

**MONTELLO LAKE INLAND PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 29, 2020
DRAFT MINUTES**

1. Meeting called to order at 9:15
2. Pledge immediately after call to order
3. Roll Call: Commissioners Easter, Muchka, Roth present. County Representative Borzick present. City Representative Venise Mugler present
4. Approve agenda. Motion Borzick/Muchka to approve Agenda.
5. Approve Annual Meeting Minutes. June 15, 2019 Motion to approve minutes as presented by Mugler/Borzick.
6. Approve annual Treasurer's Report, Year Ending August 31,2020. Due to Covid 19, budget was extended one more quarter. MLIPRD budget fiscal year extension was approved at board last meeting. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented, Borzick/Mugler.
7. 2019-2020 Annual Budget Presentation.
Treasurer Muchka submitted proposed budget for 2020-2021. Income to include grant reimbursement of \$6,101.00.
8. Ballot Voting Results (public comment prior to each vote)
 - a. Continue Commissioner's Stipend. Each commissioner receives \$100 per meeting. It is intended to reimburse commissioners for expenses incurred in preparation for meetings. This is a common practice with Lake Districts throughout Wisconsin.
 - VOTE RESULTS: Yes: 53. No, 4.
 - b. Continue Treasurer's compensation of \$1,000.00 per year. The Treasurer receives additional \$1000/year a portion of the time spent for some of the time spent working payroll and other duties.
 - VOTE RESULTS: Yes: 55 No: 2.
 - c. Should MLIPD proceed with planning for a 2.5ft to 3ft drawdown for fall/winter, 2021/20? Commissioner Easter stated that Wisconsin Lakes and Pond completed a point intercept survey this past week. The results show weed density at 50%. The trigger in the Lake Management Plan is 45%. The District will apply for a grant to help defray costs, such as reimbursement of losted revenue the dam operator will incur.

Chris Pierson asked why would the operator would be reimbursed. We are not sure if there is mention of reimbursements in the lease they have. Or it could be required by statute. Commissioner Easter will follow up on this.

Keith Kiabunde. Would the depth of the drawdown be measured at the high or low end of the permitted lake level. There is a 6' variable.

Liza Klein. Have past drawdowns been successful. The last drawdown was followed by a chemical treatment in the spring. This was the only time where a treatment was preformed the following spring. . Lake usually looks god for 2 to 3 years.

Randy Schmitt. Commented that there should be a ban on ice fishing. The Board agrees and will work with the DNR in an attempt to have a moratorium on ice fishing that winter.

Tony Smith. The drawdown will help silt compaction.

Keith Kiabunde. What is the time frame of the drawdown? Usually begins the week after labor day by slowly dropping the lake level over a period of 3 weeks. This allows the aquatic animals to adjust to lower lake levels. Lake will begin filling gradually in the spring. Lake is back to normal levels usually by fishing opening day.

Keith Kiabunde. Are the funds in the budget and will the estimated dam revenue be more than planned? MLIPRD will apply for grant funds. Losses revenue not to exceed estimated.

Tom Hiltz noted that our management plan states that a 3' drawdown should not impact the ability to draw power.

Jan Dombrowski. Asked if the drawdown without a follow-up treatment would be effective. The last drawdown was the first where a chemical treatment was applied in the spring. All past drawdowns had positive effects

Luke Redman asked what effect does this have on the ducks and geese. The board believes they may move to another water source and will return.

- VOTE RESULTS: Yes: 44. No: 14

d. Increase tax/levy/mill rate.

Commissioner Easter presented the following facts:

Total property value for Montello Lake District: \$32,696,500.

Maximum mill rate: 2.5 m. \$2.50 per \$1,000.00value

Total Allowed: \$81,743.

Total Assessed \$50,732. (Mill Rate 1.55%)

Total currently assessed is 62% of the maximum.

- VOTE RESULTS: Yes: 28. No:30.

e. Approve 2020/2021 Budget

- VOTE RESULTS: Yes: 58. No: 0.

f. Commissioner: Cheryl Ravenscroft requested to be removed from the ballot. Sandy Muchka has agreed to run for another term. Write in candidates are welcome.

- VOTE RESULTS: Sandee Muchka: 48. Write In Mimi Pierson 8

Votes were counted by Kathleen McGwin and Jeff Fisher.

9. Motion to Adjourn 10.Borzick/Mugler. Meeting adjourned at 10:25

Respectfully Submitted,
Elsie Roth