

Lake Shamaineau High-Water Outlet Project Summary Update 11/1/2024

Background:

In the Fall of 2023, a contract was awarded to Landwehr Construction for construction of the High-Water Outlet and the LID hired Houston Engineering to oversee the project. In addition, temporary financing was acquired for the project to enable construction to proceed. In the winter of 2024, Pipe was installed, and ditches were graded and seeded along the route from the west end of the lake to Ditch 41. This route will allow the water to flow to the Long Prairie River. The pipe work included installing a gravity flow pipe and manholes along Pulaski Road. In addition, the pipe was bored south along the east side of Highway 10, then under Co Rd 203, and then west under Highway 10. The contractor constructed a cofferdam at the inlet area of the lake to allow for dewatering and the installation of the intake structure. Work continued in the spring/summer of 2024 and the pump house was built, the pump installed and tested, and electrical work completed.

Pipe Repair:

In the spring of 2024, after a period of heavy rain, an issue was discovered with a portion (approximately 60 feet) of the gravity pipe on the West side of Highway 10. Houston Engineering has been working to determine a plan and timeline to resolve the issue which will require repair of the piping by the contractor to ensure that water will flow appropriately through the route. The above normal rainfall has created wet conditions in the area making the repair process difficult.

Current Status (as of 11/1/2024):

- Soil borings have been taken in the area to determine soil density and soil conditions.
- The LID has halted payments to the contractor; and the work completed in the piping area is under review.
- Communications continue between Landwehr Construction, Houston Engineering, and the LSLID to discuss the options for repair.
- A conflict counsel attorney has been hired to assist with the resolution of the construction issues, and to determine a plan and timeline to resolve the repair issues.
- If a plan and timeline cannot be determined through ongoing discussions, the LSLID will seek mediation with the parties.
- Repair work may not be completed until later in the Fall or over the winter. Once the repair work is completed, pumping will be able to begin, even in the winter months.

We understand the rising water has given property owners concern and the LID Board is committed to getting this project completed in a timely fashion. The LID has been working to ensure the project is completed appropriately and in the best interest of the LID. We are hopeful that a plan and timeline will be determined in the next weeks. When a plan and specific timeline are developed for resolution of the issue, the LID will provide further details.