Montello Lake Inland Protection and Rehabilitation District Quarterly Meeting -- November 18, 2023 – Montello City Hall Minutes

- 1. Call Meeting to Order at 10:00
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Roll Call Present: Venise Mugler, City Representative; Ken Borzick, County Representative; Don Gibson, Secretary; Mimi Pierson, Board Chairperson. Present via telephone: Sue Fichtel, Treasurer
- 4. Minutes from 9/9/2023 and addended Minutes from 9/30/2023 were discussed and approved
- 5. New MLIPRD Board positions were introduced:
  - a. Mimi Pierson Board Chairperson
  - b. Don Gibson Secretary
  - c. Sue Fichtel Treasurer
- 6. Old Business
  - a. Summary of Aquatic plant management for 2023
    - i. Harvester cleaning and winterizing completed
    - ii. Art Schick will continue as Lake Manager in 2024
  - b. Annual Meeting Recap
    - i. Commissioner stipend increased to \$125 per meeting attended
    - ii. Treasurer stipend increased to \$1500 annually
    - iii. Seeking of drawdown permit voted down
    - iv. No change in MIL rate (clarification was discussed that the District actually charges a flat rate Special charge of \$308 per parcel that touches the lake, \$81.40 per parcel off the lake, and \$88 per business)
    - v. Annual Budget was approved

## 7. New Business

- a. Aquatic Plant Management Plan to be completed in summer 2024. The study needs to be completed at the height of the plant growth, probably in June or July. Wisconsin Lake and Pond Resources (WLPR) will complete the study.
- b. Will plan to open aquatic plant treatment to property owners as was offered, for a fee, in 2023
- 8. Insurance Management Dan Easter is willing to assist in management of the MLIPRD worker's compensation and liability insurance through Century Insurance. The Board voted to appoint Dan Easter as the "Insurance Consultant". Any changes to the policy will first be brought to the attention of the Board for discussion.
- 9. Restocking fish
  - a. An amendment to the budget to include funds for stocking fish was discussed and tabled to obtain more information from the DNR as to the current fish inventory. Don Gibson will contact the DNR and discuss possible ways of

obtaining a current inventory (possibly having an Electroshocking Survey completed in 2024)

- 10. Items for next Quarterly Meeting
  - a. Restock fish
  - b. DNR Update regarding fish inventory
  - c. Update on Dam repair
  - d. Review Special Charges on taxes
- 11. Next Quarterly Meeting February 24, 2024 at 10:00 at the Montello City Hall Community Room
- 12. Adjourn at 1106

## Addendum: December 18, 2023

Next Quarterly Meeting scheduled for February 24, 2024, will be re-scheduled to **February 17, 2024** at 10:00 at the Montello City Hall Community Room.

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