

the Board agreed to take the following steps in attempt to resolve the issue of extreme lake level fluctuation:

- Contact DNR employee that supervises dam operations.
- Review lake level logs before and after dam repairs.
- Seek DNR approval to return lake levels where they once were.
- If necessary, retain legal assistance to resolve this issue.
- Can municipalities own the hydroelectric?

13. Fish Stocking. The Board had planned to stock this month. Since the flooding, Commissioner Easter suggested that we contact the hatchery, possibly postponing fish stocking this year.
14. Committee Volunteers.
 - Lotus James Newsome will work with Commissioner Roth.
15. Public Comment
 - Michael Frank questioned if the measurement of the lake levels is calibrated frequently to insure accuracy. City Representative Jordan stated it is checked daily.
 - Don Peillin asked when the lake management plan committee volunteers would be involved in the process. Once survey is completed and the Board has a copy of the draft survey, the committee and the Board will meet.
 - Don Peillin suggested that the Board would coordinate any weed treatment at the same time as Wisconia homeowner's weed treatment. A representative of the Wisconia homeowners should contact the board when they plan on doing their treatment.
 - Tony Smith expressed his concern that there is a large amount of funds for fish stocking rather than more funds for weed control. There had not been any stocking in 10 years prior to last year's fish stocking.
 - Michael Frank cleaned up brush at the boat landing. He suggested there should be someone who would mow and clean up on a regular basis. Commissioner Easter noted since the City is responsible for maintenance at the boat landing, they should be doing this.
 - Chris Pierson. Expressed his dissatisfaction with the city and dam operator during the flooding. He went to the city council meeting on September 9 to speak about this matter. He stated that the extreme lake levels should not have happened.
16. Motion to adjourn, Jordan/Muchka 10:15am

Respectfully Submitted,

Elsie Roth

Secretary

**MONTELLO LAKE INLAND PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
SECOND QUARTER COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2018
MONTELLO CITY HALL
DRAFT MINUTES**

1. Call to order 9:00
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call. Commissioners Easter, Muchka, Roth present and City Representative Jordan County Representative Borzick absent.
4. Motion Jordan/Muchka. To approve agenda with one correction. Change agenda item 8 to Aquatic Plant Management Plan.
5. First Quarter Minutes. Motion Jordan/Muchka to approve minutes as presented.
6. First Quarter Treasurer's Report. Motion by Roth/Jordan to approve as presented.
7. Insurance. State insurance fund was dissolved making it necessary to replace current insurance. Commissioner Easter stated all necessary insurance coverage is in place. Included in the insurance package is crime coverage, E & O and an umbrella with an additional \$1M coverage.
8. Aquatic Plant Management Plan Update. The online survey should be available for Board approval in October. Public survey should be available early 2019. Plan must be completed by June 30, 2019.
9. Lotus. Concerns of the spread of lotus in the lake if left untreated. Although they are native to Wisconsin, they are not native to Montello Lake Commissioner Easter has had conversations with Ted Johnson in the past. Johnson is unconcerned with the lotus stating it some years it is more prolific than other years. Agenda item # 14, the Board will seek volunteers to form a committee to research any possibilities of controlling it spreading any further.
10. Harvester Report. Operators have been working about 50 hours a week all summer. Cutter is running well. It was necessary to replace the starter a few weeks ago. During the flooding, the harvester broke away for the conveyor and had to be secured by rope to a tree. When the lake was drawn down, it was beached. The property owner and a few others helped get the harvester off the shore and return it to the conveyor. There were some ruts on the property. John and helped repair the homeowner's yard. Cost 1 cs soda and 1 cs beer. Anticipating the lake would rise again, on 9/6 we took the cutter out. Weather permitting, we may put the cutter back in once water levels stabilize. We will spend about a week picking up weed and cleanup. If anyone would like one final weed pick up, contact me. Cutter will be winterized and put into storage by the end of September.
11. Boat Landing Repairs. It has been observed that the city has dumped gravel at the end of the boat launch and patched the crack in the concrete.
12. Lake levels. Flooding. Over the past few weeks Montello suffered severe flooding. City Representative, Jordan reported the bridge over the Montello and Fox Rivers are closed until the ground under the road dries up before the bridge will reopen. Due to the flooding, many Montello residents were evacuated, and some have not been able to return to their homes yet. The City Hall will open today if anyone needs cleaning supplies, water, etc.

Fluctuating lake levels. Last week, the Mayor met with the dam operator. He was shown the records kept of lake levels. By DNR regulations, the lake level is to be kept at 5.1 elevation. The level may go plus or minus 6". According to the Mayor, the records document that the operator follows the DNR mandated lake levels. I asked the Mayor if the Lake District Board verify this by someone on the Board reviewing the records. He said we could. The mayor did not respond when questioned if the lake level was higher before the dam repairs. After a brief discussion,