

# Lake Wylie Marine Commission



**June 25, 2007  
7:00 p.m.**

**Belmont City Hall  
115 North Main Street  
Belmont, NC**

## Minutes

**Commissioners Present:** Chairman Joe Stowe (Gaston County), Commissioner Bo Ibach (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Secretary/Treasurer Sandy DuPuy (Mecklenburg County), Vice-Chairman Billy McLean (Gaston County), Troy Blackmon (York County), Commissioner Don Cloninger (York County)

**Commissioners Absent:** Commissioner Dan Ballou (York County)

**LWMC Staff Present:** Mike McLaurin, Executive Director, Chris Clark, Legal Counsel, Annette Lawing, Clerk

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Chairman Joe Stowe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.	
<b>Approve Minutes – May 30, 2007</b>	The minutes from the May 30, 2007 meeting were approved.	A motion was made by Secretary/Treasurer DuPuy to approve the May 30, 2007 LWMC meeting minutes. Seconded by Vice Chairman McLean. The motion was approved.
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	<b>Consent Agenda - None</b>	

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<b>Public Comments</b>	<b>Public Comments – None</b>	
<b>Consideration of Contracting with Centralina Council of Governments for Administrative Services for FY07-08</b>	<p><b>Consideration of Contracting with COG for Administrative Service for FY 07-08 –</b>  The proposed contract from Centralina COG was distributed to each of the commissioners prior to the business meeting for their review. There were no questions or concerns over this proposed contract and was approved by the commission. Executive Director Michael McLaurin thanked the commission for continuing to use COG for their administrative services.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Commissioner Blackmon to approve the proposed contract by Centralina COG for administrative services for the FY07-08 year. Seconded by Vice Chairman McLean. The motion was approved.</p>
<b>County Reports</b>	<p><b>Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department and SPLASH Report – Officer Terry Everhart reported</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ In the past month, CMPD has increased security at Latta Park and Copperhead due to several breaking and enterings.</li> <li>❑ Attended the Water Safety Forum at the W Kerr Scott Reservoir in Wilkesboro, NC on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. This forum presented a lot of great ideas. One of those ideas being the “Floatation Citation” program. This program is geared towards children to encourage boating safety. A patrol officer will approach a child who is wearing their safety vest and award them with a laminated gift card from various sponsors of the program (i.e. free milkshake from Chic-fil-a). Gaston County Police is also working to get other area businesses to promote this program.</li> <li>❑ Attended a security meeting at the Catawba Nuclear Station on June 19<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Gaston County Police Department – Officer Osborne reported</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Patrolling the lake full time</li> </ul> <p>Executive Director Mike McLaurin suggested that Officer Osborne contact the Lake Wylie Pilot to run a story on the “Floatation Citation” program. Officer Osborne stated that he will discuss this suggestion with Officer Hord.</p>	

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<p><b>County Reports (continued)</b></p>	<p><b>York County Sheriff's Office</b> – Sgt Brent Mabry reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Had one (1) drowning at Big Allison Creek. Sgt Mabry expressed concern that there needed to be more “No Swimming” signs at this landing area. There is a “No Swimming” regulation at the boat landings but it is unclear to the officers on where the landing begins and ends. This issue needs to be addressed and clarified.</li> <li>□ There is work being done on the dam and the workers approached Sgt Mabry requesting that the buoys in this area be moved further out to help lessen the wake action while they are working. Sgt Todd Campbell with SCDNR informed Sgt Mabry that this is not a restricted area however, if the buoys were placed there due to safety issues then the law enforcement agencies can enforce them. Chairman Stowe asked Ronnie Lawson with Duke Energy if he could come up with a temporary fix to this problem while this work is being done. Lawson agreed to contact the Hydro Department to see if these buoys could be moved out further.</li> <li>□ Sonar equipment has been installed into the boats and three sunken boats have already been located.</li> </ul> <p><b>N.C. Wildlife Resources</b> – No report</p> <p><b>Tega Cay Police Department</b> – No report</p> <p><b>S.C. Dept of Natural Resources</b> – Sgt. Todd Campbell reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Patrolling the lake full time</li> <li>□ The second Be Safe Team came to the lake the weekend of June 23rd</li> <li>□ Will have a new officer starting June 30<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>□ 4<sup>th</sup> of July Safety Briefing – SCDNR and other area law enforcement agencies will be coordinating with the South Carolina Highway Patrol to conduct a press conference highlighting safety on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 am at the Buster Boyd Bridge.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Service Agency (LUESA)</b> – David Buetow reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Distributed the May 2007 Water Quality report. LUESA expanded the reporting sites on Lake Wylie beginning in May. Several of these new sites are near new developments that are underway. All sites reported in the Good – Good/Excellent range.</li> </ul>	

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<b>County Reports (continued)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Distributed the May 2007 Bacteriological report. LUESA has also added new monitoring sites for bacteriological reporting. All sites reported in the 0-200 range. Vice Chairman McLean asked Buetow why they did not sample further up the South Fork. Buetow replied that time restraints would not allow them to however; there are other agencies that do test this area.</li> </ul> <p><b>NC Wildlife Resources</b> – No report</p> <p><b>Duke Energy of the Carolinas</b> – Ronnie Lawson reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Pier Approvals (13)</li> <li>□ Lake level is at 97</li> <li>□ Shoreline Stabilizations Applications (6)</li> <li>□ Ed Bruce has requested to come to the July LWMC business meeting to talk about lake levels and low flow protocols. Chairman Stowe also would like Mr. Bruce to attend the officers meeting held on July 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am.</li> </ul>	
<b>County Reports (continued)</b>	<p><b>Lake Wylie Lakekeeper</b> – No report</p> <p><b>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation</b> – Darrell McCallister reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Will be attending a meeting on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> to address the recent break-in at Latta and to plan prevention of any future break-ins.</li> </ul>	
<b>Carolina Water Service to Lake Wylie</b>	<p><b>Carolina Water Service to Lake Wylie</b> – Mack Mitchell with Carolina Water Service was unable to attend the meeting so this report was deferred until the July 23, 2007 business meeting.</p>	
<b>Environmental</b>	<p><b>Update on Hydrilla on Lake Wylie</b> - Commissioner Ibach sent Ken Manual with Duke Energy an email informing him that the draft Management Plan is ready for the proposal of the introduction of Grass Carp into Lake Wylie. The commission’s goal is to order these carp this fall in order to release them into the lake in spring 2008.</p> <p>Officer Osborne with Gaston County Police reported that he spotted some sort of weed growing in the South Fork. Commissioner Ibach stated that was Alligator Weed in that area. We will probably not see much Hydrilla until August, which is when they begin to bloom.</p>	

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<p><b>Request for Comments</b></p>	<p><b>Piedmont Natural Gas – Line Crossing Agreement in Withers Cove</b> – Carol Capps with SM&amp;E reported.</p> <p>SM&amp;E, Inc. is requesting comments from the LWMC on the Withers Cove Directional Bore proposed by Piedmont Natural Gas. This proposed project involves directionally boring a natural gas pipeline beneath Withers Cove in Mecklenburg County. The pipeline will be 12” in diameter and will extend for approximately 1,000 ft. from the southern side of Withers Cove to the northern side of Withers Cove. This pipeline is being proposed in order to service customers in new developments, including The Sanctuary and The Palisades. This will be a directional bore therefore; there will be no impacts on the water.</p> <p>Executive Director, Michael McLaurin asked how long will the construction take. Ms. Capps replied that the boring should not take any longer than two weeks.</p> <p>Vice Chairman McLean asked if any geological surveying would be done to the river bed to assure that no granite would be hit. Such surveys have already been completed, stated Ms. Capps.</p> <p>The proposed line crossing agreement was approved by the LWMC and a letter will be generated to state this approval.</p> <p><b>Reconfiguration of Riverfront Marina</b> – Larry Nelson with Skip-Jack Marine Development presented proposal.</p> <p>The request is for the approval of the proposed reconfiguration of the Residential Marina at Riverfront Development on Lake Wylie. This marina was previously reviewed by the LWMC in September 2002. During the pre-construction phase of the installation of the floating docks in Lease Area 4, a surveying error was discovered and this would not allow the facility to be constructed as originally planned. The number of slips is unchanged from the original design. The location of those slips is the only item that has been altered. The commission assigned Chairman Joe Stowe and Secretary Treasurer Sandy DuPuy to review this request and report back to the commission at the July 23, 2007 business meeting.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Commissioner Ibach to approve the proposed line crossing agreement in Withers Cove by Piedmont Natural Gas. Seconded by Commissioner Blackmon. The motion was approved.</p>

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<b>Request for Comments (continued)</b>	<p><b>Hidden Harbor Marina – City of Tega Cay –</b>            At the May 30, 2007 LWMC business meeting, Mallory Liles presented information the proposed Hidden Harbor Marina (True Marina) to the commission. At this meeting, the commission assigned Commissioner Troy Blackmon and Chairman Joe Stowe to visit this site and review the request. After this review period, Commissioner Blackmon reported that the only concern that he and Chairman Stowe had with this project was a large paved parking lot which could potentially create a lot of runoff into the lake. However, they were told that this runoff would be channeled back into a drainage basin.</p> <p>The proposed Hidden Harbor Marina was approved by the LWMC and a letter will be generated stating this approval.</p>	A motion was made by Commissioner Cloninger to approve the proposed Hidden Harbor Marina. Seconded by Commissioner Ibach. The motion was approved.
<b>Update on Interbasin Transfer</b>	<p><b>Update on IBT</b> – Chairman Stowe reported that South Carolina has filed a lawsuit against North Carolina bringing the number of lawsuits against NC to three (3). Secretary Treasurer DuPuy added that an injunction has been requested but no water has been pulled out of the lake as of yet.</p>	
<b>Update on the Law Enforcement Facility</b>	<p><b>Update on the Law Enforcement Facility</b> – Tom Smith, York County Councilman, met with Gary Bass, Building Inspector, to go over the site plan and to look at possibly utilizing same septic field. Chairman Stowe asked SCDNR Sgt Campbell if he had received a quote on moving the donated office building over to the property. Sgt Campbell replied that he was waiting to see if any grading work needed to be done before he got a quote.</p> <p>Legal Counsel, Chris Clark reported that he has been promised a signature from SCDNR for the lease agreement but has not yet received a hardcopy. South Carolina did request a few minor changes from the version that York County had signed. Once we receive the signed copy from SCDNR, the best practice is to request York County to review the revised contract and have them re-sign the agreement.</p>	
<b>Review of the Marine Commission Goals Worksheet</b>	<p><b>Review of the Marine Commission Goals Worksheet –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ <b>Public Information, Photo Shoot</b> – Vice Chairman Billy McLean reported that he is working with a marketing firm to finalize products from the photo shoot. McLean thanked Chris DeCarlo with CMPD for preparing a nice PowerPoint presentation for the Water Safety Forum by using the photos taken by Photographer Steven Somloi at the law enforcement photo shoot.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Review of the Marine Commission Goals Worksheet (continued)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Public Information, Decals</b> – Vice Chairman Billy McLean handed out several LW decals to the law enforcement officers and other commissioners to distribute to area businesses and boaters. This will help establish a vendor network to distribute these decals.</li> <li>❑ <b>Public Information, Website</b> – Secretary / Treasurer DuPuy reported that the next project for the website is posting “Frequently Called Numbers”. She will need input from the law enforcement agencies for this posting.</li> </ul>	
<b>Finance and Activity Report</b>	<p><b>Finance and Activity Report</b> – Executive Director Mike McLaurin reviewed the finance report and activities report with the Commission.</p> <p><b>Proposed Budget Revision</b> – Administrative proposed to be revised from \$26,022 to \$22,469, Environmental proposed to be revised from \$12,405 to \$15,958. All other anticipated expenditures remained the same.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Commissioner Blackmon to approve the proposed budget revision for FY06-07. Seconded by Secretary Treasurer DuPuy. The motion was approved.</p>
<b>Other Business</b>	<p><b>Chairman’s Report</b> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Joint Marine Commission Meeting</b> - Chairman Stowe asked the commission to mark their calendars for July 12<sup>th</sup> to attend the Joint Marine Commission meeting. This meeting will be held at the Pine Island Country Club from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Refreshments will be served from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.</li> <li>• <b>Recognition of Michael McLaurin from the SC House of Representatives</b> – Secretary Treasurer read the recognition of Michael McLaurin from the SC House of Representatives in which they congratulated him on his new position as Town Manager of Waxhaw, NC and thanked him for his long service to the Lake Wylie Marine Commission.</li> </ul> <p><b>Executive Directors Report</b> – Michael McLaurin thanked everyone and wanted them to remember where the marine commission was in 1989 and to look at what has been accomplished ever since. McLaurin stated that he will miss everyone but will always be an advocate for Lake Wylie!</p>	

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<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm	The meeting was adjourned on motions by Vice Chairman McLean and Commissioner Ibach.
<b>Next Business Meeting Date and Location</b>	The next LWMC business meeting will be held on July 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at River Hills Community Association, 102 Hamilton Ferry Road, Lake Wylie, SC	

Annette Lawing, Marine Commission Clerk