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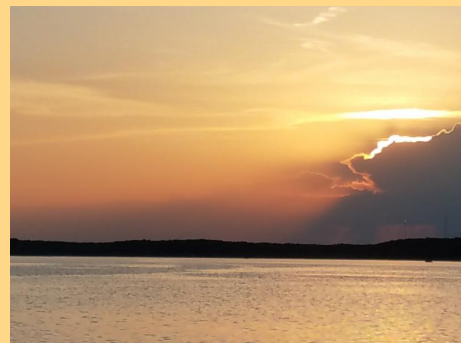
As a subscriber, you are receiving an edition of the Electronic Newsletter for the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID). The LSLID Board of Directors issues a periodic newsletter to provide updates on LSLID activities. Check out our [website](#) for detailed information, announcements and documents.

Visit the LID Website for more information on the High-Water Project as well as minutes from Board Meetings and Announcements of Future Meetings

Message to Subscribers

*To Lake Shamineau Property Owners,
Neighbors and Friends:*

We hope this newsletter finds you all healthy. Please know that the LID Board of Directors has continued to work on the High-Water Project and other LID tasks. See below for an update on project activities, engineering tasks and project detail. This newsletter also includes updates on the LID Schedule, AIS news, and other relevant topics. We would also take this opportunity to remind you of the new Lake Improvement District website (<https://lakeshamineaulid.org>).



Update on High-Water Outlet Project

We have made progress with the

Project Next Steps

The next project tasks include:

work toward the 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. Key recent tasks and milestones include:

- Houston Engineering has completed a wetland delineation and groundwater monitoring near the lake.
 - Several technical tasks have been completed including soil borings, surveys, electrical design, and right of way descriptions.
 - An operation and maintenance plan has been developed to balance the need to lower the lake while minimizing the impact to landowners.
 - An Environmental Assessment Worksheet was completed and approved by the LID Board of Directors on January 17, 2022.
 - Approval has been received from Fawn Lake and Scandia Valley Townships for the use of road right of way.
 - Houston and the LID has held discussions with agencies and landowners to discuss details of the project.
 - There have been bi-monthly meetings with the DNR to keep them informed and discuss technical project details.
 - We have received letters of agreement and/or letters of support from landowners along the route.
- Continued work on construction design.
 - Seeking approval and permits from key agencies such as the DNR, Soil and Water agencies, Corp of Engineers, and Morrison County, MN DOT. The DNR permit has been submitted and is in process.
 - Other tasks include continued outreach with landowners, agencies and public. Further project cost analysis is underway, and we anticipate conducting a 429 Hearing to begin the bonding and financing process.
 - Upon completion of all the above 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.



The LID recently received notice that Lake Shamineau will be receiving an AIS grant from Morrison County for 2022 in the amount of \$13,700 that includes:

- \$3,500 for Vegetation Surveys,
- \$200 for Signage Updates at the lake access points, and
- \$10,000 for the Ambassador program,

We have also 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 grant award in the amount of \$7,500.

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



Ambassadors

The LSLID will be hiring Ambassadors for the summer. Ambassadors will work at each landing on the lake and will be trained to serve as educators of boat launching users about Cleaning, Draining, and Disposing of used bait. The program runs from May 14th (Opening Fishing) through September 5th (Labor Day), typically 4–6 hour shifts on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and must attend a paid 3-hour Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) training in person or online.

For more information contact Bob Koll at robcher45koll@gmail.com or 218-296-2933, or send an email to LSLIDBD@gmail.com.

Hiring

Lake Improvement District (LID) Schedule

LID meetings and activities coming up over the next several months:

- On May 16th at 6 PM a regularly scheduled LID Board meeting will be held via Zoom. If you wish to join the meeting, send an email to Fred Comb to receive an email invitation to the meeting at fred@homeinspectionsofmn.com. Instructions for online meetings can be found on the LID website.
- In June, a letter will be mailed to property owners advising them that nominations are open for 3 Director seats.
- Nominations for the Board of Directors will be due in July.
- An informational meeting or public hearing on the high-water project will be held in 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.

- The Annual Meeting will be held on August 27, 2022.

Legislative Update

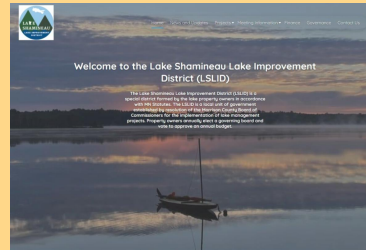
We have received very positive comments in discussions with legislators and DNR staff regarding State funding for the High-Water Project. We remain very hopeful that funding will be received if there is agreement on State bonding legislation during the legislative session. State funding received will reimburse the LID for 50% of construction costs.

Examples of the words of support from legislators include comments such as

- *We should be able to get it done,*
- *Worthy project,*
- *Hope it all works out, and*
- *Good reason to include.*



Senate Bonding Committee
visiting Lake Shamineau



New LID Website

For many years, Conservation Minnesota has hosted the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District website. Several months ago, we received notice that Conservation Minnesota would no longer be hosting sites as of March 31, 2022. We have 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, at no additional cost to the LID.

The new website can be found at: LakeShamaineauLID.org. You may want to keep the website in your favorites and visit it periodically for up-to-date LID information. The new website includes information and documents in the following major categories:

- News and Updates
- Projects
- Meeting and Events
- Finance
- Governance
- Contact Information

A Message from the LID Board

The LID Board of Directors is continuing to work hard on the High-Water Outlet tasks. We look forward to completing the final tasks for agency approval and route design for developing bid and contract documents, issuing bids, and selecting the contractor for construction. We are hopeful that the LID will receive bonding funds from the legislature that will be used to offset the cost to property owners.

A letter was recently sent to all property owners to provide an update on the high-water project and other LID activities. Continue to let us know your comments and questions. We welcome your input. ***And don't forget to visit our new website!***

If you know of someone that would like to be added to our newsletter subscriber list, have them send a text to 22828 with the message LAKESHAMINEAU or send an email to LSLIDBD@gmail.com. You may want to add this email address to your white list to ensure that you will receive future newsletters.

Thank you for your support,

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