

LSLID Board Meeting – April 10, 2020

Via Zoom Conference Call

Attendees: Cindy Kevern (Chair), Bob Koll (Vice-Chair), Rick Rosar (Secretary/Administrative), Fred Comb (Treasurer/Finance), Ardis Sandstrom (Director). Approximately 13 Audience Members were in attendance.

1. Welcome

Cindy Kevern opened the meeting at 9:00 AM 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 on Zoom. Cindy also apologized for the date error on one page of the website regarding the Board meeting.

2. Minutes of Board Meeting

Rick Rosar noted the minutes from the February 11, 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. Fred made the motion and Ardis seconded. 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 March 31, 2020. Cindy Kevern asked for a motion to approve. Rick made the motion and Ardis seconded. 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

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 WSN has worked on design detail for the site.
- An Archeological Study has been completed.
- Additional testing for the infiltration site has been completed.
- The LID and WSN has met and corresponded with neighboring property owners to the project to address questions and concerns.
- An Environmental Assessment Worksheet was issued on February 18th. The EAW will be discussed in more detail in the next agenda item.
- Rick Rosar and Cindy Kevern have met with the DNR to discuss concerns regarding EAW comments.

DNR Grant Update – Cindy noted that there has been some discussion with the DNR regarding the receipt of additional DNR matching grant funds to assist us with additional design and data gathering for Step 4.

WSN Agreement – Step 4: Cindy noted that the LID has entered into an agreement with WSN for Step 4 for the Final Design of the project which includes work with the project design including plans and specifications, landowner meetings, and gathering additional geologic data. Further, the engineering work will include completing bid documents and selection of responsible contractor. Cindy noted that a portion of the work has been completed in step 4 that is needed to complete the EAW and for discussions with landowners and the DNR.

5. Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)

The EAW was ordered at the last Board meeting, and while completing an Environmental Assessment Worksheet was not mandatory, after consulting with WSN, the Board determined that completing a discretionary EAW may save time and assist with the information needed for permitting. The purpose of the EAW is to determine the need for an Environmental Impact Statement. The EAW was filed with the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) and circulated for review and comment to the required distribution list and to those persons known by the LSLID to be interested in the proposed project. A notice of availability was published in the EQB monitor on February 24, 2020 and a notice was published in the Morrison County Record newspaper. The EAW was made available electronically on the LSLID website and hard copies were available at Scandia Valley Town Hall, Morrison County Land Services, and at the offices of Widseth, Smith, Nolting, Inc (WSN).

The 30-day public comment period began on February 24th and closed at 4 pm on March 25th. Thirteen written comments were received from agencies and from the public. Comments were received from area property owners, Morrison County Soil and Water, the Crookneck LID, the MN DNR, and the MN State Historic Preservation Office. Several comments were very supportive and encouraging. Some comments suggested that more data may be needed to thoroughly assess the environmental impact of this project. The LSLID Board has had time to review the comments. The Chair and board administrator have had meetings with the DNR to discuss their comments and their suggestion that additional data and information is needed to best understand the environmental impact. In addition, the COVID-19 crisis has encumbered the LSLID from gather this additional data in a timely manner.

Delaying the decision on a need for an EIS will affect the project timeline, but it is important that we have the data that we need to make a reasoned decision. This additional information will also be very beneficial for permitting. The Board will need to determine the timing for the collection of this information in order to revise the project timeline.

Rick noted that he and the Chair agree, according to Mn Rule 4410.1700 Subp2a , to delay the decision to June 30, 2020 pending approval from the board. Although we are proposing June 30th for a decision, it is our intent and preference to decide sooner if possible. The resolution was read and a motion for approval to delay the EAW decision was made by Rick and Cindy seconded the motion. Cindy Kevern asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. A couple comments were made concerning the need to move forward as quickly as possible; but we also need to proceed cautiously. Cindy Kevern called for a Roll Call Vote and the result will be noted on the resolution.

6. LID Website as Official Site for LSLID Documentation

Cindy noted that the LID has been using the LID website to store meeting announcements, meeting minutes, treasurers' reports, project updates, project reports, analyses, and various other documentation. In looking through Board records and minutes, Cindy noted that the Board has not approved the website as the official site for documentation. Rick stated that if we begin using a new web site, we can continue to link the old website to the new one so people can still find relevant information. Cindy made a motion to approve the LID website as the official site for Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District documentation. Ardis 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

7. Other Updates

- Emergency Task Force (Ardis) Initial ditching to minimize inflows is completed and they are pursuing extending it another $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. This will help limit the amount we may have to pump but is not the final solution to lowering the lake elevation.
- Legislative (Bob) We are in a good position for our bill to be passed, but the COVID-19 crisis is complicating the session.
- AIS Grant (Bob) We received money for AIS control and signs, but nothing for the Ambassador program. Bob is following up with Galen Gruber to appeal to the board to reconsider assisting with the Ambassador program.
- Bylaws (Fred) Initial draft is being worked on and is expected before the annual meeting. The current Establishment order governs over the bylaws.

- No Wake Zone (Fred) The LSA is working with the sheriff to determine a solution.

8. Other Business

- Cindy noted that there was a recent story on WCCO and a newsletter will be forthcoming.

9. Motion to Adjourn

- Rick Rosar made a motion to adjourn and Ardis Seconded. Before formally adjourning the meeting, Cindy asked if the audience had any comments. One audience member made comments suggesting that pumping will have a negative affect on some area properties. One audience member, Mike Singh, commented to the board on the negative impact to area land and asking for an EIS be completed. A DNR audience member stated that the DNR is in process of getting further information for the LID.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10.

Minutes Submitted by: Rick Rosar