

Notes: LSLID Board Meeting - April 27, 2023, at 6 PM
Via Zoom Conference Call with viewing option at Scandia Valley Town Hall

Attendees: Rick Rosar (Chair) Bob Koll (Vice-Chair), Fred Comb (Treasurer/Finance), Bob Ingle (Director), Pat Tvedt (Director) and Cindy Kevern (Administrator). There were 4 audience members attended.

1. Welcome

Rick Rosar opened the meeting 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 the 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

Rick Rosar reviewed the minutes from the January 10, 2023, 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. Rick made the motion and Pat seconded. Rick called for a Roll Call Vote.

Fred Comb	Yes
Bob Koll	Yes
Bob Ingle	Yes
Pat Tvedt	Yes
Rick Rosar	Yes

3. Treasurer's Report

Fred Comb reviewed the Treasurers report as of March 31, 2023, which has been posted on the website. Fred reported on the current revenues and expenses. Fred Comb also noted that in the next weeks, the LID will be undertaking a review and audit of the 2022 financial records. Rick Rosar asked for a motion to approve. Bob Ingle made the motion and Rick seconded. Rick called for a Roll Call Vote.

Fred Comb	Yes
Bob Koll	Yes
Bob Ingle	Yes
Pat Tvedt	Yes
Rick Rosar	Yes

4. DNR Grant

Rick Rosar noted that the LID has been working with legislators during the 2023 Legislative Session on possible funding the High-Water Project. Rick noted that if Flood Mitigation funds are approved, additional grant funding will be available for the construction of the High-Water Project. Receipt of this funding requires that the LID submit an updated DNR application with an approved Board Resolution. Rick read the resolution and offered a motion to approve, including delegation of authority to the chairperson for submission of the required documents and execution of the required agreement with the DNR. Rick made the motion and Bob Koll seconded. Rick called for a Roll Call Vote.

Fred Comb	Yes
Bob Koll	Yes
Bob Ingle	Yes
Pat Tvedt	Yes
Rick Rosar	Yes

5. AIS

AIS Grant: Robert Koll reported that the LID has received notice that the Morrison County AIS Grant has been approved for 2023 in the amounts of \$13,700 with the categories of: AIS Survey and Hand Harvesting-\$3,500.00; AIS Signage update at the lake accesses-\$200.00; AIS Watercraft Ambassador Program-\$10,000.00.

LSLID Ambassadors: Bob Koll and Pat Tvedt reported on the Ambassador program. They noted that the LID is in the process of 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 runs from May 15th (opening fishing) through September 4th (Labor Day). Inspectors typically work 4-to-6-hour shifts on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays. Note: If you, or someone you know, is interested in serving as an ambassador, please contact Bob Koll. We provide three hours of paid DNR training and will be paid an hourly rate of \$20.

6. High Water Project Update

Rick and Cindy provided a review of the High-Water Project:

- The High-Water Outlet Project has reached an important milestone. The LID has signed agreements with all landowners for the use of their property required for the route.
- Houston engineering is working on finalizing the project design and finalizing agency approvals.
- Houston Engineering is developing construction plans to include the final design of key project features and continuing to explore cost savings and ways to mitigate long lead times on materials.
- Houston Engineering and the LID is finalizing any remaining approvals from key agencies.
- Houston Engineering is working on updating the feasibility study to define the recommended project, estimate costs, and suggest a funding strategy for capital and operating costs. The report will also advise whether the proposed improvement is necessary, cost-effective, and feasible.
- Final design is 95 to 98% complete and we are on budget.

Next project steps include:

- The LID will determine the overall methodology for Charges and Assessments with input from the LID attorney and Houston and with input from property owners.
- Houston will be developing bid and contract documents, issuing bids, and selecting the contractor for construction. It is estimated that the bidding will occur in the Spring/Summer of 2023.
- The LID will set the date for the 429 Hearing at a future Board Meeting, notice will be published in the newspaper and notices will be mailed to each property owner. Property Owners should note that notices will be sent to the address on record with Morrison County. At the Public Hearing, the LID Board will consider the feasibility study and direct the engineer to prepare plans and specs for bidding. A reasonable estimate of the total amount to be assessed and a description of the methodology will be available at the hearing.
- After the Public Hearing, temporary financing will need to be obtained for the project. Once the project is constructed and completed, bonds will be issued, and a final Public Hearing will be held to finalize the assessment process and amounts.
- The LID is working with legislators to gain approval for Grant Funding for the construction of the project.

7. Other Business

- Rick Rosar reported on a recent Floodplain meeting with the DNR and Morrison County stating that final Floodplain maps will not be issued until late 2024. The LID will be considering whether an appeal will be made after the maps are final and the pumping project is operational.

8. 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 1 minute.

- a. Following is a summary of the Comments and Questions: A property owner commented on the lake level and also referenced another lakes pumping project.

9. Motion to Adjourn

Fred Comb made a motion to adjourn and Pat Tvedt seconded the motion. The Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Notes Submitted by: Bob Ingle