



August 1, 2025

Dear Lake Shamineau Riparian Property Owner,

The primary purpose of this mailing is to advise all property owners of the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID) of the ***hybrid Annual Meeting which will be held on August 23, 2025, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held online. If you are not able to view it online or prefer to attend in person, arrangements have been made for viewing at Scandia Valley Town Hall with a Board member in attendance.*** To sign up for the online meeting, send an email at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting, to Fred Comb at fred@homeinspectionsofmn.com to receive an invitation and instructions to join the meeting. We may not be able to accommodate late meeting requests. The agenda will be provided on the website and will be sent electronically to those that sign up for the online meeting.

The Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID) is using Survey and Ballot Systems (SBS) from Eden Prairie, MN to administer the voting process. Using the Morrison County property information and the Establishment Order to determine eligible voters, SBS has sent you this voting information. The LSLID Order of Establishment has been followed and no property or group of properties under the same ownership will have more than one vote. Property with multiple owners, trustees, or officers for a property, shall have one collective vote. This mailing includes:

- This letter to Property Owners,
- Voting Instructions and Voting Ballot,
- Candidate Information Sheet,
- 2026 Budget Sheet, and
- Return envelope.

Note that you can either return your vote directly to SBS using the paper ballot and enclosed envelope ***OR*** you can vote online. No in-person voting will be available. SBS has provided contact information for questions regarding the voting process. SBS will provide the tabulation of the voting. Since there will be no in-person voting, we have adjusted the deadlines to allow property owners to vote after the Annual meeting with deadlines as follows:

- **Paper Ballots need to be postmarked by August 26, 2025.**
- **Online voting will close on August 28, at 11:59 p.m.**
- **Audited tabulation results will be available after 6 PM on September 4.**

This mailing includes all the questions that will be voted on and includes sufficient detail to assist with your voting decisions whether you vote by mailing a paper voting ballot or online. We also encourage you to visit the LSLID website at LakeShamineauLID.org.

Following is the agenda for the annual meeting that will be held online on August 23 at 9:30 a.m.:

1. Welcome and Review of Code of Conduct
2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting
3. Treasurers Report
4. Review of 2025 LID Activities
5. Review of Proposed 2026 LID Work Plan
6. Review of 2026 Budget
7. Forum for Candidates Nominated for Director Positions
8. Audience Questions and Comments
9. Other Business for Future Meetings
10. Adjournment by Chair

LID Election of Directors

There are two Board of Director seats open for election in 2025. The open seats include 2 permanent residency seats. The newly elected directors will take office 4 weeks after being elected, for a two-year term.

There are **TWO nominees for the two (2) open Permanent Residency seats** for the Board of Directors. In addition, you can write in the name of your choice for either of the two available seats. Each of the two seats are open to permanent residents. On the Ballot that you have received from SBS, you will be voting for **Two (2) of the following permanent residency candidates**:

- Bob Ingle (incumbent)
- Duane Hendricks (incumbent)
- Write-In: _____
- Write-In: _____

LID 2026 Budget Information:

A detailed budget sheet has been included with this mailing which provides a description of the budget items and estimated charge amounts. There are three LID Budget items for voting. The items are summarized below and described in more detail in the attachments.

Vote 1: Does the voter approve the expenditure of \$60,000 for the 2026 Non-Project Operations Budget? *This voting item includes administrative and other operation costs for the LID.*

Vote 2: Does the voter approve the expenditure of \$42,500 for the 2026 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Project Budget? *This voting item includes AIS control, surveys, and the ambassador program. This item includes the anticipated 2026 expense for the control of curly-leaf pondweed and problem AIS areas in the lake.*

Vote 3: Does the voter approve the expenditure of \$56,000 for the 2026 High-Water Outlet Project Budget for Operations? *This voting item includes the legal, fiscal, and administration expenses for the assessment and bonding process, cell phone costs for monitoring SCADA system, and a small contingency amount. The operational costs for the high-water outlet including electricity, service maintenance, and repairs, will be funded using carryover from previous years' unspent funds.*

LID Project Updates

- 1. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS):** The LID recently received notice that Lake Shamineau has received an AIS grant Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS): The LID recently received notice that the Morrison County AIS Grant was approved for 2025 in the amount of \$12,722 that included: \$4,470 for Vegetation Surveys, \$2,500 for AIS remediation which is used for chemical treatments and scuba divers, \$252 for updating signage, \$500 for Zebra Mussel Settling Plates, and \$5,000 for the Ambassador program. During 2026, the LID will continue their successful program for control of Aquatic Invasive Species including a targeted survey of the lake to determine areas for treatment, use of herbicide treatments as required, and the use of scuba divers for hand pulling. In addition, curly-leaf pondweed and problem AIS areas will be identified and appropriate treatment will be applied.
- 2. LSLID Ambassadors:** With the grant and 2025 budget funding, the Ambassador program is continuing in 2025, and the LID has been successful in hiring Ambassadors for coverage at both landings. The Ambassadors will be working weekends and holidays through Labor Day weekend to educate boat launch users about the cleaning and draining of boats and trailers as well as disposition of used bait. Inspectors typically work 4-to-8-hour shifts on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays. When visiting the landings, we ask that boaters be courteous and respectful to the ambassadors as they conduct their surveys and do their work.
- 3. Settling Plates:** The LID has deployed settling plates around the lake to monitor possible zebra mussel infestations. The LID Board members purchased the materials using the Morrison County Grant funds and put together the plates for deployment. Currently there are 7 volunteers that are assisting with the monitoring of the settling plates to allow for quick detection of zebra mussels.

4. **Landing Light:** A solar-powered motion detection light has been installed at the west landing. The purchase of the light was funded by the DNR. The lighting will assist boaters with the cleaning of boats for AIS as they exit the lake in the evening hours.
5. **No Wake Zone:** Boaters should be aware that a 300' no wake zone is in effect around the entire lake. Boaters need to ensure that they are not creating a wake from their boat or jet ski that can damage the shoreline.
6. **Lake Elevation Readings:** The most recent lake elevation reading on July 2, 2025, by the DNR was 1275.76 or .66 feet above the Ordinary High-Water Level (OHW). This current reading is similar to the elevation level at this time last year, and similar to the reading in October 2024.
7. **High Water Project:** The High-Water Outlet Project Plan includes construction of a lake outlet structure and pumping station adjacent to the shoreline at the west end of the lake. From the pumping station, the water will proceed westerly and will eventually reach Fish Trap Creek, which becomes part of Todd County Ditch 41 at the properties adjacent to the railroad bridge and continues to the Long Prairie River.

Background on the High-Water Project:

- A contract was awarded in the Fall 2023 to Landwehr Construction for construction of the High-Water Outlet and the LID hired Houston Engineering to oversee the project.
- Temporary Financing was acquired for the project to enable construction to proceed.
- Pipe was installed, and ditches were graded and seeded along the route from the west end of lake to Ditch 41 which will take the water 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.
- The pump house has been built, the pump has been installed, and electrical work has been completed.
- 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.
- The substantial completion date for the project was July 31, 2024, and the project remains incomplete and is currently inoperative.

Current High-Water Project Status and Next Steps:

- The LID has halted payments to the contractor.
- The LID has been working with the contractor and engineer 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.
- Despite the Board's substantial efforts, the dispute remains unresolved because of Houston's and Landwehr's continuing failure and refusal to complete the Project and repair all outstanding defects.
- A conflict counsel attorney has been hired to assist with the analysis and resolution of the construction issues, and to negotiate with the parties to determine a plan and timeline to resolve the issue, and if necessary, move forward with legal action.
- The LID has hired an engineering firm to provide analysis of the issue and perform observation and testing of the area that will require repair. It has been determined that there were problems with the original Engineering Design, the Construction Oversight and Management, and the Construction.
- The LID continues to work with legal counsel to settle the issue with both Houston and Landwehr. A mediation was held in May with the parties. As a result, the parties have agreed to more soil testing to assist with determining the design and plan for resolving the issue.
- Once a plan has been made, work will be completed to resolve the pipe issue. After testing is completed, pumping can begin. At this time, the final timeline has not been determined, and resolution will likely not occur until 2026.

- A public hearing will be held to review the final assessment and charge amounts. Each property owner will receive notice advising them of the public hearing date, and the assessment amount for their property. The property owners will be able to finance the amount due for an estimated 7 - 10 years.

We understand the high water has given property owners concern and we are committed to getting this project completed in a timely fashion. The LID has been working extremely hard to ensure the project is completed appropriately and in the best interest of the property owners. When a plan and specific timeline are developed for resolution of the issue, the LID will provide further details.

8. **DNR Grant:** As reported previously, the DNR is providing a Grant for the project of up to \$3 Mill. The LID has been requesting, and has received, reimbursement for 50% of the construction costs through this Grant
9. **Communications:** The LID Board of Directors have been providing communications through mailings, newsletters, and postings to the website. LID Board meetings are announced on the LSLID website, are open to the public, and notes are posted on the website. The LID website (LakeShamaineauLID.org) is the official source of information and meeting announcements and includes information such as project information, financial information and reports, and other information that may be of interest to property owners.

We would like to remind you to plan to attend the hybrid **Annual Meeting on August 23rd at 9:30 AM** and be prepared to listen, learn, and ask questions. Please also use the enclosed materials to Vote by either returning your ballot in the mail, or by voting online.

Thank you for your support,

Rick Rosar, Bob Ingle, Fred Comb, Patrícia Tvedt, and Duane Hendricks
Lake Shamaineau Lake Improvement District Board of Directors

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