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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Best fiscal agent

White Bear Lake has been a community resource for the cities and township surrounding the lake, for Ramsey County, for Washington County as well as the state of Minnesota. Everyone knows the lake level has been low for 10 years and the county beach has been closed for eight years. As a retired senior, father and grandfather, I have been very concerned about the future of White Bear Lake. However, I am now very optimistic that Rep. Matt Dean, Rep. Peter Fisher, Sen. Roger Chamberlain and Sen. Chuck Wiger will be introducing bills in the 2016 legislative session to fund augmentation of White Bear Lake using surface water from St. Paul Regional Water Services.

Both the Minnesota House and Senate bonding com-

mittees toured White Bear Lake and heard from community leaders that White Bear Lake needs their attention now. I thank our local representatives and senators for addressing the lake level of White Bear Lake through augmentation.

A "fiscal agent," i.e. responsible party for the state funds, is required for the 2016 Bonding Bill. The White Bear Lake Conservation District (WBLCD) represents all of the communities surrounding White Bear Lake and appears to be the best option to be the fiscal agent for these 2016 augmentation state funds.

The WBLCD board members will discuss becoming the fiscal agent for these state funds at their Feb. 16 meeting. I respectfully request the WBLCD approve a motion to become the fiscal agent for these

augmentation state funds.

Mike Downing
 White Bear Lake

Safe water

An open letter to Minnesota public servants and especially White Bear Lake public servants:

Many of us have read or heard about the bad news out of Michigan for many decades and the recent bad news about lead in the water in Flint, Michigan. In fact, Time Magazine, in its Feb. 1 edition, has as the cover article, "The Poisoning of an American City."

I have one question: Can it happen here?

Gary Zweig
 White Bear Lake

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