

Notes: LSLID Board Meeting – January 10, 2023, at 4 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). 0 audience members attended at Scandia Valley and 6 audience members attended via zoom.

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 October 6, 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 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

a) Fred Comb reviewed the Treasurers report as of December 31, 2022. Fred reported on the current revenues and expenses. Fred Comb also noted that in the coming year, the LID will be undertaking a review and audit of the 2022 financial records. Rick Rosar asked for a motion to approve. Rick made the motion and Bob Ingle seconded. Rick called for a Roll Call Vote.

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

b) Rick Rosar noted that the Bylaws of the LID included the following clause: "Unspent or unallocated fund balances at the end of a budget cycle may be transferred to the general fund with approval by a majority of LSLID Board of Directors. The general fund balance shall be reported on and included in Treasurer Reports." Rick made a motion to transfer to the general fund any unspent or unallocated fund balances as of December 31, 2023. Bob Ingle made the motion and Pat Tvedt seconded. Rick called for a Roll Call Vote.

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

4. AIS

Robert Koll reported on the AIS program for 2022 with the following updates:

Approved grant request: AIS Treatment-EWM-\$0.00; AIS Survey-\$3,500.00; AIS Signage update at the lake accesses-\$200.00; AIS Watercraft Ambassador Program-\$10,000.00 for a total of \$13,700.00.

Morrison County Grant	Revenue	Amt. Spent	Amt. Unspent
AIS Survey	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	-
AIS Sign Update	\$ 200.00	-	\$ 200.00
AIS Ambassadors	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,570.40</u>	<u>\$7,429.60</u>
	\$13,700.00	\$6,070.40	\$7,629.60
	Amount to be returned:		\$7,629.60

Delineation Findings by Freshwater Scientific Services - FINDINGS

In 2021, we found several areas with dense EWM. These areas were subsequently treated with herbicide.

Although we did not find any substantial areas of EWM in 2022, we did find a few individual plants in the far northwestern bay that appeared to be hybrid milfoil. We also found a small patch of EWM (does not look like hybrid) along the edge of the cattails just south of the western public boat access. These areas are too small to warrant herbicide treatment but are prime candidates for diver-removal.

Eurasian Watermilfoil Survey and Hand Harvest conducted by Waterfront Restoration, LLC Project Completed 8/31/2022 - FINDINGS

Approximately 20 heavy-duty mesh bags of vegetation, weighing roughly 205 pounds total, were removed from Lake Shamaineau. Overall, the density of EWM was observed to have greatly decreased from last year and follows a year-over-year decline in total growth. The divers noted that the lake bottom had a noticeable buildup of dead vegetation throughout the area. Vegetation that was growing was sparse and spread out. The total project time at Lake Shamaineau on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, was 42-man hours.

Zebra Mussel Sampling

Our data did not find any Zebra Mussel or Spiny Water flea in the samples provided.

LSLID Ambassadors: Bob Koll, Tim Rice, Ashlyn Haste, Katie Philipsek, Lisa Holien.

These 5 Ambassadors, trained by DNR Regional Watercraft Inspection Supervisor, Christine Hokkala-Kuhns, put in 95.5 hours of their time, as Ambassadors, in total. It is difficult to find Ambassadors. Because of the limited number of hours worked, we had to return \$7,629.60 of our Grant to Morrison County. We need to find more Ambassadors to work with us for 2023. Note: If you, or someone you know, is interested in serving as an ambassador, please contact Bob Koll. We provide three hours of paid training and an hourly rate of \$20.

- Watercraft Summary: Watercraft into Shamaineau-89, Watercraft departing Shamaineau-76, when an ambassador was on duty.
- During Ambassador hours, boats entered Shamaineau from the following lakes: Shamaineau, Alexander, Gull, White Sand, North Center, and Sugar.
- No violations reported by Ambassadors. B. Koll and T. Rice cleaned lots of rubbish out of our Used Bait containers.
- Thanks to Morrison County and Shoreline Specialist, Darrin Weller, for the Push-Pull-Scrape tools to assist vegetation removal from boats and trailers.

We have received the Morrison County Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Application for 2023, and we will be submitting this application before February 17, 2023.

5. High Water Project Update

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

- As we have previously reported, the LID has received approved permits from the DNR, MN DOT and Morrison County for the project.
- The LID is continuing to work with landowners regarding finalizing agreements with landowners near the lake.
- Houston Engineering is working on finalizing the project design.
- The LID and Houston are beginning to prepare for the 429 Hearing including determining the assessment methodology and maximum amounts for the assessments for the project. It is anticipated that the 429 hearing will be held in the Winter of 2023.

Next project steps include:

- Houston Engineering will be working to develop 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.
- The LID will be finalizing any remaining approvals from key agencies and landowners.
- Other tasks include continued outreach with landowners, agencies, and the public.
- Upon completion of the above tasks, the project will be ready for developing bid and contract documents, issuing bids, and selecting the contractor for construction.
- The LID will set the date for the 429 Hearing at a future Board Meeting and continue to prepare to send letters to all property owners advising of the Hearing.

429 Process and Hearing

Cindy Kevern advised the LID Board members on the 429-process including the following steps:

- Houston Engineering will update 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 and whether it should be made as proposed or in connection with some other improvement. It was also noted that estimated costs for the project remains as the projection in August.
- The LID will determine the overall methodology for Charges and Assessments. This methodology will be developed with input from the LID attorney and Houston and taking into consideration the methodology's used by other LID projects, and with input from property owners.
- A Public Hearing will be scheduled, notice will be published in the newspaper and notices will be mailed to each property owner.
- The Public Hearing will be held and 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 the methodology will be available at the hearing.
- After the Public Hearing, temporary financing will need to be obtained for the project and bidding to award to a contractor can be completed.
- 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.

6. Other Business

- Bob Ingle provided an update on floating bogs that have uprooted and drifted from one shoreline to another. The bogs have caused damage to docks, boat lifts and in some cases blocked entire properties from one end to another. The Lake Association has a permit relocate bogs larger than 6 X 6 feet and remove smaller ones. Bob noted that the LID will be working with the Lake Association to provide matching funds for the removal of the larger bogs. Bob directed anyone with questions about bogs to contact the Lake Shamineau Association board via email or by phone for further information and direction.
- Cindy Kevern noted that the next regularly scheduled Board meeting has been set for May 15, 2023 at 6 PM. The Website includes a calendar of the LID Board Meetings, an announcement of upcoming meetings, the agenda of meetings and minutes of past meetings.

- Rick Rosar noted that the LID will be working with legislators during the 2023 Legislative Session on possible funding the High-Water Project. He also noted that the project is on the DNR list of projects so if funding is available, Lake Shamineau should get some funding.

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.

Following is a summary of the Comments and Questions:

- An audience member noted that a notice in the Morrison County Record regarding a meeting discussing redrawing of FEMA flood plain maps was scheduled for Thursday, January 19th @ 5PM at the county. Rick thanked the audience member for mentioning this and noted that the LID has been in contact with the State and Amy at Morrison County regarding this issue.
- An audience member stated that he supports the discussion regarding flood plains and noted that his analysis showed that in the last 2 years the lake has been 13” higher than the OHW. The audience member also asked about the transfer of funds to the general fund.
- An audience member how the LID would determine the charges and assessments for the project. Rick responded that a committee was formed to work on developing a methodology.
- An audience member asked a question regarding the formation of the assessment committee.

8. Motion to Adjourn

Rick made a motion to adjourn, and Fred seconded the motion. The Meeting adjourned at 4:55PM.

Notes Submitted by: Bob Ingle