



Remember, ads are free to BLCA Members. Get your information to Carol Kufner at 743-3753 before the 20th of the month.

For Sale:

**1197 Crestliner Pontoon 20ft with Shore Lander Trailer and 40HP Evinrude motor.
New upholstery –Changing room – Livewell – Garmen depth finder – Tilt and Trim \$6500.00 or BO**

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LID, Cont'd:

Looking to the future, fortunately there is some good news. The state of Minnesota has created a structure that includes all property owners in solutions to chronic water problems. This structure is available to us. It is:

- A structure that provides predictable and sustainable funding
- A structure that addresses the three issues as “chronic” rather than “acute”
- A structure that protects our economic assets: *cleaner, stabilized water means higher property values*
- A structure that provides for shared financial responsibility as well as shared benefits
- A structure that requires property owner participation

The Structure: [A Briggs Lake Chain Improvement District \[LID\]](#)

What is a Lake Improvement District [LID]?

A LID is created by county government [Sherburne County] to provide the structure and opportunity for greater landowner involvement in lake management activities.

What can a LID do?

By law, LIDs can, for example:

Acquire, construct and operate a dam or other water level control structure / Undertake research projects,
Conduct projects of water improvement and conservation / Construct and maintain water and sewer systems,
Serve as local sponsors for state and federal projects and grants / Regulate water surface use

Examples of activities other LIDs in Minnesota were formed for:

Construction and maintenance of a lake outlet

Lake level stabilization project

Water quality monitoring and research

Flood control outlets and structures

Aquatic plant management

Sanitary sewer management

The BLCA Board of Directors decided several years ago to explore having a Briggs Chain Lake Improvement District. With the latest high water event in June and July 2013, and the ensuing low water event, the Board determined this was a good time to introduce a LID for the chain of lakes. A LID will not solve our chronic lake issues, but it will provide a better suited structure to effectively address them. A LID does not replace the lake association but provides an effective, sustainably funded structure to keep what we have **and** improve the water quality and stabilization of the entire chain. And in doing so, improve our property values. It will most importantly create a positive legacy for the next generation.

There is a lot to learn about a LID, and work to do before its formation. How is it formed? Who manages it? How is it funded? And more. Stay tuned for more information from the Lake Report, BLCA website, special mailings and informational meetings.

Kenzie Phelps

I would like to thank the current board members for their outstanding service in 2013. Their efforts have enabled us to complete major accomplishments this year as well as continuing our past programs. Kudos! A job well done!

Dan Merchant

Ruth Thom & Jolene Henning, Events & Programs Co-Chairs — their contributions have been outstanding. They have overseen the BLCA picnic, Garage Sale advertising, Hwy 25 Spring & Fall Clean-ups, Flotillas, Game Nights and other activities. Ruth has placed the BLCA on Facebook. Jolene is a groundtruther. Their contributions help make BLCA membership fun.

Karen Jones, Treasurer — managing all the financials, bookkeeping, filing the BLCA taxes, keeping the BLCA compliant with State and Federal authorities and groundtruthing.

Barb Aaberg, Past President — helping guide me and endless hours creating the Palmer Directory cover and yellow pages.

Karen Nielsen, Secretary and Lake Report Editor — providing timely and accurate minutes and an excellent newsletter. She also has provided high water notices and other time critical information via her email list & coordinated the Linder's Sale.

Jane Curtis, Vice President — supporting me, filling in when needed, guiding us through our educational programs and groundtruthing.

Sandra Hart, Member Development Chair — overseeing membership drives, directing the nominating committee, Welcome Walkers and our Vice President to be.

John Schnell, — Fly Over and Groundtruth coordinator, groundtruthing, water sampler and endless hours of helping any way he can.

Francis Beaudry, Communication Chair — advertising meetings in media and administering the 2014 Directory Ad Campaign.

Mike Flanery, Web Master — managing the BLCA Website, groundtruthing, dam cleaning and water testing back up.

Kenzie Phelps, Healthy Lakes Co-Chair — groundtruther, administrator of shoreland grants and the plant bank, August Workshop presenter, and generous with his vast experience by filling in where necessary.

Wayne Smith, Healthy Lakes Co-Chair — groundtruthing and filling in as needed.

Ken Gossett, Grants — helping with the grants process and presenting in the August Workshop.

Dan Stang — Palmer Day Food Booth Coordinator, dam cleaner and maintainer

Dayle Meyer — McDonalds Brat Sale Coordinator

Scott Ruiter — Dayle's assistant for McDonalds Brat Sale and groundtruthing

Adele Munsterman — door prizes for general meetings

Barb Kydd & Jack McKelvey — endless hours of service



HATS OFF

We are also extremely grateful for the services we have received from non-board members:

Walt Munsterman — Water testing and groundtruthing

George Kydd — groundtruthing and water level monitoring

Dean Henning, Sue Merchant and Aaron Rothstein — groundtruthing

Barb & Darrell Tucker — zoning issues, groundtruthing, water testing and endless hours of contributing any way they can.

Chuck Heinemann — water level monitoring and groundtruthing

Steve & Virginia Demeules — countless hours creating the Palmer Directory white pages, Membership records, Newsletter mailings, High Water monitoring and notices, and printing other large miscellaneous projects. Steve also groundtruths.

Carol Kufner — Green Sheet advertising

Jack Kufner — Meeting Signs

Marilyn Humble — Sunshine Mailing

Paul Fors — Water sampling

Kelly Kinney — Coordinating volunteers to assist with shoreland planting

Tom Eilers — Big Elk Walleye Stocking and a willingness to share his accumulated knowledge and experiences has helped me tremendously.

Mark Baker — the July 4th Fireworks