

Board Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2020

Attendees: Cindy Kevern (Chair), Bob Koll (Vice-Chair), Rick Rosar (Secretary/Administrator), Fred Comb (Treasurer), Ardis Sandstrom (Director); 2 Property Owners

1. Welcome

Cindy Kevern opened the meeting at 4:00pm by welcoming Board members and the audience. She noted that the audience would be able to ask questions at the end of the meeting by using the chat feature.

2. Minutes of Board Meeting

Rick Rosar summarized the minutes from the January 14, 2020 Board meeting. Board Members have had a chance to review and they have been posted to the website.

Cindy Kevern asked for a motion to approve. Ardis made the motion and Bob seconded it. Cindy called for a Roll Call Vote.

Rick Rosar	Yes
Fred Comb	Yes
Bob Koll	Yes
Ardis Sandstrom	Yes
Cindy Kevern	Yes

3. Treasurer's Report

Fred Comb reviewed the current Treasurers report ending January 31, 2020. Cindy Kevern asked for a motion to approve. Rick made the motion and Ardis seconded it. Cindy called for a Roll Call Vote.

Rick Rosar	Yes
Fred Comb	Yes
Bob Koll	Yes
Ardis Sandstrom	Yes
Cindy Kevern	Yes

4. High Water Project Update

Rick Rosar and Cindy Kevern provided a progress Update on the high-water project. The following items were noted:

- Signed letters of intent from all property owners along the route including the pumping site, the force main (pipe) route to the infiltration site, and with the property owner of the infiltration site.
- The infiltration site has changed and will be moved farther to the east. The new site will allow for more area for infiltration and alleviate concerns of the wetlands directly to the north of the gravel pit. WSN is working on design detail for the site.
- An Archeological Study has been completed.
- Additional testing for the infiltration site has been completed.
- Drafting of the documentation for permitting is in process.
- Work continues developing an initial draft of an Operations and Maintenance Plan which will likely include information on pumping down to the OHWL.
- An updated project schedule has been completed and communicated to agencies and property owners.
- The LID and WSN has met and corresponded with neighboring property owners to the project to continue to address questions and concerns.
- WSN has continued to have good meetings with the DNR, the County, and Soil and Water regarding the project.

Cindy Kevern updated the Board on next steps for approval of the project. WSN is working on the modeling and design that will be required for permitting. There was discussion at the recent TEP meeting (with the County, the DNR and Soil and Water) regarding the completion of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the project. While the EAW is not mandatory the High-water committee (Cindy Kevern and Rick Rosar) has consulted

with WSN and learned that completing a discretionary EAW at this time could save time and effort due to much of the information in the EAW, will also be needed during the permitting process. Brian Ross has completed much of the drilling, surveys, modeling, design work and documentation that will be needed for submission of the EAW. The timeframe for submission to the EQB is next Tuesday, February 18, which will allow for a completed EAW process by the end of April. Rick also noted that the project plans include pumping down to the OHWL.

Since the high-water project is not a state project, and since the LSLID has the greatest responsibility for supervising or approving the project as a whole, and to meet the project timeline, Cindy recommends that it will be best for the LSLID to act the Responsible Governmental Unit for completing the EAW.

Cindy made a motion to: 1) approve the LSLID to act as the Responsible Governmental Unit for completion of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW); 2) order the completion and submission of the EAW with the assistance of WSN; and 3) delegate authority to Rick Rosar as the EAW Manager to provide the LSLID signature for the submission. Bob seconded the motion. Cindy called for a Roll Call Vote.

Rick Rosar	Yes
Fred Comb	Yes
Bob Koll	Yes
Ardis Sandstrom	Yes
Cindy Kevern	Yes

5. **Lake Shamaineau Emergency Task Force (LSETF)**

Ardis Sandstrom provided an update on the Emergency Task Force that are exploring additional steps to alleviate flooding problems include mitigating inflows and improving outflows, as well as looking at the possibility of emergency pumping next spring. Ardis noted that the contractor should begin cleaning the ditches this month and that Scandia Valley has taken a lead role in the ditch cleaning efforts. The LSETF is now beginning to focus their efforts on the location of a temporary route for emergency pumping while the Long-term Outlet Control Structure is under construction. They are reviewing the topography and considering routes near the west end of the lake. The Lake Shamaineau Association has also been instrumental in making this happen and wants everyone to know that this is a temporary solution and we still need a permanent fix, which the LSLID board and WSN are working on.

6. **Communications**

Cindy Kevern updated the Board that there have been several recent communications:

- Legislative update newsletter was sent to subscribers on January 27, 2020
- A letter providing updates to all property owners was mailed (via US mail) on January 31, 2020
- An email letter to agencies (County, DNR, Soil and Water) was sent on January 31, 2020
- A newsletter providing updates was sent to subscribers on February 2, 2020
- The next newsletter to subscribers will be sent in the following couple of weeks.

7. **Other Business**

- AIS Grant – Bob Koll updated the Board on the grant application that will be submitted to the County for AIS grant funding. Cindy Kevern made a motion to delegate authority to Bob Koll to sign the grant application on behalf of the LSLID. Rick seconded the motion. Bob said he would be completing the application and will sign it and send in tonight. Cindy called for a Roll Call Vote.

Rick Rosar	Yes
Fred Comb	Yes
Bob Koll	Yes
Ardis Sandstrom	Yes
Cindy Kevern	Yes

- Legislative Update-Bob explained that things are going very well, and we have had over 15 people contact their legislators to co-sponsor a bill for Lake Shamineau to receive \$2,275,000 million dollars. We have also had legislators confirm they would be willing to co-sponsor our bill and our support it. The 2019-2020 MN legislative session opened today, and we just learned that Rep. Kresha is true his word and our bill had its first reading. HF2942 appears to request that our entire Outlet Control Structure project be paid for in full using the DNR Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds. Anything can happen once the legislative body gets a hold of it, but this is an extremely good sign. Everyone needs to contact their legislators and ask them to support the MN DNR bonding bill including monies for Lake Shamineau.

8. Motion to Adjourn

Bob made a motion, Ardis seconded it and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at approximately 4:45pm.