



**August 7, 2024**

**Dear Lake Shamineau Riparian Property Owner,**

The primary purpose of this mailing is to advise all property owners of the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID) of the ***hybrid Annual Meeting which will be held on August 31, 2024, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held online. If you are not able to view it online or prefer to attend in person, arrangements have been made for viewing at Scandia Valley Town Hall with a Board member in attendance.*** To sign up for the online meeting, send an email at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting, to Fred Comb at [fred@homeinspectionsofmn.com](mailto:fred@homeinspectionsofmn.com) to receive an invitation and instructions to join the meeting. The agenda will be provided on the website and will be sent electronically to those that sign up for the online meeting.

The Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID) is using Survey and Ballot Systems (SBS) from Eden Prairie, MN to administer the voting process. Using the Morrison County property information and the Establishment Order to determine eligible voters, SBS has sent you this voting information. The LSLID Order of Establishment has been followed and no property or group of properties under the same ownership will have more than one vote. Property with multiple owners, trustees, or officers for a property, shall have one collective vote. This mailing includes:

- This letter to Property Owners,
- Voting Instructions and Voting Ballot,
- Candidate Information Sheet,
- 2025 Budget Sheet, and
- Return envelope.

Note that you can either return your vote directly to SBS using the paper ballot and enclosed envelope ***OR*** you can vote online. No in-person voting will be available. SBS has provided contact information for questions regarding the voting process. SBS will provide the tabulation of the voting. Since there will be no in-person voting, we have adjusted the deadlines to allow property owners to vote after the Annual meeting with deadlines as follows:

- **Paper Ballots need to be postmarked by September 3, 2024.**
- **Online voting will close on September 5, at 11:59 p.m.**
- **Audited tabulation results will be available after 6 PM on September 7.**

This mailing includes all the questions that will be voted on and includes sufficient detail to assist with your voting decisions whether you vote by mailing a paper voting ballot or online. We also encourage you to visit the LSLID website at [LakeShamineauLID.org](http://LakeShamineauLID.org).

***Following is the agenda for the annual meeting that will be held online on August 31 at 9:30 a.m.:***

1. Welcome and Review of Code of Conduct
2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting
3. Treasurers Report
4. Review of 2024 LID Activities
5. Review of Proposed 2025 LID Work Plan including operations of the High-Water Outlet
6. Review of 2025 Budget
7. Forum for Candidates Nominated for Director Positions
8. Audience Questions and Comments
9. Other Business for Future Meetings
10. Adjournment by Chair

### **LID Election of Directors**

There are three Board of Director seats open for election in 2024. The open seats include 1 permanent residency seat and 2 seasonal residency seats. The newly elected directors will take office 4 weeks after being elected, for a two-year term.

There are **THREE nominees for the two (2) open Seasonal seats** for the Board of Directors. In addition, you can write-in the name of your choice for either of the two available seats. Each of the two seats are open to seasonal residents. On the Ballot that you have received from SBS, you can vote for **Two (2) of the following three (3) seasonal candidates:**

- Fred Comb (incumbent)
- Rick Rosar (incumbent)
- John Schuler
- Write-In: \_\_\_\_\_
- Write-In: \_\_\_\_\_

There is **ONE nominee for the one (1) open Permanent Residency seat** for the Board of Directors. In addition, you can write-in the name of your choice for the one available seat. This one seat is only open to a permanent resident. On the Ballot that you have received from SBS, you can vote for **One (1) of the following permanent residency candidates:**

- Patricia Tvedt (incumbent)
- Write-In: \_\_\_\_\_

### **LID 2025 Budget Information:**

***A detailed budget sheet has been included with this mailing which provides a description of the budget items and estimated charge amounts.*** There are three LID Budget items for voting. The items are summarized below and described in more detail in the attachments.

**Vote 1: Does the voter approve the expenditure of \$59,000 for the 2025 Non-Project Operations Budget?** *This voting item includes administrative and other operational items for the LID.*

**Vote 2: Does the voter approve the expenditure of \$32,000 for the 2025 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Project Budget?** *This voting item includes AIS control, surveys, and the ambassador program.*

**Vote 3: Does the voter approve the expenditure of \$220,000 for the 2025 High-Water Outlet Project Budget for Operations?** *This voting item includes the legal, fiscal, and administration expenses for the assessment and bonding process. The operational costs for the high-water outlet includes electricity, service maintenance, and monitoring downstream water elevations.*

### **LID Project Updates**

- 1. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS):** The LID recently received notice that Lake Shamineau has received an AIS grant from Morrison County for 2024 in the amount of \$12,550 that includes: \$2,800 for Vegetation Surveys, \$3,250 for AIS remediation which will be used for chemical treatments and scuba divers, and \$6,500 for the Ambassador program. The AIS surveys and treatments plans will be conducted as in previous years.
- 2. LSLID Ambassadors:** With the grant and 2024 budget funding, the Ambassador program is planned to continue with ambassadors at both the East and West landings on weekends and holidays. The LID has hired 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. We would like to extend thanks to the Ambassadors for their work. When visiting the landings, we ask that boaters be courteous and respectful to the ambassadors as they conduct their surveys and do their work.
- 3. Lights at the Landings:** The LID Board of Directors have been researching the installation of lighting at boat landings. The lighting would assist boaters with the cleaning of boats for AIS as they exit the lake in the evening hours. The LID will be concentrating on the installation of motion activated lights at the DNR launch at the west end of the lake. The Board has been in contact with the DNR and other agencies to assist with funding of the lights.

4. **Lake Elevation:** The DNR continues to monitor the Lake Elevation and post it on the DNR website. The elevation reading on July 12, 2024, by the DNR was 1276.37 or 1.27 feet over the Ordinary High High-Water Level (OHWL). As a comparison, the elevation on October 20, 2023, was .59 over the OHW and in August 2023 it was .83 over the OHW. The Morrison County Sheriff has continued to maintain the 300' No Wake Zone around the lake due to the high water level.
5. **High Water Project:** The goal of the Lake Shamineau High Water Outlet Project is to determine a solution to the high water problem that is the most feasible, cost-effective, and timely, and will minimize ongoing maintenance and future operating costs. The High Water Outlet Project Plan includes construction of a lake outlet structure and pumping station adjacent to the shoreline at the west end of the lake. From the pumping station, the water will proceed westerly eventually reaching Fish Trap Creek, which becomes part of Todd County Ditch 41 at the properties adjacent to the railroad bridge and continues to the Long Prairie River.

**Following are recent High-Water Project updates:**

- A contract was awarded to Landwehr Construction for construction of the High-Water Outlet and the LID hired Houston Engineering to oversee the project.
- Temporary Financing was acquired for the project to enable construction to proceed.
- Pipe was installed, and ditches were graded and seeded along the route from the west end of the lake to Ditch 41 which will take the water to the Long Prairie River.
- The pipe work included installing a gravity flow pipe and manholes along Pulaski Road. In addition, the pipe was bored south along the east side of Highway 10, then under Co Rd 203, and then west under Highway 10.
- The contractor constructed a cofferdam at the inlet area of the lake to allow for dewatering and the installation of the intake structure.
- The pump house has been built and is mostly complete.
- The pump has been installed and electrical work is awaiting final approval.

**Pipe Repair:**

Houston Engineering is working to determine a plan and timeline to resolve an issue with a portion of the gravity pipe on the West side of Highway 10. Resolution of the issue will require repair of the piping by the contractor to ensure that water will flow appropriately through the route. The above normal rainfall has created wet conditions in the area making the repair process difficult at this time and the repair will likely be delayed beyond the substantial completion date of July 31, 2024.

We understand the recent rising water has given property owners concern and we are committed to getting this project completed in a timely fashion. The LID has been working extremely hard to ensure the project is completed appropriately and in the best interest of the LID. When a plan and specific timeline are developed for resolution of the issue, the LID will provide further details.

**Next project steps include:**

- There are a few remaining project tasks that include cleanup, electrical work, and final completion of the pump house. In addition, work will be completed to resolve the above pipe issue.
- Landwehr is in the process of submitting their required start up and testing plan. Preliminary testing activities are in process to ensure that the pump and associated systems are working as planned.
- A public hearing will be scheduled to review the final assessment and charge amounts. Each property owner will receive a mailed notice advising them of the public hearing date, and the assessment and charge amount for their property.
- As reported previously, the DNR is providing a Grant for the project of up to \$3 Million. The LID has been requesting, and has received, reimbursement for 50% of the construction costs through this Grant. The amount assessed and charged to each property owner will be reduced by the Grant funds.

6. **Communications:** The LID Board of Directors have been providing communications through mailings, newsletters, and postings to the website. LID Board meetings are announced on the LSLID website, are open to the public, and notes are posted on the website. The LID website (LakeShamaineauLID.org) is the official source of information and meeting announcements and includes information such as project information, financial information and reports, and other information that may be of interest to property owners.
7. **Morrison County:** Amy Kowalzek from Morrison County would like to remind lake owners that shoreline restoration and/or manipulation is regulated and must be permitted. She asks that lake owners contact Land Services for assistance before beginning any work.

Plan to attend the hybrid **Annual Meeting on August 31st at 9:30 AM** and be prepared to listen, learn, and ask questions. Vote by either returning your ballot in the mail, or by voting online.

***Thank you for your support,***

*Rick Rosar, Bob Ingle, Fred Comb, Patrícia Tvedt, and Duane Hendricks*  
**Lake Shamaineau Lake Improvement District Board of Directors**

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