

**MONTELLO LAKE INLAND PROTECTION AND
REHABILITATION DISTRICT**

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S 2nd QUARTER MEETING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2012

MINUTES

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9am on Saturday August 25, 2012 by Commissioner Easter.

Roll Call: Commissioners Easter, Muchka and Roth present. County Representative Sheller present. Absent: City Representative

Motion: Roth/Shiller omit reading Treasurer's Report and Minutes.

Minutes: June 2, 2012 and June 23, 2012. Easter/Shiller. Minutes accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as presented. Shiller/Roth

Old Business

a) Grant Update.

Applied for invasive weed grant from the DNR. Anticipate notification from the DNR in mid-September, 2012 if approved. If unsuccessful this cycle, the District will reapply in February.

b) Fall 2013 Proposed Lake Drawdown.

If grant is approved, a drawdown will be required winter 2013-2014. The most effective drawdown is six months, beginning September, 2013 and filling mid-April, 2014. Filling the lake in mid-April, will bring water into spawning areas of the lake.

c) Harvesting Report.

There were 130 loads of weeds harvested, 44 trips to dump site, 132,000 pounds of weeds and a total 410 man hours. Harvester will be winterized towards the end of September.

New Business

a) Discuss Lake District's 2012-2013 Goals.

A brief explanation of the following goals was presented by Commissioner Easter.

- Develop a schedule for the harvester each day/shift, with a contingency plan for weather conditions.
- Improve the process of tracing paid lake assessments in order to post them properly.
- Research how to levy assessment for owners of multiple lots.
- Develop better communication with other Lake Districts.
- Build a District website.

b) Property owners concerns regarding the residual bio-mass from spring herbicide treatment.

Commissioner Easter researched this and found that early spring treatment will reduce bio-mass by 50%.

c) Property owners concerns regarding the goose population.

Discussion regarding how to control the goose population. It was suggested to discourage property owners from feeding the geese. Possibly an in an upcoming newsletter on this topic.

d) Property owners concerns regarding Watershed report.

Commissioner Easter is in contact with Nancy Turk, UW. He will continue researching and report back with any new information.

Citizen Participation.

Questions regarding the future drawdown and a spring chemical treatment. Commissioner Easter stated that there would not be any spring treatment if the grant is approved. There were many concerns expressed over the proposed drawdown happening when Buffalo Lake is also down. The economic impact of the both lakes drawn down is the major concern. Commissioner Easter explained that the drawdown is a requirement of the Grant. Barb Jordan stated that if the grant is approved, the Board should request a postponement of the drawdown. With both lakes down, o the adverse impact on businesses in Montello, She suggested appealing to Governor Walker if the DNR will not delay the drawdown.

9:45am motion Roth/Muchka adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

Elsie Roth, Secretary