. I am confident that with guidance and expertise with Widseth, Smith and Nolting we can continue to work together towards removing the water through the east end of the lake in a safe manner and not upset another environment with the movement of water. As long as there is a LID we have access to grant writing to keep Lake Shamineau in the running for DNR grant money to help off set the cost of this project. But, we can not let that be our only conversation. We need to keep invasive species at bay so that we can continue to keep our lake clean and free to navigate and our fish population healthy. How long do we have before we can't turn the ongoing damage of invasive species, lake erosion, rotting trees and buildings and septic tanks seeping around before Lake Shamineau will not be able to recover. I believe that as land owners we have the duty to care for Lake Shamineau, one of nature's greatest gifts.

**Candidate: Bob Koll (Incumbent)**

Bob Koll, 3435 Pine View Blvd. Motley, MN 56466

I have been a permanent resident on Lake Shamineau for 50 years. I am retired from teaching and administration in local school districts. I have served on the Lake Shamineau Association Board in several capacities, including membership, water quality, and newsletter ad coordination. I also worked on the committee to form a Lake Improvement District when AIS entered our lake. The rising costs of vegetation surveying and treatment (from \$8,000. to \$31,000.) meant that the Lake Association could not keep up, financially, with only 65% of property owners paying the \$20. dues. We needed everyone on the lake to help with this cost. I then served on the committee to research the laws and the process to manage the rising lake level impacting our shoreline, water quality, habitat and properties.

I have served on the LSLID Board four years, since the beginning. I am committed to caring for and protecting Lake Shamineau and our property values. I support the LSLID Board's goal to manage our rising water in an environmentally safe and economically sound manner. The LSLID Board is the only entity that can accomplish this, by following the legal steps required, working with professional engineers, local, county and state agencies as well as our property owners. The LSLID's target for pumping to the infiltration system is early fall, 2020. We have applied for and received a \$65,000.00 grant from the MN DNR Flood Damage Reduction Grant Program and, as we move through further sections of our project, we have been told we may receive further DNR grant dollars at up to 50% matching of qualifying costs.

If elected, I will continue to listen to input from groups and individuals who care for Lake Shamineau. Working together we can protect this amazing resource.

**Candidate: Herb Bloomquist**

3695 Ridge Road, Motley, MN 56466 (North East side of Lake Shamineau). Have lived on the lake for 33 years.

I first started coming to Lake Shamineau in 1964 as a child when my family would participate in Family Camps at Camp Shamineau. I am married to Debbie Bloomquist and we have raised three daughters here on Lake Shamineau. I am now the Executive Director of Shamineau Ministries which includes Camp Shamineau (the youth Camp on the north side of the lake), Rock Ridge Christian Camp and Outfitters (near Ely, MN), and Shamineau International (conducting English Language Camps around the world).

I have been very involved in Lake Shamineau issues since the establishment of the LID. I personally and as a representative of Camp Shamineau, initially voted in favor of the LID. Since it's establishment, I believe that the LID has struggled in providing common-sense and timely solutions to the high water problem. I believe I can provide some leadership in this area.

Clearly the high water is an issue and lowering the lake level would benefit almost everyone on the lake. I am convinced that a solution exist that would cost a third or less than the projects proposed so far.

Invasive species should be the primary concern of the LID. Once AIS are established, it's next to impossible to get rid of them.

I am currently heavily involved in the Scandia Valley First Response Team and the Lincoln Area Business Association. I am willing to curtail the hours I invest in these organizations to provide personal time to invest in the LSLID.