

Montello Lake Inland Protection and Restoration District

Minutes – Budget Meeting – July 8, 2023 – Montello City Hall – 10:00 am

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1. Call Meeting to Order by Mimi Pierson at 10:01
2. Roll Call – Present: Sandee Muchka, Board Treasurer; Don Gibson. Board Secretary; Mimi Pierson, Board Chairperson
3. Agenda – read and approved by Board members
4. Minutes from Commissioners meeting 6/10/2023 approved by all Board Members
5. Old Business --
 - a. Montello Lake Water Levels – Board has voted to commence with a formal request to review the current regulated water level to adjust the minimum level allowed. Funds for the request will be put into upcoming budget
 - b. At Annual Meeting (September 9, 2023) a vote will be brought to the elector whether to pursue a permit to draw down during winter 2024 for weed control. There will be a fee associated with the permit
 - c. Herbicide treatment was performed June 26, 2023
 - d. Non-binding bids for potential dredging project will be requested by companies with recent dredging projects in Wisconsin. Ayers Engineers will also be contacted to see if they have any recommendations
 - i. A-1 Excavating
 - ii. Brennan Marine
 - iii. Kowalsk & Sons Excavating
 - iv. Kaylah Services

6. New Business –

- a. Robert Schultz started as harvester operator in mid-June
- b. Herbicide treatment was approved to be completed 2 times each year.
Discussion: Wisconsin Lake and Pond (company hired to complete treatment) decided to not treat the entire Navigational Lanes. During the second treatment all Navigational Lanes will be treated. Board will inquire if during the second treatment, residents may be able to have their dock areas treated again, for a fee.
- c. Insurance is now with The Horton Group
- d. Annual Meeting is set for September 9, 2023. Montello City Hall at 10:00 am. There will be a Commissioner position open due to Sandee Muchka stepping down after many years of service. Please contact Mimi Pierson if you are interested in being on the ballot
- e. Donation of \$500 to the Montello fireworks will be added to the upcoming budget.
- f. The MLIPRD website continues to have issues. Currently working with provider but a change in web site manager may need to be considered

7. Budget –

- a. Mill Rate – current mil rate is 1.5 mil (\$1.50 per \$1000 of equalized value). State of Wisconsin allows a maximum rate of 2.5 mils. There is currently a surplus in our budget so there will be no change in the mil rate.
- b. Commissioner's stipend – currently at \$100 per meeting attended. Discussion if there should be an annual stipend as well. To be discussed more at Annual Meeting
- c. Treasurer's pay – currently \$1000 annually. Will propose at the Annual meeting an increase to \$2000
- d. Lake Manager's pay – Art Schick is our Lake Manager. Currently \$2000
- e. Aquatic Plant Management Plan to be done in 2024. To harvest weeds or spray herbicide an Aquatic Plant Management Plan must be completed every 5 years. The last Plan was completed by Wisconsin Lake and Pond in 2019. \$6000 will be in the budget to cover the expense.
- f. Discussion – Annual Meeting will be held at the Montello City Hall on September 9, 2023 at 10:00 am. A Luncheon will follow at the Montello City Park. RSVP will be necessary to estimate food. Local businesses will be utilized for catering
- g. Audit will be completed in August for the 2022-2023 year by Lisa Dunaway

Motion to adjourn at 11:22