

Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission



**Cowan's Ford Country Club
761 Club Drive
Stanley, NC**

October 7, 2009 Minutes - Revised

Commissioners Present: Chair Pam Beck (Gaston County), Vice Chairman Alice Battle (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Skip Hudspeth (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Craig R. Wyant (Lincoln County), Secretary Treasurer Ann Danzi (Gaston County)

Commissioner Absent: Commissioner Tim Bishop (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Tim Eldridge (Gaston County)

MILMC Staff Present: Annette Demeny, Executive Administrator

MILMC Staff Absent: Chris Clark, Legal Counsel

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chair Pam Beck called the meeting to order at 6:30pm	
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	Chairman Beck asked everyone present to join in to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag	
Approval of the October 7, 2009 Agenda	The October 7, 2009 meeting agenda stands as submitted	The October 7, 2009 meeting agenda stand as submitted
Approval of the September 2, 2009 Meeting Minutes	There were no revisions to the minutes	The September 2, 2009 meeting minutes stand as submitted
Statement of Purpose	Executive Administrator Annette Demeny read the Statement of Purpose into the record.	

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Public Comments	Public Comments – None	
Consent Agenda	<p>Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Lighting on Pontoon Buoy in Neck Cove – Commissioner Hudspeth suggested that the Commission purchase a solar light to attach to the pontoon buoy in Neck Cove. This buoy is very large and on foggy mornings or at dusk, it’s very difficult for fishermen or boaters to see the buoy. The Commissioners and Law Enforcement officers present agreed and the Commission will pursue the purchase of this light. 	
Public Safety Reports	<p>Charlotte – Mecklenburg Police Department – Officer David Turner reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ September Report □ (14) Boats inspected □ (8) Citations □ (5) Warnings □ (3) Boaters Assisted □ (6) Miscellaneous □ (8) Zone Checks <p>Gaston County Police Department – Officer Doug Hord reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ September Report (combined with Lake Wylie) □ (13) Boaters Assisted □ (21) Warnings (Verbal/Written) □ (60) Safety Inspections □ (54) Special Checks □ (9) Trespassing <p>Vice Chair Alice Battle expressed her concern of the two rope swings on Mount Holly property at the south end of the lake. Officer Hord informed the Commission that the police have attempted several times to take these swings down but violators continue to reinstall them.</p> <p>Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office – No one was present to give report</p> <p>N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission – No one was present to give report</p>	

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Public Safety Reports (continued)	<p>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation – No one was present to give report</p> <p>Duke Energy of the Carolinas – Kermitt Taylor reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ (2) Pier applications approved (One expansion and one replacement) □ Lake level is 97.6 □ 	
Environmental Reports	<p>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services – Heather Davis reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ LUSI Results (July 2009) – Garr Creek testing site recorded high fecal readings (12 month average). □ LUESI will be conducting shoreline observations looking for buffer violators. □ Big Sweep was a successful event on October 3rd with 135 volunteers gathering 138 bags of trash and debris. □ November 21st – will be planting trees at the McDowell Creek Watershed <p>Lakekeepers Report – Alice Battle reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Big Sweep – Big Island was not as dirty as in years past. Mount Holly property however, was full of trash. Bags of trash along with grills and miscellaneous items were taken out of the lake. □ Commissioner Battle plans to write a letter to the City of Mount Holly regarding rope swings near boat access area. These swings are very dangerous and need to be cut down. Lake Police has been very proactive in trying to monitor this area and cutting down the ropes when they are seen. □ The New York Times is running a series of news articles on toxic waters. They began on September 13th and are available online. □ Kayak Tour on Lake James – November 1st at 1:00 pm at the Hidden Cove access. □ Island Habitat – The Covekeepers will meet on October 19th at Killian Road to check warbler boxes. □ The US Geological Service has released studies that have been kept under wraps. The study includes Mercury in fish and the study of fish at the high end of the food chain in American waters. <p>Quality of Natural Resources (QNRC) – Pam Beck reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Chair Beck announced that the Gaston County Commission cut the QNRC 	

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Environmental Reports (continued)	<p>board from 7 members to 3 members. Regular monthly meetings have also been cut. Chair Beck will no longer report to the Commission but on an as needed basis.</p> <p>Regional Stormwater Partnership – Annette Demeny reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ On October 27th, the Partnership is sponsoring a Tetra Tech Training workshop on MS4 Audit Preparation. For registration, please visit www.centralina.org. 	
Base Operating Plan	<p>Base Operating Plan (BOP) – Chair Beck and various Commissioners updated the BOP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Post Boating Safety Rules (Battle) – Duke plans to replace 9 kiosks at Access Areas on the Catawba. Two of them are to go to Mountain Island Lake, one at Riverbend and the other at Neck Road. □ Lake Management Plan – (Battle) – After research, Lake Lure issues permits, not registration for boaters. Battle also spoke with Bobby Pharr of Lake Hamilton Arkansas. Mr. Pharr works for Entergy, the equivalent of Duke Energy. Lake Hamilton was created in 1932 by Arkansas Power and Light Company for hydropower. The lake is also a reservoir for Hot Springs and is tourist destination. It is a 7,460 acre impoundment. The largest vessel is a 400-passenger riverboat. Entergy has a shoreline management plan to control piers and docks on lake. Boating regulations are made by Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. No houseboats or seaplanes are allowed on the lake. To view the entire shoreline management plan, visit www.entergy.com/hydro. 	
Chairman’s Report	<p>Chairman’s Report – Chair Pam Beck reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Discussion of River District Conference – The 3rd Annual Green Conference is scheduled for October 15th at the Pine Island Country Club. In partnership with the Gaston County Chamber, the Catawba River District will be hosting the 3rd Annual Green Conference on October 15th at the Pine Island Country Club. The Commission was approached to possibly be a sponsor of this event. To help the Commission clearly understand the concept of the Catawba River District, Rusty Rozzelle gave a quick overview to the Commission. This overview included a general description, district certification requirements, boundaries, and expectation of this vision. The Commissioners thanked Rusty for his presentation and confirmed their support of the concept. However, the Commission opted out of becoming a sponsor of this year’s Green Conference. 	

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Executive Administrator's Report	Executive Administrator's Report - Executive Administrator Annette Demeny reported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ The monthly finance report was distributed to the Commissioners prior to the meeting. There were no questions or changes to the report. □ Discussion of December meeting – The Commission discussed and decided to schedule a brief business meeting in December in conjunction with a Holiday gathering. Annette Demeny to email the Commission with potential dates. □ Proposed 2010 meeting schedule – The Commission, in accordance to the MILMC by-laws, rotate their monthly business meetings within Gaston, Lincoln and Mecklenburg Counties. The Commission accepted this meeting schedule as presented. 	
Commission Counsel Report	Commission Counsel Report – No one was present to give report	
Election of Officers	Election of Officers – Annette Demeny conducted the Election of Officers Annette Demeny announced that there are three offices up for election; Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary Treasurer. The floor will be opened for nominations. If there are multiple nominations for a position, there will a closed ballot vote. If not, the sole nominee will be awarded the position. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Chair – Alice Battle nominated Pam Beck for the position of Chair. Having no other nominations, Pam Beck will continue her position as Chair of the Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission. ➤ Vice Chair – Ann Danzi nominated Alice Battle for the position of Vice Chair. Having no other nominations, Alice Battle will continue her position as Vice Chair of the Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission. ➤ Secretary Treasurer – Pam Beck nominated Ann Danzi for the position of Secretary Treasurer. Having no other nominations, Ann Danzi will continue her position as Secretary Treasurer of the Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission. 	
Commissioner's Comments	Commissioner's Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Chair Pam Beck presented a draft guideline for the proposed Standing Advisory Committee. This Committee would be comprised of past Commissioners who 	

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Commissioner's Comments (continued)	would like to continue their involvement in projects that they have passion and interest in. The Commission reviewed the presented draft but opted out of finalizing the document until the Commission's Legal Counsel gave his comments. The Commission's Legal Counsel was not present at the meeting therefore, will revisit this item at the November business meeting.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.	
Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next MILMC business meeting will be held on November 4, 2009 at 6:30 pm at Charlotte Mecklenburg Utilities, 5100 Brookshire Blvd, Charlotte, NC.	

Annette Demeny, Executive Administrator