Montello Lake Inland Protection &Rehabilitation District

2nd Quarter Meeting at Montello City Hall

February 8, 2025, at 10:00 am

Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by Mimi Pierson at 1000
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call – present Venise Mugler, City Representative; Don Gibson, Secretary; Mimi Pierson, Chairperson; via telephone Sue Fichtel, Treasurer and Ken Borzick, County Representative
4. Agenda was approved
5. Minutes from October 19, 2024, were discussed and approved
6. Old Business
	1. Update on use of Lake District funds for annual picnic: During the October 19, 2024, meeting there was a discussion if the Lake District was able to use funds gained from Special Charges for donations and/or Annual Picnic (per State Statue 33). A lawyer was contacted but no opinion had been offered. The topic was tabled until opinion from the lawyer is obtained
	2. Update on Fish Survey: A fish survey was conducted by the DNR in June 2024. The data is being examined during the winter. On the date of this meeting the report is not published. The topic was tabled until the report was published
	3. Update on Aquatic Plant Management Plan: At the time of this meeting no formal report has been completed by Wisconsin Lake and Pond. The topic was tabled until the formal report was available.
	4. Pier damage assessment: Though wear and tear over the summer of 2024 the edge of the pier was damaged. Piers Plus examined the pier and noted that there was no structural damage. A repair estimate was requested. The topic was tabled until the estimate is received
7. New Business
	1. Treasurer’s Report was presented by Sue Fichtel.
		1. On December 17, 2024, the Worker’s Compensation Audit was completed
		2. All tax forms were completed in January 2025
	2. Harvester Operator:
		1. Bob Schultz will not be returning as an Operator in 2025. The District Board would like to thank him for his previous work.
		2. An advertisement for additional Operators will be placed in the Tribune at the beginning of March.
		3. Discussion on pay rate for Operators – the 2025 rate for new Operators will be $19-21/hour depending on experience. Returning Operators will have a rate of $21/hour.
		4. Lake Manager, Art Schick, will complete job interviews for new Operators
		5. Repair to Harvester will be completed late winter or early Spring. These repairs were discussed last year. Bids for the repair are pending
	3. Formation of Committee to research and implement repairs to Montello City Dam
		1. During the City of Montello Public Works Meeting on December 11, 2024, it was discussed that a dam inspection “was done last month” but there was no report yet.
		2. The formation of the Committee was tabled until the next meeting so that a larger citizen input could be heard, and results of the dam inspection report are (or maybe) available
	4. The 47th Annual Wisconsin Lake and Rivers Convention will be held March 26-28, 2025, in Stevens Point. The District will pay for registration for up to 5 people (district members or Board members). If you are interested, please contact a Board member
8. Next meeting date and suggested topics
	1. Next meeting will be April 26, 2025, at 10:00 am at the Montello City Hall
	2. Topics suggested:
		1. Lake District fund usage
		2. Fish survey results
		3. Formation of Montello Dam Committee
		4. Aquatic Plant Management Plan
		5. Pier repair
		6. Harvester repair
		7. Status on Harvester Operator employment
9. Motion to Adjourn at 1046 was approved

Minutes by Don Gibson, Secretary

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