

Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission



**March 3, 2010
6:30 p.m.**

**Mount Holly City Hall
400 East Central Ave
Mount Holly, NC**

REVISED Minutes

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

Commissioners Absent: Secretary Treasurer Ann Danzi (Gaston County)

MILMC Staff Present: Annette Demeny, Executive Administrator, Chris Clark, Legal Counsel

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| Welcome & Introductions | Chair Beck called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. | |
| Approve Minutes – February 3, 2010 | <p>The minutes from February 3, 2010 were approved with the following revisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 3, MI Wildlife Stewards – Meeting was held at Cook’s Presbyterian Church in lieu of First Memorial. • Page 4, Lake Management Plan – Plan to schedule meetings with both Gaston and Mecklenburg Counties Utility Departments. | <p>Vice Chair Battle made a motion to approve the February 3, 2010 revised meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Bishop. The motion was approved.</p> |

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| Approval of the March 3, 2010 Meeting Agenda | The March 3, 2010 meeting agenda was approved. | A motion was made by Commissioner Wyant to approve the March 3, 2010 Agenda. Seconded by Commission Eldridge. The motion was approved. |
| Consent Agenda | Consent Agenda – None | |
| Public Comments | Public Comments – None | |
| Stakeholder Reports | <p>Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept Report – Officer Turner reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (20) Zone Checks: 11 at Neck Rd and 9 at Latta Plantation <p>Gaston County Sheriff’s Office – Officer Hord reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCPD is off the lake except on an as needed basis • Participated in Mid-Atlantic Boat Show. Good attendance at event. <p>Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office – No one was present to give report</p> <p>N.C. Wildlife Resources – No one was present to give report</p> <p>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation – No one was present to give report</p> <p>Duke Energy – Kermitt Taylor reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (2) Pier Applications (Stonewater) • (1) Shoreline Stabilization (Horseshoe Drive) • Lake Level – 97.5 | |
| Environmental Reports | <p>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Service Agency (LUESA) – Heather Davis reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Use Support Index (LUSI) Results (January 2010) – Good readings at all testing sites | |

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| Environmental Reports (continued) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Davis distributed a letter that was sent from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Stormwater Services to NC Division of Water Quality referencing the draft 2010 303(d) list of impaired waters in Mecklenburg County. In this letter, discrepancies are identified as a result of data comparison. Mountain Island Lake and Upper Lake Wylie was listed on the 303(d) list due to low pH levels. After a review of CMSWS data collected from MI Lake and Upper Lake Wylie since 1999, no pH values were below the standard of 6.0 units. NCDWQ's pH observations are consistently lower than those observed by CMSWS by as much as 1.8 pH units in April 2004 and June 2008. CMSWS requested a joint study with NCDWQ to determine the source of the discrepancy in the two (2) datasets of pH conditions on Mountain Island Lake and Upper Lake Wylie. Ms. Davis will keep the Commission abreast of the reply from NCDWQ. • Ms. Davis invited the Commission to the NCLMS Southeast Lakes Management Conference on May 4th – May 7th in Winston Salem, NC. This conference will highlight Managing Extremes: Watersheds and Climate Disruption. <p>Lakekeepers Report – Alice Battle reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Boating Course – Scheduled for March 6th from 9am – 4pm at the Mount Holly Citizens Center. • Kay Killian has invited the Commission to hike Johnson's Creek area on March 13th from 10am – Noon with optional lunch at Geppeto's on Hwy 73 afterwards. <p>Mountain Island Wildlife Stewards – Alice Battle reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting will be on March 11, 2010 at Cook's Presbyterian Church beginning at 7pm. The topic of the meeting is Hawks and Raptors on Mountain Island Lake by Taylor Piephoff of Mecklenburg Parks and Recreation. • Having trouble with wasps housing in Warbler boxes. Will visit sites with boxes on March 6th to address problem. • Killian Road Canoe/Kayak Access – The entrance to the parking lot for 10 SUV size vehicles will be opposite Pine Valley Road. The plans are that the entry into the water will be closer to the mouth of Johnson Creek; this will bypass the areas that are heavily sedimented. The access will not be built until the new FERC license is in place. | |

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| | <p>Regional Stormwater Partnership – Annette Demeny reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Executive Committee is scheduled to meet on March 5th to discuss budget for FY10-11. | |
| <p>ReVenture Project</p> | <p>ReVenture Project Presentation - Edna Chirico with the Catawa River District and Chris Neaville with Withers & Ravenel Engineering Firm gave an overview of this project to the Commission</p> <p>The proposed ReVenture Park is a 667-acre Superfund Site along the Catawba River in Charlotte, NC. This park will feature multiple clean-energy facilities, laboratories and companies. The Eco-Industrial Park is designed to leverage synergies between sustainable components that include a Biomass power plant, solar fields, incubator labs, wastewater treatment and reuse, and R&D facilities. Estimated to generate over \$900 million of new investment, ReVenture Park could create more than 1,100 green collar jobs when fully developed. The ReVenture Team includes developers, engineers, project managers, environmental experts and civic leaders. Currently, the project is in the final stages of the Superfund de-listing process with the EPA and the terms of the Brownfield agreement are being negotiated with the NC Department of Environment Natural Resources. ReVenture Park is slated to be ready for development by early 2010.</p> | |
| <p>Base Operating Plan</p> | <p>Base Operating Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post Boating Safety Rules (Battle) – Kiosks will have two plexiglass panels that will be locked. MI Lake Marine Commission will be able to have space to post regulations. 12” x 18” signs have been ordered to place at both the Riverbend and Neck Road Accesses. Buoys (Eldridge/Hudspeth) – Supplies needed to mount buoys. Annette Demeny to place order and will notify Commissioners Eldridge and Hudspeth when ready to pick up. Lake Management Plan (Battle) – Meeting with Mecklenburg Parks and Recreation Department on February 8th was cancelled. Chairman Pam Beck and Vice Chair Battle met with Gaston County Commissioners Mickey Price, Joe Carpenter, and John Tolbett on February 4th. Meeting went well and was told that this is an idea whose time had come. Commissioner Battle distributed 56 MI Opinion Surveys at area boat accesses and has received approximately 12 completed surveys back. Will continue to hand out surveys during busy boating weekends. | |

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| Chairman's Report | <p>Chairman's Report – Chair Pam Beck reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A successful MILMC Annual Strategic Workshop was held on February 26, 2010 from 8:30am – Noon at the COG offices (1300 Baxter Street, Suite 450, Charlotte, NC). • Advisory Board – Chairman Beck invited guest and past MILMC Commissioner Edna Chirico to join the newly established MILMC Advisory Board. Ms. Chirico accepted the invite and looks forward to receiving additional information about Advisory Board when finalized. | |
| Executive Administrator's Report | <p>Executive Administrator's Report – Executive Administrator Annette Demeny reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Report – the Finance Report was provided to the Commissioner's prior to the business meeting. There were no questions regarding this information. | |
| Commission Counsel Report | <p>Commission Counsel Report – No Report</p> | |
| Comments | <p>Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman Beck reminded the Commission of the Killian Hike along Johnson Creek on March 13th from 10am – Noon. When arriving at Kay Killian's property, you may notice a nesting Eagle near the first set of power lines! • Map of Mountain Island Lake – Centralina COG submitted a proposal to produce a map of Mountain Island Lake to be used during business meetings and on MILMC website. The proposal was approved by the board in the amount of \$680 and will be produced in the upcoming weeks. | <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Wyant to authorize Centralina COG to produce a map of Mountain Island Lake in the amount of \$680. Seconded by Commissioner Hudspeth. The motion was approved.</p> |
| Adjournment | <p>There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm</p> | <p>A motion was made by Vice Chairman Battle to adjourn the March 3, 2010 business meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Hudspeth. The motion was approved.</p> |

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| Next Business Meeting Date and Location | The next MILMC business meeting will be held on April 7, 2010 beginning at 6:30pm at Cowan's Ford Country Club, 761 Club Drive, Stanley, NC. | |

Annette Demeny, Executive Administrator