

Montello Lake Inland Protection and Rehabilitation District Quarterly Meeting
Minutes- June 25th, 2022; Montello City Hall 9:00am
Draft Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order with Open Meeting Rules by Dan Easter
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call- Present: Ken Borzick, county representative; and all 3 board commissioners: Dan Easter, Sandee Muchka & Mimi Pierson
4. Agenda – was read and approved by all members present
5. Minutes from April 9th Special meeting were read and approved by all
6. Treasurer's Report- for the 3rd quarter was read and approved by all
7. Old Business:
 - Montello Pre-Dredging Study- Bathymetric survey and sediment sampling was completed the 1st wk in May. Results and recommendations will be in soon. Unknown official date but 80% of the study is completed at this time
 - Lake Manager- Art Schick will take over as Lake Manager
 - New hire as harvester operator- Duane Powell
 - 2022 AIS treatment has been completed on June 21st
 - MLIPRD website is almost completed and needs some tweaking
8. New Business
 - Amendment to 2021-22 Budget- motion was made by Dan to open discussion due to unforeseen costs. Mimi second
 - Unexpected costs:
 - Repairs to harvester- initial estimate to fix bent cutting bar around \$5500 but John was able to get Hi Tech out of Westfield to perform the repair for around \$1000 if we are able to bring the harvester to them. John has graciously agreed to take the harvester in at the end of the season
 - Increased diesel fuel costs
 - Higher AIS treatment costs
 - Solution to refueling the harvester- Chris Pierson to build a portable diesel fuel tank that will be a 110 gallon tank on a small trailer with 75ft retractable hose and box surrounding the tank for security purposes. Cost for tanks like this already made was found to be in the \$12,000 range. Chris is hoping to build it for around \$4,500. Currently, our operators are filling 5, 5 gallon tanks every other day. They must carry them from the truck and then up the harvester ladder. We had one of our operator candidates decline because he could not physically perform this task. Many of our operator's are older due to the seasonal nature of the job. This will reduce the risk of injury and increase time on the harvester rather than filling tanks so frequently.
 - Amendment to the 2021-2022 budget was discussed and approved by all
 - Water levels/Dam update

- Dan briefly met new owner in April but have not had another meeting yet. Hanna Johnson, DNR dam manager, has acknowledge the low lake levels and is asking for a meeting. So far, Dan has not heard back from either Hanna nor the new owner Dwight Shank. Dan will try to contact and get meeting set up
- Several people commented that the lake levels are once again low and noting the return of the previous Dam operator.
- Annual meeting- Date set for August 29th
 - Budget for 2022-23 – discussed upcoming need replace the hydraulic oil and filters. Needs to be done every 5 or so years. Last replacement period took 55 gallons at \$4000. We have 8 gallons left to use.
 - Mill Rate- current mil rate is 1.5 mil (\$1.50 per \$1000 of equalized value)
 - Max allowed by the Wisconsin Statue is \$2.5
 - Dan's position for commissioner is up for election – anyone interested should contact one of the board member to be put on the ballot

9. Meeting was adjourned by Sandee at 9:55