

Montello Lake Inland Protection & Rehabilitation District
Quarterly Meeting at Montello City Hall Community Room
May 11, 2024 at 10:00 AM

Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order at 1002
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call – Present: Venise Mugler, City Representative; Ken Borzick, County Representative; Don Gibson, Secretary; Sue Fichtel, Treasurer; Mimi Pierson, Board Chairperson
4. Agenda was approved.
5. Minutes from 2/17/2024 approved
6. Old Business
 - a. Worker’s Comp and Liability Insurance Coverage. Dan Easter was present via telephone. Liability Insurance is renewed on July 1. Worker’s Comp renews in December. Cyber protection was discussed. Currently our website does not contain public information or private data. A discussion to include cyber protection was entertained. A motion was made and passed to currently opt out of cyber protection insurance.
 - b. Aquatic Plant Management from Wisconsin Lake and Pond Resources
 - i. Will be treating navigational lanes that will be no more than 9.9 acres in combination with treatment of private dock/pier/shoreline.
 - ii. Postcards were sent to property owners offering aquatic treatment for owners in the district at \$60 for a 30’x30’ treatment area per parcel. Currently about 40 owners have responded.
 - c. Job posting for Harvester Operator is in the Tribune. So far, no response.
 - d. Lake Manager – Art Schick will be the returning Manager. A proactive repair of the Harvester (welding on the front conveyor belt) should be completed prior to the cutting season. The anticipated cost of the repair is approximately \$1500.
 - e. Port-a-potty will be delivered. Monthly cost of approximately \$165/month
7. New Business
 - a. Fish Survey – DNR to complete. Scott Bunde of the DNR communicated that he will likely complete the study the week of May 13, 2024
 - b. Updates on Dam Repair and questions brought to the City Meeting by Venise Mugler for MLIPRD
 - i. The city sets aside \$10,000-12,000 annually for future repairs. Currently total funds are close to \$68,000.
 - ii. It has been difficult to contact the dam operator regarding repairs.
 - iii. Grants are continuing to be researched but currently nothing in progress.

- iv. Renewal of website. Currently use Design Stallion for website maintenance. The previous fee was \$633 per year. The revised 1-year website maintenance fee will be \$822. If a 3-year plan is chosen the total cost, for 3 years, will be \$1899 (or \$633 per year). In 2021 a 5-year service contract was signed (expiring November 2026). Communication will be sent to Design Stallion to see if we can negotiate a 2-year fee (to fulfill the 5-year contract) of \$633 per year.
- v. A discussion was entertained regarding the benefits/need for a Facebook page. There were questions as to who would manage the site (and be responsible to the Board) and who would have access to posting on the site. The discussion was tabled until the Annual meeting.
- vi. The Annual Meeting will be August 24, 2024. There will be a Picnic in the Park to follow. Last year approximately 60 people attended the Picnic. Volunteers are always welcome as are suggestions for improving participation. There will be discussion at the Annual Meeting to determine if Picnic should be held in 2025.
- vii. Items for Annual Meeting
 - 1. Vote for Commissioner – Mimi Pierson’s appointment will expire.
 - 2. Discussion regarding Summer Picnic
 - 3. Discuss and vote on budget.
 - 4. Discuss results of fish survey is available.
 - 5. Discuss Facebook page.

8. Public Comments

- a. Representative Alex Dallman has been involved with the DNR for Buffalo Lake and Puckaway Lake. The Board will reach out to Representative Dallman.
- b. A question was asked if the Harvester could begin one week earlier. The DNR had already been asked this question but stated June 1 is the earliest date due to spawning.
- c. Discussion regarding lake levels. There is still no new information regarding attempting to increase the minimum level.

9. Adjourn at 1106

10. There will be a Budget Meeting on June 1, 2024 at 0830 in the City Hall Community Room

