

Notes: LSLID Board Meeting – June 5, 2023, at 5 PM

Via Zoom Conference Call with viewing option at Scandia Valley Town Hall

Attendees: Rick Rosar (Chair) Bob Koll (Vice-Chair) – (present for part of the meeting), Fred Comb (Treasurer/Finance), Bob Ingle (Director), Pat Tvedt (Director) and Cindy Kevern (Administrator). 37 audience members attended (28 virtually and 9 at Scandia Valley Town Hall).

1. Welcome

Rick Rosar opened the meeting at 5:02 PM by welcoming Board members and the audience. Each Board member introduced themselves and noted their location.

Rick noted that the Board Meeting will be ending prior to 6 PM as the Scandia Valley Town Hall has another meeting scheduled for 6 PM.

Rick also 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 May 15, 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. Bob Ingle made the motion and Fred Comb seconded. Rick called for a Roll Call Vote.

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

3. Treasurer’s Report

Fred Comb reviewed the Treasurers report as of May 31, 2023. Fred reported on the current bank statement. Rick Rosar asked for a motion to approve. Patricia Tvedt made the motion and Rick Rosar seconded. Rick called for a Roll Call Vote.

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

Rick commented that the Treasurers Reports are posted on the website quarterly.

4. 429 Assessment Hearing

Cindy Kevern noted that at the previous Board meeting on May 15th, an overview of the 429 Assessment process was provided. At that meeting, the Board adopted resolution #2023-2 which ordered the preparation of a report on Improvement. In addition, the Board adopted a resolution receiving the feasibility report. Cindy noted that the Board has had a chance to review the feasibility report and it is posted on the LID website.

At the May 15th meeting a public hearing was set for June 19th. However, the State of Minnesota has now declared June 19, 2023 a state holiday during which no public business may be transacted, and therefore a new public hearing date will need to be established. Cindy noted that she reviewed possible dates with Board members, the attorney, Houston Engineering as well determining availability at the Scandia Valley Town Hall. It was determined that the best date for the 429 Assessment Hearing is June 27th at 4:00 p.m. It will be a hybrid meeting held virtually online via Zoom with a viewing option at the Scandia Valley Town Hall.

Cindy noted additional information regarding the 429 processes: The purpose of the first hearing is to (i) determine whether the Board will order the improvement to proceed and (ii) to provide property owners with notice that their property may be specially assessed for the project and to give an estimate of the assessment. The actual special assessment process does not occur until construction of the Project is nearly complete and the LID has all the costs of the construction and will then review those costs and make a determination of the final amount to assess properties.

Rick Rosar read resolution #2023-4, titled "Amended Resolution receiving feasibility report and calling hearing on improvement, and offered a motion to approve. Patricia Tvedt seconded the motion. Rick called for a Roll Call Vote.

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

Rick also noted that the notice of the public hearing will be mailed to each property owner on June 9th which will include assessment information for each parcel, and notice will also be published in the Morrison County Record.

5. State Funding

Cindy updated the Board that the LSLID has received news that the Lake Shamineau High Water Outlet Project will receive up to \$3 Million through DNR Grant funds. The grant funds were included in the late session appropriations bills that were recently signed by Governor Walz. The language included in the bill states, "...to construct publicly owned capital improvements necessary to prevent or alleviate flooding outlined in the Lake Shamineau High Water Mitigation Project". As noted in the newsletter that was recently sent out, thanks was given to Rep. Kresha for his support of the Lake Shamineau High Water Outlet Project and his work to secure funding. As Rep. Kresha stated recently, " I am honored to vote for your project and to have carried this year over year. This is an important project and will affect so many good people." Thanks also should go to Sarah Psick, the lobbyist for the lake project, that worked very hard to ensure that the legislation continued through the process; as well as to all the property owners that sent letters, called legislators, and attended hearings. Cindy noted that It was a team effort to get this accomplished.

Rick reported that the grant will require the LID to complete a state contract that will be worked on in the next few weeks. Rick noted that he has been in contact with the DNR and he and Cindy are working on the completion of the paperwork. The funds require a local match and will be used to reduce the final amount to be assessed and charged to the property owners by up to one-half of the currently estimated amounts. Note that final amounts will not be known until after construction is complete.

6. Other Business

Cindy Kevern reported that the Notice of the Public Hearing that will be mailed on June 9th will also include a letter providing updates and information to property owners. This letter will include an announcement that nominations are open for two permanent residency seats with nominations due by July 6th.

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 1 minute.

a. Following is a summary of the Comments and Questions:

- i. There was a suggestion to make the public hearing later in the day.
- ii. There were questions about the assessment process and the appeal process.
- iii. There was a question about how long there will be a need for the Administrator and how much the Administrator is paid.
- iv. There were questions about the easements: how many easements and the amounts paid for easements.

- v. There were comments about property owners who do not believe that they are adversely affected.
- vi. There were comments about property owners that own multiple properties and therefore will receive multiple assessments.
- vii. There was a question to the Board as to whether any Board member would vote no on the project.
- viii. There was a question from the Lake Association as whether the LID planned to appeal the new floodplain maps.

8. Motion to Adjourn

Fred Comb made a motion to adjourn, and Bob Ingle seconded the motion. The Meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM.

Notes Submitted by: Bob Ingle