

Montello Lake Inland Protection & Rehabilitation District
Quarterly Meeting Montello City Hall Community Room
April 25, 2026
Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 1004
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call – present Venise Mugler, City Representative; Mimi Pierson, Chairperson; Don Gibson, Secretary; Ken Borzick, Town Representative; by phone Sue Fichtel, Treasurer.
4. Agenda was approved
5. Minutes February 14, 2026, discussed. To be added – a discussion regarding continuing the contract with Design Stallion (website) for \$4299 (3-year contract) was approved. Minutes were then approved
6. Old Business
 - a. Boat Landing sign – Venise spoke with the City of Montello and was told that the Boat Landing is the District's responsibility not the City's. Ken Borzick will investigate ownership
 - b. Dredging – There will be a discussion at the Annual Meeting (August 15, 2026) reviewing the information (a few years old) regarding cost of dredging and if the members want updated cost and should we continue to pursue the dredging project. This information will be placed on the postcard sent to members inviting them to the Annual Meeting. A written ballot will be taken at the Annual Meeting.
7. New Business
 - a. Treasurers Quarterly Report –
 - i. the \$60,000 CD is still being finalized
 - ii. Questionnaire regarding insurance was completed
 - iii. Sue applied for a \$500 grant that can be used for signage
 - b. Upcoming Harvesting Season –
 - i. The goal is to increase manhours in 2026 for weed pick-up. Keith Klabunde is a candidate for a new operator.
 - ii. Art is working on repairs and preparing the equipment for 2026. Belts are to be replaced, some welding is needed and repair of the truck windshield is underway
 - iii. Damage to the boat launch is needed. Once ownership of landing is determined the launch can be repaired

- iv. Second Offloading site – no update. A new conveyor from Aquarius was quoted at \$73,000. The use of a hay conveyor was discussed. Getting a quote from Inland was also proposed
- c. Nanobubble Technology
 - i. Nanobubble machines are built by Moleaer. Lake Arrowhead in Adams County has used this technology with good results on decreasing muck levels and increasing water clarity and reduced algae growth in the marina (2.5 acres),
 - ii. There are good informational sites such as:
 - 1. wpr.org (Wisconsin Public Radio), “Wisconsin Community Experiments with Nanobubbles to Clean Up Lake”, Sept 10, 2025. This is a story by WPR.
 - 2. Digital.wpi.edu (Worcester Polytechnic Institute), “Nanobubbles for Lake Restoration: Preliminary Feasibility and Design Aspect”, May 1, 2025. This is an undergraduate thesis (86 pages)
 - 3. Trilakesmanagement.com this is the Lake Arrowhead, Lake Sherwood, and Camelot webpage and has updates and discussion related to their project.
 - iii. Moleaer will be contacted to see if Montello Lake could benefit from this technology
- d. Aquatic Plant Treatment
 - i. Wisconsin Lake and Pond will be providing pier treatment (30 ft x 75 ft) for \$67. Once again, we have been approved a permit to treat 9.9 acres.
 - ii. Postcards will be sent to shoreline property owners with information regarding treatment and payment
- e. Items for Annual Meeting (August 15, 2026)
 - i. Sue Fichtel’s Commissioner position will be up for re-election. Sue has stated she will not be running. Anyone interested in running for the position please contact Mimi Pierson.
- f. Public comments were heard throughout the meeting
- g. Date of Annual Meeting – **August 15, 2026**
- h. Adjourn 1107