



August 6, 2019

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News from the Board of the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District

As a subscriber, you are receiving the August edition of the Electronic Newsletter for the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID). The LSLID Board of Directors issues the newsletter to provide updates on LSLID activities. Check out our [website](#) for detailed information, announcements and documents.

[Visit the LID Website for more information on the High-Water Project as well as minutes from Board Meetings and Announcements for Future Meetings](#)

Petition to Terminate the LID

Note: The August 24th Annual Meeting will be held regardless of any action taken regarding the petition to terminate the LID. You should plan to vote with the assumption that the LID will continue.

You may be aware that a petition to terminate the LID was presented to the County. Morrison County has mailed a letter to all LSLID property owners advising of a public hearing on August 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the County Board Room, Garden Level, at the Government Center in Little Falls. We encourage property owners to attend the hearing and/or send comments to Morrison County to make your voice heard. *We also hope that you will express support of the LID.*

The [LID Board of Directors has sent a letter](#) to the Morrison County Board to urge them to vote "NO" to terminate the LID and attached an [opinion letter from an attorney](#). In the letter, the Board of Directors expressed concern with the process used to gather signatures for the petition and for verification of the petition. Most importantly, the LID Board of Directors pointed out that the LID continues to be in the public welfare or the public interest and is needed to accomplish the purpose of the Lake

Improvement District Law. A private group, nor the Lake Association can take over the important functions of the LID.

High Water Outlet Plan

Widseth Smith Nolting (WSN) submitted a [Preliminary Engineering Report](#) which includes testing information and high level detail for a proposed solution that would pump water from the lake to infiltrate in a gravel pit located NE of the lake across Bugle Road. The Preliminary Engineering Report can be found on the LID website.

An informational meeting was held on July 6th for property owners to provide detail on the results of the Preliminary Engineering Report and testing results.

During the month of July, WSN continued design work on the solution as well as meeting with agencies including the DNR, Soil and Water, Army Corp of Engineers, BWSR, and the County to ensure the solution is feasible for permitting. In addition, contacts have been made with property owners to help determine a route from the lake to the gravel pit. WSN has also worked to update cost information to develop a better estimate for excavation of the gravel pit, required borings, as well as piping and other costs.

Note: Updated detail on the [High-Water Outlet solution](#) as well as a revised estimated cost and timeline for the construction and operational plans was included in the mailing and is posted on the website.

Tentative Project Timeline

The High-Water Outlet Plan includes the following considerations:

- Lake Shamineau has reached an all time high water reading at 1277.1 which is 2.0 feet above the ordinary high water level (OHWL).
- The outlet plan includes installing two, energy efficient 75 hp pumps with a maximum capacity of 4,500 GPM (gallons per minute)
- The plan includes the ability to pump 6.5 million gallons per day. Pumping at this rate for 155 days per year equates to over 1 billion gallons per year (season). Pumping will only occur during non-freezing periods.
- The plan includes installing a sound barrier around the pumping platform,
- ***With a yes vote on all 5 budget items construction could begin as early as the spring of 2020 with pumping to begin as early as September 2020.***

The estimated cost of \$2,091,475 for construction is based on the lowest cost route alternative in WSN's Preliminary Opinion of Probable Construction Cost dated July 18, 2019. Project Costs for the construction of a high-water outlet includes:

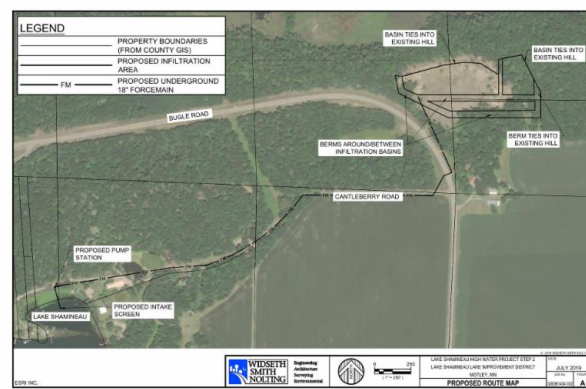
- Dewatering groundwater around the pump station
- Earth moving in the gravel pit to build the infiltration basins.
- Excavation, borings, and laying of the pipe from the lake to the infiltration basins
- Pumps with intake screen and filters, electrical controls and wet

- Complete Detailed Design - August 2019
- Complete Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) Document - September 2019
- Complete EAW Process and Permit Applications - November 2019
- Complete Final Engineering Plans and Specifications - January 2020
- Obtain Bids from Contractors and Financing of the Project - February 2020
- Construction Begins - May 2020
- Construction Complete - September 2020

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- Construction Engineering
- LSLID legal, fiscal and administrative costs

WSN assessed an alternative of using a gravity flow pipe to the wetland at Bugle Road then pumping from the wetland to the gravel pit infiltration basins. This alternative was found to be 20 to 25 percent higher in cost. Instead the lowest cost alternative has been included in the mailing information and voting information. A write-up on the [Gravity Pipe alternative](#) is located on the website.

A reminder of the goal of the high-water project:
Determine a solution that is most feasible, cost-effective and timely, and will minimize ongoing maintenance and future operating costs.



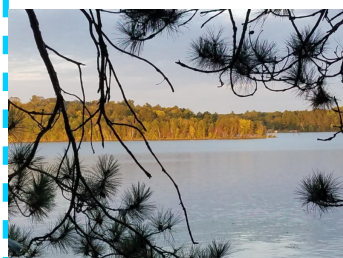
LID Annual Meeting Scheduled for August 24th

The Annual Meeting of the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID) will be held on August 24th at 9:30 a.m. at the Lincoln Evangelical Free Church. Doors will open at 9:00 for check-in. The agenda for the annual, including all items to be voted on, includes:

1. Welcome and Review of Code of Conduct
2. Approval of the 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes
3. Treasurers Report
4. Review of 2019 LID Activities
5. Review of Proposed 2020 LID Work Plan including High-Water Outlet Project Plan and Timeline
6. Review of 2020 Budget and Establishment of High-Water Project
7. Candidate Forum for Voting for Director Positions
8. Audience Questions and Comments
9. Other Business
10. Annual Meeting Vote on Budget and Election of Directors
11. Adjourn



THE MORRISON COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE IS REQUESTING A 300' NO WAKE ZONE FROM THE SHORELINE DUE TO INCREASED WATER LEVELS.
 Morrison County Sheriff Shawn Larsen



Mailing for Annual Meeting

The informational mailing for the Annual Meeting was sent out to all property owners on July 31, 2019. If you have not received your mailing, send an email to LSLIDBD@gmail.com.

The mailing included the following:

- [Letter to Property Owners](#)
- [2020 Budget and Voting Information](#)
- [High -Water Outlet Project Plan, Cost and Timeline](#)
- [Director Candidate Information](#)
- Two (2) Voting Cards with Secrecy Envelope
- Return Envelope (for Mail-in option)

The items in bold above are available on the LID website.

We will utilize a code of conduct at the annual meeting and we ask that all be respectful. Come to the annual meeting and be prepared to listen, learn, question, and help us to come together to make a decision for the future. If you are not able to make it to the meeting, please cast your vote through the mail-in option (which must be received by August 21, 2019).

Voting Information

Two voting cards have been provided. The LSLID Order of Establishment has been followed and no property or group of properties under the same ownership will have more than one vote. Property with multiple owners, trustees, or officers for a property, shall have one collective vote.

There are five voting items on the 2020 LID Budget and Establishment of a Project to Construct a High-Water Outlet; and voting for the election of Two Director positions. Please note that election rules recommended by the Morrison County Board will be followed and **there will be no proxy voting.**

If your vote is not mailed in ahead of time, you must be present at the Annual Meeting to vote. To vote, you must either mail in your Voting Cards ahead of the meeting **OR** bring your Voting Cards to the meeting. A secrecy envelope has been included to ensure that your vote will be kept private. We will enlist the assistance of an impartial third party (i.e. County Auditor's Office) to assist with vote tabulation.

Board of Director Update

DNR Permitting and Grants

Morrison County recently hosted a meeting with the DNR, Soil and Water, WSN and the LID Board of Directors. County attendees



included the Morrison County Auditor, the County Administrator and four County Commissioners. It was confirmed at the meeting that **permitting for a permanent high water solution must be sponsored by a local governmental unit**, such as the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District. In addition, grant dollars through the DNR Flood Damage Reduction grant program cannot be awarded to individuals or independent organizations; these **grant funds can only be awarded to local government units**, such as the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District.



Future DNR Grant Funds

On June 21, 2019 the LSLID Board of Directors received a completed agreement from the DNR for eligibility for DNR grant funds for the High-Water Project. This allows the LID to get reimbursed for up to \$65,000 toward our 2019 project expenses. While the DNR cannot currently commit to additional grant funds, **the Lake Shamineau High-Water Outlet Project is on a list of Flood Hazard Mitigation Needs and grant funds of up to 50% for future costs** including construction may be available. While we are encouraged by information received by the DNR including the possibility of receiving up to \$1 Million in grant funds for the project, final grant information may not be available until the spring of 2020 and may be dependent on approval of the DNR's 2020 bonding request.

A Message from the LID Board

We invite you to visit the LID website for up to date information and documents, including budgets and financial statements, updates, notification of Board Meetings and Board minutes.

If you know of someone that would like to be added to our newsletter subscriber list, have them send a text to 22828 with the message LAKESHAMINEAU or send an email to LSLIDBD@gmail.com. You may want to add this email address to your white list to ensure that you will receive future newsletters.

We all need to remember that all property owners on Lake Shamineau want the best for the lake. Come to the annual meeting and be prepared to listen, learn, question, and help us to come together to make a decision for the future. If you are not able to make it to the

meeting, please cast your vote through the mail-in option (which must be received by August 21, 2019).

Thank you,

Bob Koll, Rick Rosar, Cindy Kevern, Fred Comb and Don Ogilvie
Lake Shamineau Improvement District Board of Directors

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