

Notes: LSLID Board Meeting – May 16, 2022, at 6 PM

Via Zoom Conference Call; The Scandia Valley Town Hall was available for viewing the meeting

Attendees: Rick Rosar (Chair), Bob Koll (Vice-Chair), Tim Rice (Secretary/Administrative), Fred Comb (Treasurer/Finance), Bob Ingle at Scandia Valley (Director), Cindy Kevern (Administrator) and 13 audience members attended

1. Welcome

Rick Rosar opened the meeting by welcoming Board members and the audience. Rick noted that the audience would be able to ask questions at the end of the meeting by raising their hand through Zoom. 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. Rick noted that the Scandia valley Town Hall has been made available for viewing the Zoom meeting.

2. Minutes of Board meeting

Tim Rice reviewed the minutes from the January 17, 2022 Board meeting He stated that Board members have had a chance to review them, and they have been posted to the website. Rick Rosar asked for a motion to approve. Fred Comb made the motion and Tim Rice seconded. Rick called for a Roll Call Vote.

Fred Comb	Yes
Bob Koll	Yes
Tim Rice	Yes
Bob Ingle	Yes
Rick Rosar	Yes

3. Treasurer's Report

Fred Comb reviewed the Treasurer's report as of April 30, 2022. There was no bank activity in April. Fred reported on the current revenues and expenses. Fred noted that the First Quarter Treasurer's report has been posted to the website and will be posted on a quarterly basis. Rick Rosar asked for a motion to approve. Rick Rosar made the motion and Bob Koll seconded. Rick called for a Roll Call Vote.

Fred Comb	Yes
Bob Koll	Yes
Tim Rice	Yes
Bob Ingle	Yes
Rick Rosar	Yes

4. High Water Project Update

Rick and Cindy noted that 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. A map of the pumping site and water flowage route has been posted to the website. Rick and Cindy provided a review of the most recent High-Water Project tasks:

- A wetland delineation of the route was completed by Houston Engineering, and it has been accepted by the DNR and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) of both Morrison County and Todd County.
- Houston Engineering completed groundwater monitoring near the lake with the drilling of several wells.
- An Environmental Assessment Worksheet was completed and approved at the January Board meeting on January 17, 2022.
- Bi-monthly meetings with the local DNR have been held to keep them informed of the project, to provide detailed project information, to seek input and to inquire regarding technical issues.
- Houston Engineering has completed many technical tasks including soil borings, surveys, and further route and right of way design. They have continued work on the construction design and have had meetings and conversations with the appropriate agencies.
- Houston Engineering has held discussions with agencies, completing route and design details for landowners, and providing right of way descriptions. Preliminary planning has been completed with over 60% of the design documents for construction.
- The DNR permit application is in process with the submittal of initial documentation and project information. Houston has also provided an overview of the design and route to the DNR to receive input on design details. We anticipate hearing on the permit application by the end of May.
- We are working with DOT on the permitting for piping under Highway 10.

Cindy and Rick further reported that the next project tasks will include:

- Seeking final approval and permits from key agencies such as the DNR, Soil and Water agencies, Corp of Engineers, Morrison County, MN DOT, etc. Did receive the permit from the Army Corp of Engineers.
- Other tasks include continued outreach with landowners, agencies and public, and conducting a 429 Hearing to begin the bonding and financing process.
- Houston continues to complete value engineering to determine ways to minimize costs and they are in process of an updated engineer's opinion of probable cost. Other tasks include continued outreach with landowners, agencies, and project management.
- Upon completion of all the design tasks, the project will be ready for the completion of the final detailed design plans, developing bid and contract documents, issuing bids, and selecting the contractor for construction.
- It is estimated that these tasks will be completed during the Spring/Summer 2022 with the contractor selection in the Summer of 2022 and construction beginning in the Fall of 2022.

- The final timeline for construction will depend on the timing of the completion of agency permitting.

5. AIS Update

Bob Koll provided an update on the AIS program noting that The LID recently received notice that Lake Shamineau will be receiving an AIS grant from Morrison County for 2022 in the amounts of: \$3,500 for Vegetation Surveys, \$200 for Signage Updates at the lake access points, and \$10,000 for the Ambassador program, for a total of \$13,700. He also reported that the LID has received notice that the 2022 AIS Control Grant application submitted to the State of MN on behalf of Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District for treatment of aquatic invasive plants has been selected for a traditional control AIS grant award in the amount of \$7,500 over 2 years.

Bob stated that the grant and 2022 budget funding, the Ambassador program is planned to continue with ambassadors at both the East and West landings on the weekends and holidays. The AIS surveys and treatment plans will be conducted as in previous years. In addition, sign repair will be made at each landing.

The new Morrison County shoreline representative has given us weed wicks to help get weeds off the board as they are monitored. The state region and ambassador director likes what we are doing and a visit is scheduled for June. We are still looking for ambassadors.

6. Other Business

- Legislative Update: Cindy reported that the LID is continuing to work with the DNR, legislators, and other agencies to determine if grant funding or other financing opportunities are available for the project. She also noted that the LID has continued to receive very positive comments in discussions with legislators and DNR staff regarding State funding for the High-Water Project. We remain very hopeful that funding will be received if there is agreement on the State bonding legislation during the legislative session.
- LID Schedule: Cindy provided information on the LID Schedule for the summer:
 - In June, a letter will be mailed to all property owners to provide an update on LID activities and to announce that nominations will be open for Director positions.
 - An informational meeting or public hearing on the High-Water Project will be held in the spring or early summer.
 - At the end of July or early August, a letter will be mailed to property owners advising them of the Annual meeting. Property Owners will also receive ballots in early August advising for voting on the budget and director positions.
 - The Annual Meeting will be held on August 27, 2022.
- New Website: Cindy reminded the Board on the success of the new website – lakeshamineaulid.org. She noted that she and Rick worked to develop a new website using the same tool that we use for the LID newsletters, and we were able to launch the new site in February. Since we were able to utilize this existing tool there is no additional cost for hosting the new website. She also reported that the LID has received positive feedback on the new website and information and documents will continue to be added.

7. Audience Questions and Comments:

Rick Rosar opened it up for comments or questions from the audience. He noted that participants should use the chat feature, wait to be recognized and limit their time for comments and questions to one-minute.

The following is a summary of the Comments and Questions:

- What is the cost of the electronic monitoring system? **Off the top of my head and if I recall correctly, it will be about \$45k. We will continue to get more cost detail and get it out to the members. We believe the cost of the system may offset the cost and time spent on manual monitoring.**
- Based on the current conditions downstream, if we could pump tomorrow, would the triggers be a factor? **The triggers will always be a factor that need to be considered. We plan to get out and take some pictures of the ditches soon and believe we have some on file now since the melt has begun.**
- Will the questions be detailed in the minutes? **Yes**
- Do we have a contingency plan for emergency pumping if the level continues to rise? The lake went down last year, but up since last fall. **We currently are moving ahead with our pumping project as the primary plan.**
- If pumping exceeds 3 years – do they sundown the pumping and then what happens the 4th year? **The agreement does not sundown after three years as it is a lifetime agreement.**
- Is payment to Todd County spread out over 3-years or can we pay all at once? **Payment can be made over three years and after three-years, we will give a report to Todd County. The \$200,000 from Morrison County to Todd County will be awarded upon awarding of contractor bids**
- Since we have gone virtual, the number of people attending have declined. Can we go back to in-person meetings? Regular board meetings prefer hybrid because not everyone lives on the lake. Some people do not have internet. **Will make virtual access available at Scandia Valley with a board member present. A hybrid model will allow in-person and virtual attendance but access to technology to do this is limited.**
- There was a vote of \$3.3 million – 2 years ago. Is there an analysis of what it will cost now as costs have been increasing? **The engineer is working on this, and we expect more detail soon. The closer we get to the final design, the more accurate the estimates become.**
- Why is Houston redesigning the project and not using the WSN work? **They are.**
- The meeting today was beneficial and would vote for a hybrid meeting.

8. Motion to Adjourn

Bob Koll made a motion to adjourn and Fred Comb seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Notes Submitted by: Tim Rice