

**Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District
Withdrawal of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)
for the Lake Shamineau High-Water Control Project
May 16, 2020**

Background

An Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the Lake Shamineau High-Water Control Project was prepared using the form approved by the MN Environmental Quality Board (EQB) for EAW's in accordance with MN Rules. 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. The EAW was published in the EQB monitor on February 24, 2020, and a notice was published in the Morrison County Record newspaper. The 30-day public comment period began on February 24, 2020 and closed at 4 pm on March 25, 2020, and thirteen written comments were received from agencies and from the public.

The Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District Board of Directors reviewed the comments and concluded that additional information was needed prior to deciding on the need for an Environmental Impact Statement. In addition, due to the COVID-19 crisis and the MN Stay-At-Home Order it was challenging for the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District Board of Directors to meet with agencies and property owners and gain all the additional information needed. Therefore, on April 10, 2020, the LSLID Board approved a resolution to delay the issuance of the Finding of Facts, Conclusions and Record of Decision for the EAW that was issued on February 24, 2020 regarding the determination of the need for an Environmental Impact Statement for the Lake Shamineau High-Water Control Project, to no later than June 30, 2020.

In recent conversations with down gradient property owners it has been determined that the LSLID will not be able to obtain needed flowage easements from key property owners for the proposed infiltration site in the EAW. For this reason, the infiltration site to the east of the gravel pit is no longer be viable as a primary infiltration location, and the EAW is no longer suitable.

The LSLID and the engineering firm, Widseth, are in the process of completing written responses to all comments received and anticipate they will be completed next week. The comments and responses will be provided to all those that provided substantive comments and they will also be posted on the LID website.

It should be noted that there are three next steps with the High-Water project:

1. The LSLID will explore other deposit locations for the high-water control outlet project.
2. The LSLID will gather additional data and testing information.
3. The LSLID will work with down gradient property owners and the DNR.

Recommendation

It has been determined that the infiltration site east of the gravel pit is no longer viable as a primary infiltration location and therefore, the EAW issued on February 24, 2020 is no longer suitable. It is recommended that the LSLID rescind the subject EAW and complete the next steps in the project to explore other locations, gather additional data and testing, and work with down gradient property owners and the DNR. If an additional site is determined to be viable, testing, and final design would be completed. At that time a new EAW could be developed and issued which would provide the LID and any interested persons an opportunity to comment and further evaluate if there is the potential for significant environmental impacts as a result of the project and ways in which those impacts might be mitigated.

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Motion for Withdrawal of EAW:

The Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District will hereby withdraw the Environmental Assessment Worksheet issued on February 24, 2020. Further, the LSLID will issue the Comments and Responses associated with the EAW and the LSLID Secretary will provide written notice of this action to the EQB.

Adopted: May 16, 2020

	Yes	No
Cindy Kevern	X	
Bob Koll	X	
Rick Rosar	X	
Fred Comb	X	
Ardis Sandstrom	X	

I certify that the above was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District on May 16, 2020.



Rick Rosar
LSLID Secretary