

# Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission



**September 1, 2010  
6:30 p.m.**

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

## Minutes

**Commissioners Present:** Chair Pam Beck (Gaston County), Commissioner Craig R. Wyant (Lincoln County), Commissioner Skip Hudspeth (Mecklenburg County), Secretary Treasurer Ann Danzi (Gaston County)  
**Commissioners Absent:** Commissioner Tim Bishop (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Tim Eldridge (Gaston County)  
**MILMC Staff Present:** Annette Demeny, Executive Administrator, Chris Clark, Legal Counsel

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion Summary</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Chair Beck called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm then welcomed new MILMC Commissioner Meg Morgan. Commissioner Morgan was appointed to fill former Commissioner Alice Battle's seat. Welcome Meg!	
<b>Approval of the September 1, 2010 Meeting Agenda</b>	The September 1, 2010 meeting agenda was approved as submitted	
<b>Approval of August 4, 2010 Meeting Minutes</b>	The August 4, 2010 meeting minutes were approved as submitted	
<b>Statement of Purpose</b>	Statement of Purpose was read by Executive Administrator Annette Demeny	
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	<b>Consent Agenda – None</b>	

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<b>Public Comments</b>	<p><b>Public Comments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tom Brasse</b> – Mr. Brasse recently submitted his application to the Mecklenburg County Commission for the upcoming open seat on the Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission. He informed the Commission that, if appointed, he would serve in the best interest of the lake.</li> </ul>	
<b>Stakeholder Reports</b>	<p><b>Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept Report</b> – Officer Turner reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (29) Calls for Service</li> <li>• (4) Warnings</li> <li>• (9) Boats Inspections</li> <li>• (4) Zone Checks</li> <li>• (42) Total Man Hours on Water</li> <li>• Larceny at Latta Plantation on August 9th</li> <li>• August 14<sup>th</sup> – Special trespassing detail for Duke South of Island – Several people were told to leave island before dark. 14 people were on forest land with 2 tents between 5pm – 6pm. They did leave before dark but went to Big Island.</li> </ul> <p>Secretary Treasurer Ann Danzi asked Officer Turner what the most common violation is on MI Lake. Officer Turner replied that several common violations are not enough life jackets on board and wake zones at bridges.</p> <p><b>Gaston County Police Department</b> – Officer Hord reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (20) Special Checks</li> <li>• (4) Assisted Boaters</li> <li>• (22) Safety Inspections</li> <li>• (2) Warnings</li> <li>• (5) Navigational Hazards Removed</li> <li>• (26) Trespassing Violations</li> <li>• (54) Man Hours on Water</li> </ul> <p><b>Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office</b> – No one was present to give report</p> <p><b>N.C. Wildlife Resources</b> – No one was present to give report</p> <p><b>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation</b> – No one was present to give report</p>	

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<b>Stakeholder Reports (continued)</b>	<p><b>Duke Energy</b> – Kermitt Taylor reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (1) Pier Application - Overlook</li> <li>• Lake Level – 97.1</li> <li>• Drought Management Group – Low Inflow Protocol is at Stage 0. Will begin monitoring and reporting to the DMG.</li> <li>• Successful Boom Deployment on September 1<sup>st</sup></li> </ul>	
<b>Environmental Reports</b>	<p><b>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Service Agency (LUESA) - Heather Davis Reported</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LUSI – (July 2010) – Overall results were excellent (Supporting +) except for McDowell Creek (Supporting) due to increase algae growth.</li> <li>• Bacteriological Results (August 2010) – All sites reported excellent results</li> <li>• Heavy Metal Sampling – Testing at outfall of ash basin 6x / year. Current results did not exceed state standards.</li> <li>• Big Sweep – October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9am – Noon at Latta Plantation</li> </ul> <p><b>Lakekeeper Report</b> – David Merryman reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Riverkeeper will work at Riverbend site for Big Sweep. Suggests volunteers to be there before 9am.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mountain Island Wildlife Stewards</b> – No one was present to give report</p>	
<b>Presentation on Coal Ash</b>	<p><b>Presentation on Coal Ash</b> – Riverkeeper David Merryman gave presentation</p> <p>Coal Ash is made up of coal bottom ash, fly ash, boiler slag and sludge from air pollution controls. Heavy metals such as; arsenic, boron cadmium, lead, mercury, radium and selenium is often found in coal ash. Why should we care about coal ash? Expose can lead to cancer, gastrointestinal illnesses, reproductive problems and birth defects. US EPA estimates that residents who live near unlined coal ash ponds and rely on well water have as much as 1 in 50 chance of getting cancer from arsenic exposure—a cancer rate more than 2000 times the Agency’s regulator goals. There are 427 slurried coal waste sites in the United States. EPA has identified 49 as High Hazard Potential. Four (4) of these are along the Catawba River and all are on drinking water reservoirs. High Hazard Designation has triggered dam-safety inspections by EPA and NC in the summer of 2009. Although not spotless of disrepair and improvement needs, dams have been deemed safe</p>	

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<p><b>Presentation on Coal Ash (continued)</b></p>	<p>in the Winter of 2009. Given limited information that the Riverkeeper has, ash ponds do leach metals into groundwater. CRF did conduct a water and fish sampling on Mountain Island Lake this summer. Out of the three (3) surface water samples, One (1) sediment sample, and one (1) composite fish tissue sample that were taken, heavy metals and PCB's were detected. Please go to <a href="http://www.catawbariverkeeper.org">www.catawbariverkeeper.org</a> for readings. EPA is proposing two regulatory options to address coal ash, Subtitle C and Subtitle D. With Subtitle C, ash ponds would be gone in 7 years, federally enforceable, minimum standards in 2 years, monitor and act on old sites, and "Cradle to grave" management. Subtitle D would be non-federally, citizen suits, upgrade or phase-out, no minimum standards, no monitoring of old sites, no permit requirements and only disposal management. The costs of regulations are: Subtitle C: Cost: up to \$1.5 billion/year with benefit: up to \$7.4 billion/year. Subtitle D: Cost: up to \$587 million/year with benefit: up to \$3 billion/year.</p> <p>Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation plans to comment at the upcoming EPA hearing on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Charlotte, 2707 Little Rock Road. The deadline to sign up to speak is September 9, 2010. Mr. Merryman encouraged the Commission to sign up as well.</p>	
<p><b>Update on Lake Management Plan</b></p>	<p><b>Update on Lake Management Plan – Chair Pam Beck</b></p> <p>The Commission held a Strategic Planning Workshop on August 17<sup>th</sup> at the offices of Centralina Council of Governments. Executive Director, Al Sharp, facilitated this meeting. From the meeting, the Commission agreed to create a Stakeholders Group to discuss the future of Mountain Island Lake and its issues of concern. As part of this process, Centralina Council of Governments has submitted a proposal to facilitate these meetings. Executive Administrator, Annette Demeny, distributed the proposal to the board prior to tonight's meeting. Commissioner Craig Wyant commented that the proposal was a great cost for a great service.</p> <p>A motion was approved by the Commission to have CCOG to facilitate up to 8 meetings of the Stakeholders Group and to have the understanding that if this group meets less than 8 meetings, they will not be charged but for the amount of meetings that were held.</p> <p>A press release to solicit participants for this Stakeholders Group (law enforcement, concerned citizens, HOA's, environmental groups, etc. will be comprised and sent to local newspapers in the next month.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Commissioner Wyant to approve the proposal presented by the CCOG to facilitate the Stakeholders Group meetings. Seconded by Commissioner Morgan.</p> <p>After discussion, the motion was amended by Commissioner Wyant to approve the proposal</p>

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<b>Update on Lake Management Plan (continued)</b>		presented by CCOG for facilitation of up to 8 meetings of the Stakeholders Group. Seconded by Commissioner Morgan. Motion was approved.
<b>Base Operating Plan</b>	<p><b>Base Operating Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Buoys</b> – Commissioner Hudspeth reported. Plans are to re-evaluate existing buoys and identify repairs and replacement needs. Chair Pam Beck reminded the Commission that no buoys can be removed from the lake unless there is approval through the MILMC.</li> <li>• <b>Boating Safety Regulations</b> – Commissioner Danzi is coordinating with Legal Counsel to update Boating Safety Regulations for the MILMC website.</li> <li>• <b>Website</b> – Commissioner Hudspeth suggested that a Sub-Committee be formed to work on the Commission’s website.</li> </ul>	A motion was made by Commissioner Hudspeth to form a committee to update the Commission’s website. Seconded by Commissioner Danzi. The motion was approved.
<b>Chairman’s Report</b>	<p><b>Chairman’s Report</b> – Chair Beck reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretary Treasurer Ann Danzi was recognized by the Commission for her years of service with the Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission. In appreciation for her dedication, Mrs. Danzi received a world clock from the board. We will miss you Commissioner Danzi!</li> </ul>	
<b>Executive Administrator’s Report</b>	<b>Executive Administrator’s Report</b> – No report	
<b>Commission Counsel Report</b>	<b>Commission Counsel Report</b> – No Report	

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<b>Comments</b>	<p><b>Comments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bill Gupton</b> – Stakeholders process should not be rushed. Need to clearly define goals and understand the importance of the planning process.</li> <li>• <b>Commissioner Hudspeth</b> – Stakeholders Group – Need to have clear goals and recognize what the deliverables are.</li> <li>• <b>Riverbend Parking</b> – Commissioner Danzi reported that the ongoing problem with parking at the Riverbend Access can only be enforced by NC Wildlife. This area was not annexed thru the City of Mount Holly therefore; they have no jurisdiction over this land.</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm	A motion was made by Commissioner Danzi to adjourn the September 1, 2010 business meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Wyant. The motion was approved.
<b>Next Business Meeting Date and Location</b>	The next MILMC business meeting will be held on October 6, 2010 beginning at 6:30pm at the Cowan’s Ford Country Club, 761 Club Drive, Stanley, NC.	

Annette Demeny, Executive Administrator