

## Blue Lake Improvement District

**Special Board of Directors Meeting:** December 18, 2014

**Place:** Don Herman's home, 28660 Tiger Street - Zimmerman MN

**Directors Attending:** Present: Bill Yueill, George Golden, and Don Herman. Don Davies and Jim Lefebvre voted on the phone, and Bill Fredell approved the actions via e-mail.

**Expediting grant proposals and vendor contracts for 2014.** We discussed the process for submitting DNR Aquatic Invasive Species inspector grants and public awareness grants for 2015, both of which are due by February 17, 2015. Don Herman will gather specifics on access site usage, and George Golden will assist in developing grant proposal language, emphasizing the popularity of the lake for boating and fishing based on its proximity to the Twin Cities, water quality, and lack of Eurasian Watermillfoil.

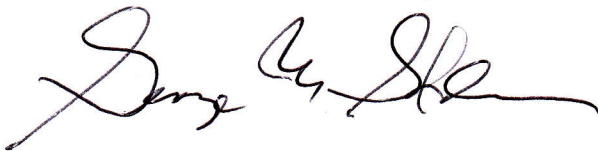
In addition, Don Herman has solicited inspection monies from Stanford and Spencer Brook townships. Isanti County is hiring 3 inspectors to help with AIS monitoring. We will encourage attendance at the Spencer Brook annual township elections and meeting on March 10, 2015.

After considerable discussion based on evidence, cost, and experience-based recommendations from other LIDs, the Board decided unanimously to select Lake Restoration as our weed spraying vendor for 2015. They, like our current contractor, Lake Management, spray approved areas only once each year.

The Board unanimously approved payment of the MCIT invoice in the amount of \$1,799 for 2015 and the elimination of lake level monitoring from the Isanti County SWCD contract (as amended), resulting in a savings of \$255. The Isanti County Board of Commissioners has given BLID an advance of \$2,000 for 2015. The combined 2014 and 2015 advances of \$4,000 will be repaid in 2015, and this payment is included in the BLID budget as approved by members in August, 2014.

The MN DNR will accept mapping information from the SWCD to help expedite approval of our 2015 weed spraying application.

We postponed any decision on purple loosestrife containment until additional information can be gathered from BLID members, contractors, and the experience of other LIDs.



George M. Golden  
BLID Treasurer /  
Acting secretary