

DRAFT Minutes
Commissioners' Special Meeting
Montello Lake Inland Protection & Rehabilitation District
Saturday, February 6, 2016 9:00 AM
Montello City Hall

Call to Order: 9:00 am

Roll Call: Commissioners Easter, Muchka and Roth present.. Also present County Representative, Ken Borzick and City Representative, Shelly Dufour.

Assessments: Two topics to be discussed regarding the assessments. First, Commissioner Easter explained the current process how the assessments are billed and collected. Currently, the Treasurer sends an invoice to all homeowners in the Fall. There approximately 300 homeowners billed. The homeowners have the option to pay the assessments directly to the District or pay with property taxes. From this billing, the District collects about 25% of all assessments due. The remaining 75% is collected by the county. The Board proposes to eliminate the billing and collect all assessments when the taxes are paid. Discussed the possibility billing only those who prefer to pay the assessments directly to the District. It was agreed to table this discussion until the regular March meeting. The second issue is how to determine if there is way to bill owners of multiple properties. Currently, assessments are billed to one person, rather than each property. City Representative DuFour requested the Treasurer to provide in writing the current billing process. The Board believes more time to determine how to proceed. Commissioner Easter stated the need for volunteers to form a committee to research the options. It was suggested tabling this until the Annual meeting. At this point, Dufour stated was unacceptable to postpone discussion and left the meeting.

Grant Status. The DNR approved extending the grant. The DNR has not approved future treatments at this point. Our consultant from Stantac recommends 3 treatments using Floridil during Spring/Summer 2016. The DNR is pushing for a drawdown. The Board is against any drawdowns in the near future. Suggestions from the citizens present are to prepare a petition asking the DNR to allow Montello Lake to do treatments per the recommendations of our consultant. Sandy Wuteska suggested a petition in order to convince the DNR to allow the treatments this spring.

9:40 Adjourn to closed session.

9:45 Reconvened. During closed session, the board discussed harvesting personnel wages. To keep competitive with surrounding lakes, the board agreed to increase current employees' wages \$1.00 per hour.

Roth/Muchka motion to adjourn.

9:50 Adjourn.

Respectively Submitted,

Elsie Roth

Secretary