



# PINE LAKES PRESS

Habits have changed and many are used to brief messages on social media. The OTCPLID Board wants to keep members informed, however, the expense of a full newsletter and desire for a quick read bring us to a shortened version of the Press after 25 years. The website is developing and we encourage you to go to [www.pinelakeslid.org](http://www.pinelakeslid.org) for LID news. More at [www.ottertailcountycola.org](http://www.ottertailcountycola.org)

## We get attention on Little Pine...

The Rinse Station at Paul Miller Park was featured as a success story at the MN Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) update in Detroit Lakes in May. The Rinse Station, available 24/7, is for you to rinse boats, etc. to comply with AIS prevention laws to CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY. It is a pilot project for the OTC Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Task Force

## and on Big Pine ...

MN DNR recognized the poor conditions at the Grand View access - no more potholes and standing water. Before Opening Weekend concrete planks went in the water and the driveway was repaved to make it smooth to enter or exit. It is one of the busiest accesses in the county.

## and for both lakes!

We will have rock dams this fall that allow fish to travel the river as Mother Nature allowed. Hear more at the Annual Meeting July 30.

## DNR grant awarded to Pine Lakes LID for AIS

It was a joyous day to hear LID was awarded a 2 year DNR grant of \$11,776 to treat Curly Leaf Pondweed! It was also ironic emails came that day that the unusually low growth because of snow on the ice & the spring wouldn't allow us to treat CLP. A plan developed with DNR to use grant money to delineate (assess) both Big and Little Pine for vegetation in July, 2022, to prepare for treatment in 2023. CLP has not been found in Little Pine and we want to be able to continue to state that!

Unfortunately Zebra Mussels were found in BP and LP in 2021. One was brought to the Annual Meeting from BP and several docks, lifts and rafts were found to have them on LP. The lakes were designated as infected previously because we are on the Otter Tail River downstream from Rose Lake. We tried our best but all it takes is one piece or a veliger to spread AIS. Don't let your guard down! There are more Invasives to keep out. Starry Stonewort grows in dense mats we don't want to confront.

The Otter Tail Watershed District has identified Big and Little Pine as 2 of 16 lakes to receive funding to maintain and improve water quality over several years. More good attention to us.

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