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News from the Board of the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District

As a subscriber, you are receiving this edition of the Electronic Newsletter for the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID). The LSLID Board of Directors issues a periodic 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 of Future Meetings

Message to Subscribers

***To Lake Shamineau Property Owners,
Neighbors and Friends:***

We hope this newsletter finds you all healthy and safe, and you are enjoying your summer. We continue to be concerned for high waters and our flooded neighbors. The current lake level reading is 2.64 feet above the Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL), as compared to a reading of about 2 feet above OHWL in June 2019. We know that many of the properties around the lake have water in or surrounding their homes and many properties adjacent to the lake area are experiencing wet conditions.



Please know that the LID Board of Directors continue to work long hours to determine a solution. We have recently sent out information to all property owners with LID news and updates on the High-Water Project. The LID Board of Directors are working on a West Outlet project that, if approved, could be constructed as early as 2021, and will

reduce the water level down to the Ordinary High Water Level over an approximately 3 year period. See below for detail information.

Be assured that the Board is working hard to seek permissions from landowners along the route. *Please also note that bonding will not occur for the Vote 4 amount until the project is shovel-ready with the required permits and approvals. The applicable charges for Vote 4 will not begin until 2022.*

Annual Meeting

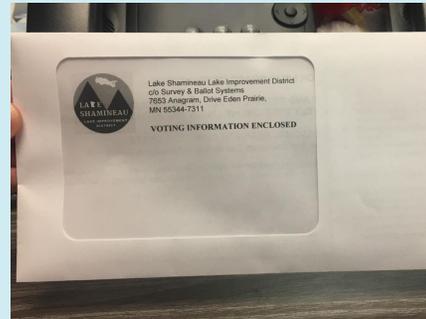
A [letter to all lake property owners](#) was mailed on July 31 using the mailing addresses on record with Morrison County. In this letter, there was an announcement of the Annual Meeting which will be held on August 29th at 9 AM. Note that due to COVID-19, the meeting will be held online.

To sign up for the meeting, send an email to Fred Comb, at fred@homeinspectionsofmn.com to receive an invitation and instructions to join the meeting. The instructions for electronic meetings are also available on the website.

Handouts will be provided on the website and will be sent electronically to those that sign up to attend the meeting. The meeting will be recorded, and a link will be posted on the LID website for those that are not able to attend.

The agenda for the Annual meeting scheduled for August 29th at 9 AM is as follows:

1. Welcome and Review of Code of Conduct
2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting
3. Treasurers Report
4. Review of 2020 LID Activities
5. Review of Proposed 2021 LID Work Plan including High-Water Outlet Project Plan and Timeline



Voting

New for 2020, the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID) will be using Survey and Ballot Systems (SBS) from Eden Prairie, MN to administer the Budget and Director voting process. SBS mailed out ballot information on August 5 with the Voting Instructions and Voting Ballot, the Candidate Information Sheet, the 2021 Budget Sheet, and a return envelope. Note that you will be able to either return your vote directly to SBS using the paper ballot and enclosed envelope *OR* you can alternatively vote online. Due to Covid-19, there will be no in-person voting available. In addition, SBS will be providing contact information for questions regarding the voting process. SBS will provide the tabulation of the voting.

Since the Annual Meeting will be held online and there will be no in-person voting, we have adjusted the deadlines to allow property owners to vote after the Annual meeting. Following are the voting deadlines:

6. Review of 2021 Budget and Establishment of High-Water Project
7. Forum for Candidates Nominated for Director Positions
8. Audience Questions and Comments
9. Other Business
10. Adjourn



- *Paper Ballots need to be postmarked by August 31.*
- *Online voting will close on August 31.*
- Audited tabulation results will be available after 6 PM on September 8.

The Voting Ballots include:

- Four voting items on the 2021 LID Budget and Establishment of a Project to Construct a High-Water Outlet; and
- Election of Two Director Seasonal positions and One Permanent Residency Position.

Note: Approval of Vote 3 and 4 is needed to move forward with the West Outlet Project with construction as early as 2021. The applicable charges for Vote 4 will not begin until 2022.

High-Water Project Update

On June 1, the LSLID Board approved action to alter the High-Water Outlet project away from infiltration in the NE part of the lake and on June 25, there was a decision to begin a West Outlet project utilizing a newly cleaned ditch to Fish Trap Creek.

The LSLID Board recently held an online information session on August 6th to discuss the West Outlet project. Mike Opat, from Houston Engineering provided a presentation on the project including capacity analysis, project features, estimated costs, project status and next steps. The LID Board also noted that they are in contact with landowners along the West Outlet route to gain support and signed Letters of Intent as soon as possible. *[The Houston presentation](#), the [LID](#)*

Future LID Schedule

Following is a schedule of meetings and activities for the LID over the next several months.

- On August 29th at 9 AM an online Annual Meeting will be held. (see previous article for sign up information)
- The mail-in and online voting deadline is August 31.
- The vote results will be available the evening of September 8.
- The LSLID will hold an online Board meeting to announce the voting results on September 9th at 6PM. (*Note that the previously announced Board meeting for September 19 has been cancelled*).
- An annual report of LID activities and the 2021 budget will be presented at a Morrison County Board

[presentation](#) and a [recording of the meeting](#) can be found on the [LID website](#).

Houston Engineering has also recently completed a Lake Shamineau Concept Report on the West Outlet project which includes: Project Description, Recommended Solutions, Compatibility with Existing Plans, Evaluation of Social Economic and Environmental Impact and a Potential Project Schedule. The Concept Report is located on the website.

Attached to the [August 6th Agenda](#) on the website is a chart of Project Tasks, Timeline, and Costs (see next article for a picture of the chart). Following are the project tasks:

1. Task 1 – Currently in process; Outreach and System Capacity Analysis.
2. Task 2 – To be completed after approval of Vote 3 and 4; Planning, Design, and Project Development.
3. Task 3 – EAW and Permitting.
4. Task 4 – Final Plans and Specifications, Bidding Process for Construction
5. Tasks 5 – Construction

Note that bonding will not occur for the Vote 4 amount until the project is shovel-ready with the required permits and approvals; and the applicable charges for Vote 4 will not begin until 2022.

meeting in September.

- If the West Outlet project is approved by the property owners, a 429 Public Hearing for the High-Water Project will be held in the fall.

**Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District
High Water Project – West Outlet
Project Tasks, Timeline, and Costs
August 6, 2020**

Shaded cells indicate steps that are completed or in-process.
Italics indicate estimated timeline and costs.

Task	Description	Timeline (Estimated)	Cost (Estimated)
1. Morrison County Board approval of Budget and Delegation of Authority	County Board approved LID 2020 budget and resolution to delegate authority for the LSLID Board of Directors for planning, establishment, construction, and financing of the Lake Shamineau High-Water Project.	September 24, 2019	
2. Task 1 – Outreach and System Capacity Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map Route Alternatives • Field Survey and Data Review • Outreach with agencies, landowners, public • Provide Report, submit to DNR for grant funding • Meetings with landowners, LSLID meetings 	September 2020	\$35,000 (2020 Budget)
3. Task 2 – Planning, Design, and Project Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed field survey and legal surveys • Geotechnical evaluation • Detail Design, operational plans, electrical • Wetland delineation • Develop plan and detail sheets • Final alignment determination 	December 2020	\$135,000 (2020 Budget and DNR Grant funds)
4. Task 3 – EAW and Permitting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EAW and Phase 1 Archeological • Permits, Easements, Ditch Petition 	January 2021	\$65,000 (2021 Budget)
5. Task 4 – Final Plans and Specifications, Bidding Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and develop final construction details • Intake, outfall structure, force main, and lift station design, storm water protection plan • Develop special provisions, contract documents • Right of Way • Completion of bidding documents, process, and construction schedule • Coordinate Bid Process, answer questions, pre-bid meeting, preconstruction meeting, award contract 	May 2021	\$200,000 (2021 Budget)
6. Task 5 – Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes Construction of Solution and Contingency • Construction Engineering • Right of Way, Easements, Outlet Fee • Utility relocations and services • Project Administration (Legal, RW Processing, Fiscal and Administrative, and Land) 	June 2021 to Nov 2021 Note: Applicable charges are estimated to begin in 2022	Estimate \$3,350,000 (High-Water Project Bonding)

The final timeline for the construction of the solution will depend on timeframe for receipt of funds, permitting, approval of ditch petition, right of way easements, weather, etc. These costs do not reflect any possible DNR Grant Funds, which could provide up to 50% reimbursement.



Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Update

In 2020, the LSLID received the (AIS) Partnership Grant from Morrison County, which assists for offsetting costs for: surveying vegetation to locate AIS; to fund repairs for flooded signage; and to provide chemical and scuba diver treatment, of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM).



The AIS program for Lake Shamineau has been very successful in controlling Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). In a recent lake survey, only one plant was found on the South side of the lake. **No EWM plants were found at the west end of the lake.** Scuba Divers will be at the lake in the coming weeks to thoroughly go over the areas that had been previously treated and pulled. Recent surveys of the lake for zebra mussels have not shown any indication of this invasive species. *Thanks to the ambassadors* at the East Landing for their work to educate boaters about invasive species, and the requirements for draining and cleaning boats and trailers!

Updates from the Board of Directors

DNR Grant Update

We are very thankful to the DNR for receipt of \$65,000 in grant funds that have helped to offset 2019 High Water Project costs. In addition, we anticipate that the LID will also receive \$52,000 to offset costs for our next project steps.

Note that the total project costs for construction of \$3,350,000 does not reflect any possible DNR grant Funds, which could provide up to 50% reimbursement. These funds are dependent on the approval by the legislature and Governor of the bonding bill. We remain hopeful that we will be able to obtain grant funding through the State Flood Mitigation Grant if the legislature approves funds in the bonding bill.

Survey

The Lake Shamineau Association (LSA) recently sent out a survey to Lake Association members to gain



Other Projects

On June 9, the Morrison County Board approved the "Turn off the Faucet" project which will create an impoundment system to minimize inflows to Lake Shamineau and to return the Scandia Valley watershed to its natural flow. While this project will *not* reduce the water level, it will assist with prevention of additional water flow into the lake.

Due to the importance of reducing inflows into the lake, funds have been included in Vote 3 to assist with operational costs for the impoundment project.

In addition, the LSLID Board continues to participate and work with the Emergency Task Force on additional ideas for emergency projects for lowering lake levels.

information on the amount of damage and costs that have been incurred due to flooding. The survey results can be found on the Lake Association website.



Thanks to the Emergency Task Force for their continued efforts.

No Wake Zone

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office made a decision to continue the 300' no wake zone on Lake Shamineau. We are asking all to slow down and for all boaters to be considerate of flooding properties. We are asking that all property owners, their guests and visitors to the lake follow the no wake zone. *Don't boat too close nor too fast.*

A Message from the LID Board

The LID Board of Directors are continuing to work hard on the High-Water Outlet project. If approved, the West Outlet project could be constructed as early as 2021, and will include reducing the water level down to the Ordinary High Water Level over an approximately 3 year period. *Note that bonding will not occur for the Vote 4 amount until the project is shovel-ready with the required permits and approvals, and the applicable charges for Vote 4 will not begin until 2022.*

We have recently sent a letter to all property owners to provide an update on the high-water project and other LID activities. In addition, voting information was sent to property owners with instructions for mail-in and online voting. Continue to let us know your comments and questions. We welcome your input.

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.

Thank you for your support,

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

PS. Thanks to our lake neighbor for the spectacular loon photos from Lake Shamineau!

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