

Minutes
Montello Lake Inland Protection & Rehabilitation District
Fourth Quarter Board Meeting March 3, 2018
Montello City Hall Community Room 9:00 AM

- I. Roll Call. Commissioners Easter, Muchka and Roth present. Also present County Representative Borzick. City Representative Jordan absent.
- II. Minutes. Second Quarter Commissioner's Board Meeting. Borzick/Muchka to approve as presented.
- III. Jim Scharl, Wisconsin Ponds and Lake conference call.
 - a. MLIP&RD applied for a grant to help defray the costs to update the Management Plan. Grant has been approved. It has been 5+ years since the Plans has been updated. Jim's presented a step by step of the process involved in updating the Plan.
 1. WP&L a survey consisting of 20-25 questions. A draft of the survey will be presented to the Board for review and edit if necessary. With Board approval, the survey will be forwarded to the DNR for review and approval. Approved survey will be mailed to District Members and the survey will be posted on a website for District Members who wish to participate in the survey. The goal is to have the results of the survey by early summer, 2018.
 2. Public Kickoff Meeting, tentatively June 3, 2018. WP&L will update District Members at this point.
 3. Point Intercept Survey. Preparing for the Plan update, the Board completed a PI survey last summer. Data from past PI Surveys will be compiled. Jim noted MLIP&RD has many years of data
 4. WP&L will develop the Plan. A draft should be completed by fall for the Board to review. A committee consisting of the Board and three district members will review the Plan. District members are Tony Smith, Jim Newsome and Don Pielin. Once reviewed, the Plan will return to WP&L to make any revisions recommended by the committee. Then it will be forwarded to the DNR for approval. WP&L will make any changes required by the DNR.
 5. Fall, 2018 Finalize the Plan. Public Meeting. Date TBD.
 6. The final Plan must be submitted to the DNR by June 30, 2019
 - b. Chairperson Easter asked if it is possible to do targeted herbicide treatments this summer. Some homeowners have dense weed growth around piers, causing difficulty navigating. Jim stated we should draw a map of the areas intended to

be treated. Tony Smith and James Newsome will identify areas on a map in need of targeted treatment. Tony Smith asked if the milfoil would ever be eliminated. Although, the density is less since the last drawdown and herbicide treatments, not all non-native weeds will be eradicated. Bill Peterson asked if a 2 foot drawdown would be effective. Jim stated it would depend on the depth of the milfoil. The 4 foot drawdowns have been effective.

- IV. Harvesting. Plan to have 50 hours per week for harvesting. At this point there is only 1 operator returning. We will run an ad for additional operators this year. Some district members would like to volunteer to run the harvester. Due to insurance requirements, anyone operating the harvester must be an employee. Some District Members are willing to operate the harvester if needed
- V. Treasurer's Report. Roth/Borzik motion to approve the Third Quarter Treasurer's Report as presented.
- VI. WAL Conference is April 18 – 20. The District budgets for 5 to attend. Commissioners Easter and Roth will be attending this year. Don Peilin and Tom Hiltz have indicated they would like to attend. There is availability of one more to attend at the District's expense.
- VII. Financial audit review is required every year. We are in need of 2 volunteers to complete the review this year. The review must be completed by the Annual Meeting in June.
- VIII. The District has property insurance through the Wisconsin State Fund. The Fund will no longer be insuring and we need to seek insurance quotes for private insurers. One or two volunteers are needed to make a few phone calls seeking quotes. No one volunteered during the meeting.
- IX. Nominating Committee. One Commissioner's position is coming up in June. Let a Board Member, Don Peilin or Mikael Frank know if you are interested in running.
- X. Citizen Comments. Chuck Muchka, Any fish stocking this fall? It will depend whether there will be a drawdown.

1. Adjourn, Borsik/Muchka

Respectfully Submitted

Elsie Roth

Secretary