

Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID)

High-Water Outlet Project

Summary Update 8/14/2024

Background:

In the Fall of 2023, a contract was awarded to Landwehr Construction (contractor) for construction of the High-Water Outlet and the LSLID 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 the outlet near Pulaski Road. This route will allow the water to flow through Todd County Ditch 41 to the Long Prairie River. The contractor constructed a cofferdam at the inlet area of the lake to allow for dewatering and the installation of the intake structure. In addition, the pipe was installed south along the east side of Highway 10, then under Co Rd 203, and then bored west under Highway 10. The pipe work included installing a gravity flow pipe and manholes along Pulaski Road. Work continued in the spring/summer of 2024 with the building of the pump house and the installation of the pump. The pump is in the process of being tested, and electrical work is being completed.

Pipe Repair:

In the spring of 2024, after a period of heavy rain, an issue was discovered with a small portion (approximately 60 feet) of the gravity pipe on the West side of Highway 10 near Morrison County line road. Houston Engineering has been working with the contractor 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 this spring and summer has created wet conditions in the area delaying the repair process and making it difficult to obtain a speedy resolution. The original project completion date was scheduled for September 31, 2024, although completion by this date may still be possible, it will most likely be delayed.

Status:

- Several meetings have been held with Landwehr Construction (contractor), Houston Engineering, and the LSLID to determine the extent of the pipe issue and possible solutions for repair. The cause of the problem must be determined to ensure that the repair to ensure that it won't happen again.
- Soil borings are being taken in the area to assist with identifying the cause and determine repair solutions.
- The LSLID has halted payments to the contractor; and the work that was completed in the problem area is under review.
- Houston Engineering and the contractor have been working to determine a plan and timeline to resolve the issue. Due to the continuing wet conditions, any repair work may not be completed until later in the fall or over the winter.
- Once the repair work is completed, pumping would be able to begin, even in the winter months.
- Agencies in Todd and Morrison counties, and the DNR, are aware of the status of the project and we will continue to provide updates.

We understand the recent rising water has given property owners concern and the LSLID Board is committed to getting this project completed in a timely fashion. The LSLID has been working extremely hard to ensure the project is completed appropriately and in the best interest of the LSLID. When a plan and specific timeline are developed for resolution of the issue, the LSLID will provide updates on the website, in newsletters and at our meetings. In addition, you can always contact us at LSLIDBD@Gmail.com