

## KIMBLE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S 2015 REPORT

2015 was another successful year for the Kimble Lake Improvement District. I am pleased to say that Eurasian Water Milfoil continues to be under control thanks to the efforts of your KLID.

During the summer of 2014, Central Minnesota Aquatic's, Inc. completed five full lake surveys. Unlike summer 2013 ( no EWM was detected), we found two infestations Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). We can report that Zebra Mussels have not been found in Kimble Lake.

Despite twice finding EWM in 2014 we have enjoyed remarkable success in eradicating EWM from Kimble. EWM is like getting rid of the dandelions in your yard. Despite your best efforts there is always another seed and bright yellow flower ready to sprout and bloom. If you delay your diligence, your yard quickly becomes infested. We need to stay on top of this battle against EWM.

During summer 2014 KLID supported the efforts of Kimble Lake Homeowners Association (KLHA) to monitor incoming and outgoing watercraft traffic at the public access. Many people equate this effort to be a vain attempt to keep Zebra mussels from establishing residency in Kimble Lake. I have come to the conclusion it is the responsible thing to do. It bothers me that some lake associations whose lakes are infested with invasive species do very little to prevent the transport of invasive plants and animals to neighboring lakes. We must all stand up and work to slow the spread of these invasive plants and animals until a resolution is found. Crow Wing County (CWC) supports our efforts to support KLHA access monitoring. CWC funded 350 hours of Kimble Lake access monitoring last year. This year CWC is providing KLHA with 450 hours of access monitoring.

The bylaws of KLID state that our mission is: **"to preserve protect and improve the recreational and overall quality of Kimble Lake by effectively monitoring EWM and other aquatic invasive species. We will work with the Kimble Lake Community, KLHA and County and State Agencies to continuously refine our goals and develop an annual work plan to meet these goals."**

We believe support of KLHA access monitoring is in the spirit of the KLID mission statement.

CWC provided \$5,000 in unanticipated support to KLID for the purposes of finding and eradicating EWM last year. This positively impacted our income last year. We didn't realize the full \$5,000 impact, as the expense of treating the EWM was twice what we had projected. We have amended our 2015 budget to include the CWC grant and we are including it in our 2016 budget. The KLID Board at its May 2, 2015 meeting approved the 2015 budget and it also approved a reduction in the annual assessment to \$75.00.

This summer, in cooperation with CWC, we will be testing Kimble Lake for Zebra Mussel veligers. The testing is accomplished by pulling a special net behind a fishing boat. A sample is collected and then delivered to a laboratory that will test for the larvae. If veligers are present we will work with CWC and MN DNR to develop a plan, find and treat any adult infestations. There has been some reported success at other lakes in getting ahead of the explosive growth of this invasive species. **We hope to report that there are no veligers present.**

**Please make sure all who provide lake services to your home have been trained and certified by the MN DNR. There is no need to compromise the quality of our lake because someone has been too busy to receive the training. If you purchased a boatlift, float or associated equipment that has been in use in another lake, by law it must not be placed in Kimble Lake until 21 days have passed.**

**Please make sure your friends and family follow laws established to protect our lake against invasive species as they bring their watercraft to Kimble Lake. Please ASK them before they unload their watercraft.**

I am in my first year of my second term as President of the LID. Steve Erickson is also in the first year of his term as is board member Dick Bredehoft. Ellen Miller, Secretary, Larry Knutson and Rick Beyer are in the second year of their board term. Jack Larsen, Davee Olsen, Vice President and Gary Schwartz, Treasurer, are all in the final year of their board terms and are standing for re-election. Please thank current and past LID board members for all they have done for Kimble Lake. Our success in fighting EWM didn't just happen by itself.

If you would like to be part of the LID board please let one of the board members know.

**Do not short cut Kimble Lake. Please check your septic systems to make sure they are in compliance and be especially mindful of what you put on your lawn and of changes you make to your shoreline. Please do all you can to keep Kimble Lake clean and pristine.**

Have a wonderful summer.

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