

Notes: LSLID Board Meeting – April 30, 2024, at 5 PM

Via Zoom Conference Call with viewing option at Scandia Valley Town Hall

Attendees: Rick Rosar (Chair) Bob Ingle (Vice-Chair), Fred Comb (Treasurer/Finance), Patricia Tvedt (Secretary), Duane Hendricks (Director), and Cindy Kevern (Administrator). Approximately 14 audience members attended (approximately 12 virtually and 2 at Scandia Valley Town Hall).

1. Welcome

Chair Rick Rosar opened the meeting at 5:01 PM by welcoming Board members and the audience. Each Board member introduced themselves and noted their location.

Rick noted that the audience would be able to ask questions at the end of the meeting by raising their hand through Zoom or by letting a Board member know at Scandia Valley Town Hall. He also noted that after they are recognized by the Chair, each audience member will be limited to one-minute period for comments. Rick asked all to mute cell phones.

2. Minutes of Board Meeting

Secretary Pat Tvedt reviewed the minutes from the January 4, 2024, Board meeting. Pat stated that Board Members have had a chance to review them, and they have been posted to the website. Chair Rosar asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Duane Hendricks made the motion and Bob Ingle seconded. Rick Rosar and Duane Hendricks asked questions about a few of the expenses. Rick called for a Roll Call Vote.

Fred Comb	Yes
Bob Ingle	Yes
Pat Tvedt	Yes
Duane Hendricks	Yes
Rick Rosar	Yes

3. Treasurer's Report

Fred Comb noted that the Board had not been able to approve the December 2023 Treasurer Report due to the timing of the last Board meeting. Fred noted the December 31, 2023, report has been posted on the website. In addition, the March 31, 2024, Treasurer Report has been completed, and Fred reviewed the expenses and revenues for the March report. Rick Rosar made a motion to approve the December 31, 2023, and the March 31, 2024, Treasurer Reports. Patricia Tvedt seconded the motion. Chair Rosar called for a Roll Call Vote.

Fred Comb	Yes
Bob Ingle	Yes
Pat Tvedt	Yes
Duane Hendricks	Yes
Rick Rosar	Yes

4. AIS Update

AIS Grant Funding for 2024: Pat Tvedt provided an update on AIS Grant. Pat thanked the Morrison County Board for the AIS grant that the LID will receive in 2024. She reported that the LID has received notice of a Morrison County grant in the amount of \$12,550 that includes \$2,800 for AIS Surveys and \$3,250 for AIS Remediation which will be treatments, and scuba divers. In addition, the LID will receive \$6,500 for the AIS Ambassador program.

AIS and Ambassador Plans for 2024: Rick Rosar reported the AIS surveys and treatments will be completed in a similar manner as in past years. He has been in contact with the vendors and the first step will be an AIS survey to determine the need for treatments.

Duane Hendricks reported on the Ambassador program. He noted that the LID is in the process of finding and hiring Ambassadors that will staff the two landings to educate boat launch users about the Cleaning and Draining of boats and trailers as well as disposition of used bait. The program will run from May 11th

(opening fishing) through September 2nd (Labor Day). Inspectors typically work 4-to-8 hour shifts on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays.

Duane noted that there are 5 interested applicants in becoming ambassadors but he is hoping to hire 6 to 8 ambassadors for coverage. Duane noted that if anyone knows of someone that may be interested in serving as an ambassador, **please contact Duane Hendricks at 763-286-6500 or email at LSLIDBD@gmail.com**. The LID provides three hours of paid DNR training, and the Ambassadors will be paid an hourly rate of \$20 and an additional end of season incentive pay if the Ambassador has acceptable attendance of scheduled hours.

Installing Lighting at the Landings: Bob Ingle and Duane Hendricks reported on research they are conducting for the installation of lighting at each of the landings to assist with the cleaning of boats for those that use the boat launches after dark. The LID will first be concentrating on the installation of motion activated lights at the DNR launch at the West end of the lake and then look at the East Landing. They also noted that they have been in contact with the DNR and other agencies to assist with funding of the lights.

5. Project Construction Update

Chair Rosar and Administrator Cindy Kevern provided an update on the construction of the High-Water Outlet on Lake Shamineau.

Cindy noted that the mild weather over the winter months has allowed the contractor to complete most of the project tasks ahead of schedule. As noted in the updates on the website, the pipe has been installed, the intake structure was installed, and the pump house has been built and is mostly complete. In addition, in recent weeks the contractor has been working on turf reinforcement as well as seeding and mulching. Cleanup work and minor pump station work will be completed in the next weeks. Also, asphalt work is awaiting plants in the area to open which they anticipate will happen in May. Additional electrical work needs to be completed and it is anticipated that after this work is done, testing of the pump will begin in May or June. Rick Rosar provided an update that the electrical work may be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Cindy reminded the Board that temporary financing has been acquired through Ehlers Investment Partners for construction to proceed. After construction is complete, a Public Hearing will be held to review the final assessment and charge amounts. It is anticipated that the public hearing will occur this summer and it is estimated that the final bonding will occur at the end of 2024 with notice provided to Property Owners in 2025 of the charge and assessment amount for their property. The property owners will have the ability to finance the amount due for an estimated 10 - 15 years. As reported previously, the LID will be receiving up to \$3 Million in DNR reimbursement for the construction work.

6. Other Business

Cindy Kevern reported to the Board regarding the change in the schedule for the Annual Meeting. The Establishment Order for the LID states that the Annual Meeting should occur in August. Currently the Annual Meeting is scheduled for August 24th.

In 2024, it has been noted that there are five Saturdays with the last Saturday on August 31st which occurs on Labor Day weekend. Moving the meeting date to August 31st, would allow more time for preparation for the meeting and may make it easier for some lake owners to attend. Cindy noted that she has discussed a possible change in the meeting date with each of the Board members.

Bob Ingle made a motion to approve the change of the 2024 Annual Meeting date from August 24th to August 31st, 2024. Duane Hendricks seconded the motion. Chair Rosar called for a Roll Call Vote.

Fred Comb	Yes
Bob Ingle	Yes
Pat Tvedt	Yes
Duane Hendricks	Yes
Rick Rosar	Yes

7. Audience Questions and Comments

Chair Rosar asked the audience if they had questions or comments. He also noted that after they are recognized by the Chair, each audience member should state their name and address and will be limited to one-minute period for comments. Questions and Comments included:

- There was a question asking when the Treasurer reports are posted. Cindy noted that the March report will be posted this week.
- There was a question about county approval of work in the highway right of way. Rick noted that since there is a County permit in place, no additional approvals will be needed.
- There was a question regarding the assessment process, and Cindy noted that information regarding assessments will be going out to property owners this summer.
- There was an inquiry regarding the LID needing to send back some of the AIS grant funds in 2023. Rick noted that less treatments were needed in 2023 for AIS and one of the ambassadors could not complete their summer hours, so the expenses were less and therefore not all of the grant funds were utilized.
- There was a question about how the DNR reimbursement would be used to reduce the cost to the property owners. Rick responded that he would follow up on the question.
- There was a question on contracting for the audit and accounting. It was noted that this contracted work is required by the State Auditor.
- There was a question regarding the voting and election process. It was noted that the questioner would follow up with a written question for a response.
- One audience member noted the amount of DNR reimbursement that has been provided to the LID.
- There was a comment that the Lake Association may be interested in participating in the lights at the landings. Bob Ingle commented that contact has been made with the Lake Association.
- An audience member commented that the LID should also look at the brightness and use of the lights at the landings because of the effect on wildlife and homes that are close to the landings.

8. Motion to Adjourn

Chair Rosar adjourned the meeting at 6:24 PM Central time.

Notes Submitted by: Secretary Patricia Tvedt