

Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission



**August 4, 2010
6:30 p.m.**

**Charlotte Mecklenburg Utilities
5100 Brookshire Blvd
Charlotte, NC**

Minutes -Revised

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

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Tim Bishop (Mecklenburg County)

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

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chair Beck called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.	
Approval of the August 4, 2010 Meeting Agenda	The August 4, 2010 meeting agenda was approved as submitted	
Approval of the June 2nd and July 7th, 2010 Meeting Minutes	Due to the extensive details and lengthy meeting minutes, the Commissioners requested that they have additional time to review. They were advised by legal counsel to review the minutes and to send the Executive Administrator any revisions. Approval of the minutes will be compiled via email within one week.	
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda – None	
Public Comments	Public Comments - None	

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Stakeholder Reports	<p>Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept Report – Officer Turner reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (16) Zone Checks • (5) Warnings • (19) Boats Inspections • (3) Citations • (1) Navigational Hazard • (85) Man-Hours on the Water • (1) Drowning at Gar Creek • Larceny of boat trailer at Neck Road Access • Larceny of vehicle tag at Latta Plantation <p>Gaston County Police Department – Officer Hord reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (29) Special Checks • (2) Assisted Boaters • (8) Safety Inspections • (2) Warnings • (3) Navigational Hazards Removed • (6) Trespassing Violations <p>Secretary Treasurer Ann Danzi asked Officer Hord for clarification of who enforces parking regulations at the Riverbend Access. Officer Hord stated that the City of Mount Holly has annexed this property therefore; the Mount Holly police would have to enforce this area. Commissioner Danzi to discuss this further with the Mount Holly Chief of Police.</p> <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"> • (0) Pier Applications / Stabilization Applications • Lake Level – 97.1 	

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Stakeholder Reports (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drought Management Group – Low Inflow Protocol is at Stage 0. Will begin monitoring and reporting to the DMG. 	
Environmental Reports	<p>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Service Agency (LUESA) - Heather Davis Reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LUSI - Results have not returned from the July 7th monitoring. • Bacteriological Results (July 2010) – All sites reported excellent results • May 6th Sampling at Riverbend Site – Samples were taken 50 – 75’ away from discharge. Results indicated elevated Zinc and Arsenic that exceeded the state standard. Zinc = 190 (state standard is 50), Arsenic = 23 (state standard is 10). The Division of Water Quality was notified of these results. A follow up sampling was taken on May 21st and results were back to normal. EPA will be holding hearings on how to regulate coal ash ponds and coal ash disposal sites. Charlotte is one of only five locations in the nation to host these public hearing. These hearings will be held on September 14th from 10am – Noon, 1pm – 3pm, 4pm – 6pm and 6:30pm – until. LUESA has submitted their comments and recommendations. Part of their recommendation is for new permit to require monitoring downstream from discharge. <p>Secretary Treasurer Ann Danzi asked why the change in the follow up testing in such a short time period. Ms. Davis replied that results could be affected by boats stirring up sediment on the bottom of the lake or weather conditions. Ms. Davis reported that this was the only time that testing results went above state standards.</p> <p>Lakekeeper Report – Alice Battle reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Pam Beck congratulated Alice Battle for receiving the Volunteer Award which was given out by the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation at their Annual Meeting. • Annual Meeting was held on July 17th at the Anne Springs Close Greenway Nature Center in Fort Mill, SC. <p>Mountain Island Wildlife Stewards – Alice Battle reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 29th– Full Moon Paddle - Approximately 20 people participated. • 90-100 Fish Attractors will be distributed in Lake Norman, Lake Wylie and Mountain Island Lake. They are 5’ triangular shaped boxes with rubber tubing. 	

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Environmental Reports (continued)	<p>Regional Stormwater Partnership – Annette Demeny reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No information to report this month 	
4-H Presentation	<p>4-H Presentation – Jameson Baltzegar and his family live on Lake Norman. Jameson has competed locally and at the state level with his presentation on fishing and safety. Jameson received a gold award at the local level and the silver award at the state. The Commission and the stakeholders present were amazed at this young man’s enthusiasm and knowledge of fishing and safety. Thank you Jameson!!</p>	
History of the Lake Management Plan	<p>History of the Lake Management Plan – Former MILMC Chairman Dan DuVall</p> <p>Dan DuVall served on the Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission from 2003 – 2009. Dan’s vision during his terms was to find a better form or structure for reporting what the Commission is doing on Mountain Island Lake. He and the other commissioners created a Base Operating Plan that outlines what the goals and objectives are of the Commission. Mr. DuVall also focused on what the future holds for the lake. How much shoreline is still available for development (FYI...64% of the basin could still be developed), how many boats visit this lake every year, what are the projections of boats and boaters in 10 – 15 years from now, what is the holding capacity for the lake (3,200 acres and 2,000 are navigable)? DuVall and the subcommittee reviewed Duke Energy’s Recreation Use and Needs Study and decided to go compiled additional research. Docks and slips were individually counted and reported. Dan DuVall stated that he personally supports the Lake Management Plan but the plan is not just the proposed regulations. Information in the proposed regulations is slightly different from the original document that Dan worked on. He encouraged the Commission to take this time while the development is at a stand-still and develop a Lake Management Plan that will defend Mountain Island Lake. The Commission has the best intensions for this lake, stated DuVall. Mr. DuVall wrapped up his report by stating that he could not understand why the Commissioner would want Duke or NC Wildlife on the Stakeholders Group. The Commissioner should come up with a plan before including these organizations.</p>	

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<p>Update on the Lake Management Plan and the Proposed Motor Vessel Access Management Regulations</p>	<p>Update on the Lake Management Plan and the Proposed Motor Vessel Access Management Regulations</p> <p>Chair Pam Beck thanked Dan DuVall for his presentation and reflection of the Lake Management Plan. Chair Beck added that her opinion is that the Commission should include Duke, NC Wildlife, Parks and Recreation, County Commissioners and other stakeholders in the future Stakeholders Group. They are important players in this process, stated Beck.</p> <p>Commissioner Skip Hudspeth stated that the Commission as a whole should work as a group; not just the sub-committee. Hudspeth feels that the Commission has lost public trust and that needs to be regained. New Commissioners that are coming on board in October should be included as well.</p> <p>Chair Beck added that Gaston County Commissioner Joe Carpenter phoned her and stated that the Commission is working as they hoped. Mecklenburg County Commissioner Chair Jennifer Roberts also is in support of the work that the Commission is doing right now. Commissioner Tim Eldridge challenged Chair Beck on her statement that Commissioner Joe Carpenter is in support of the Commission’s efforts. Eldridge stated that he received an email from Carpenter that contradicts Beck’s statements.</p> <p>Commissioner Wyant asked if Alice Battle will continue on the Lake Management Plan subcommittee. Beck replied that the Chair of the MILMC must appoint these members. Subcommittee members do not have to be a current Commissioner. Alice could continue on this committee, if approved by the Chair.</p> <p>Chair Beck distributed the draft Mountain Island Lake Stakeholder Group Matrix to the Commissioners for approval. This matrix outlines the proposed stakeholder groups, meeting location, time, goals and outcomes. The Commissioner reviewed this document and spent time commenting on the content. Commissioner Danzi felt that the Commission should evaluate the information that was received from the public at the three public hearings then form a Stakeholder’s Group. Commissioner Hudspeth agreed with Danzi adding that the pace is moving too quickly and setting deadlines is premature. Commissioner Eldridge commented that the proposed meeting time (9am – 11am) is scheduled when most people are working. Should consider setting meetings in the late afternoon or evenings.</p>	<p>Commissioner Hudspeth made a motion that before making further decisions regarding the Stakeholders process, the Marine Commission should hold a moderated strategic planning meeting to reevaluate where we are with the entire Lake Management Plan and how best to move forward. Seconded by Commissioner Eldridge. The motion was approved.</p>

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Update on the Lake Management Plan and the Proposed Motor Vessel Access Management Regulations	The Commission voted and approved to hold a Strategic Planning meeting. Executive Administrator Annette Demeny to research available dates/times to hold meeting at Centralina Council of Governments.	
Base Operating Plan	<p>Base Operating Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buoys – Commissioner Hudspeth reported. Plans are to re-evaluate existing buoys and identify repairs and replacement needs. • Boating Safety Regulations – Commissioner Danzi reported. Regulations that are posted on the Commission’s website need to be updated with new Boating Safety regulations. Commissioner Danzi will draft changes and submit to Legal Counsel to review. 	
Chairman’s Report	<p>Chairman’s Report – Chair Beck reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Beck announced that the Mecklenburg County Commissioners appointed Meg Morgan to fill former Commissioner Alice Battle’s term. We welcome Mrs. Morgan to the Commission! 	
Executive Administrator’s Report	Executive Administrator’s Report – No report	
Commission Counsel Report	Commission Counsel Report – No Report	

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Comments	<p>Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Officers – Commissioner Hudspeth and Commissioner Wyant volunteered to review the Commission’s by-laws and report back to the Commission of when Election of Officers should be held. Currently, the by-laws read that the elections could be held at the Commissions Annual meeting or in October. • Skills – Commissioner Hudspeth suggested that the Commission submit certain skill sets that would be beneficial to the board. This would help the County Commission make good selections when appointing seats. • Website – Commissioner Danzi suggested that <i>web content</i> should be added to the Base Operating Plan. 	
Adjournment	There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm	A motion was made by Commissioner Danzi to adjourn the August 4, 2010 business meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Eldridge. The motion was approved.
Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next MILMC business meeting will be held on September 1, 2010 beginning at 6:30pm at the Mount Holly City Hall, 300 East Central Ave, Mount Holly, NC.	

Annette Demeny, Executive Administrator