

Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission



October 6, 2010
6:30 p.m.

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

Minutes

Commissioners Present: Chair Pam Beck (Gaston County), Commissioner Craig R. Wyant (Lincoln County), Commissioner Cathy Roche (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Tim Eldridge (Gaston County), Commissioner Meg Morgan (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Jerry Campbell (Gaston County)

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Skip Hudspeth (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 6:32 pm then welcomed new MILMC Commissioners Jerry Campbell and Cathy Roche.	
Approval of the October 6, 2010 Meeting Agenda	The October 6, 2010 meeting agenda was approved as submitted	
Approval of September 1, 2010 Meeting Minutes	The September 1, 2010 meeting minutes were approved as submitted	
Statement of Purpose	Statement of Purpose was read by Legal Counsel Chris Clark	
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda – None	

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Public Comments	Public Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harvey Moore – Continued to be concerned about the naming of coves on Mountain Island Lake. Mr. Moore is afraid that in an emergency situation, law enforcement would be confused of what cove to respond to since several coves are known by two different names. CMPD Officer Turner stated that in the NC Wildlife Administrative Code, the names of the coves are available for only the coves that have been designated as No Wake Zones. Legal Counsel Chris Clark stated that once coves are officially named, this information should be submitted into the Administrative Code. 	
Stakeholder Reports	<p>Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept Report – Officer Turner reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (1) Safety Inspection • (1) Warning • (8) Zone Checks • (8) Total Man Hours on Water • Larceny at Latta Plantation <p>Gaston County Police Department – Officer Hord reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (2) Special Checks • (8) Safety Inspections • (1) Warning • (2) Navigational Hazards Removed • (2) Citations • (30) Man Hours on Water <p>Commissioner Eldridge spoke with the Mount Holly Police to clarify who had authority to enforce parking at the Riverbend Access area. Eldridge reported that Mt Holly Police cannot enforce this area. Gaston County Police Officer Hord added that it was his understanding that this parcel was annexed into the City therefore; Mt Holly Police should be responsible. Commissioner Eldridge volunteered to contact the City Manager to verify if this property is under the jurisdiction of the City.</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>	

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Stakeholder Reports (continued)	<p>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation – Heather Davis reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LUSI (September 2010) – all reporting sites were in the Supporting + stage except McDowell Creek Cove – Supporting. The driving factor was increased algae growth. • Bacteriological Results (September 2010) – Excellent results • Heavy metal testing twice a year (January and July) – results were below state standards. • Big Sweep – very successful with 100 volunteers that collected over 100 bags and one dumpster full of trash. Chris Clark reported that Commissioner Ann Danzi and a girlscout troop collected trash on Big Island and noticed that the island is much cleaner than years prior. <p>Duke Energy – Kermitt Taylor reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (0) Pier Applications • Lake Level – 96.9 (Target Level = 97) • Drought Management Group – Low Inflow Protocol is at Stage 1. Increased monitoring and reporting to Drought Management Group (DMG). 	
Environmental Reports	<p>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Service Agency (LUESA) - Heather Davis Reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LUSI – (July 2010) – Overall results were excellent (Supporting +) except for McDowell Creek (Supporting) due to increase algae growth. • Bacteriological Results (August 2010) – All sites reported excellent results • Heavy Metal Sampling – Testing at outfall of ash basin 6x / year. Current results did not exceed state standards. • Big Sweep – October 2nd from 9am – Noon at Latta Plantation <p>Lakekeeper Report – Alice Battle and David Merryman reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Sweep – Collected a recliner, newspaper vending machine, and trash from the lake. Mrs. Battle reported much less trash was collected than years before. • The Riverbend Coal Ash Plant is most likely going to retire in 2015. • Alice Battle, Commissioner Beck and Commissioner Danzi spoke at the recent EPA public hearing. Riverkeeper David Merryman added that 289 people spoke at this hearing. EPA has added more hearings and extended comment period to November 19th. 	

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Environmental Reports (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On October 19, 2010, North Carolina’s Division of Water Quality will hold a public hearing in Mooresville, NC at the Charles Mack Citizen Center regarding draft surface water discharge permits for Duke Energy’s three coal-fired power plants along the Catawba River. These facilities include Marshall Steam Station on Lake Norman, Riverbend Steam Station on Mountain Island Lake and Allen Steam Station on Lake Wylie. • Lakefront homeowner reported an oily sheen on the water near Gar Creek. Lakekeeper’s have visited this site to investigate but could not find anything. The sheen may be remnants of sap. <p>Mountain Island Wildlife Stewards – Alice Battle reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MI Wildlife Stewards is now a project-based organization focused on moon-light paddling events, warbler boxes and monitoring. • Sites have been selected for Phase 2 installation of fish attractors. <p>Commissioner Roche asked if anyone could put fish attractors in the lake. Duke Energy’s Kermitt Taylor responded that you would have to work with Duke and NC Wildlife to get permission to install them.</p>	
Presentation on Factory Farmed Hogs in North Carolina	<p>Presentation on Factory Farmed Hogs in North Carolina – Rae Breaux with Green Corp gave presentation</p> <p>North Carolina is the 2nd largest hog farming state in the nation. North Carolina has more hogs than people, more than 10.1 million! Those 10 million hogs come with a lot of challenges and among them is what to do with the approximately four gallons of waste each hog generates every day. This waste is tough to manage and is polluting the environment and harming public health. Often this waste is spilled into local waterways or leak into groundwater. They also emit toxic chemicals that can cause hazardous air and water pollution. Factory farms are supposed to be regulated at the federal level by EPA but the oversight has been weak to nonexistent, in part because of constant efforts by the livestock industry to weaken or eliminate environmental regulations. Ms. Breaux reported that the North Carolina General Assembly should end the current industry practice of using open-air manure lagoons, end current industry practice of spraying liquefied manure on fields, and to initiate a study on how North Carolina can transition from a large-scale industrial livestock model towards a more diversified and sustainable agricultural system. The commission was asked to write a letter of support to the NC General Assembly for</p>	

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	this effort. After discussion, the Commission decided to research information further before endorsing.	
Update on Lake Management Plan	<p>Update on Lake Management Plan – Chair Pam Beck</p> <p>Several public notifications in the local papers to solicit participants for this Stakeholders Group (law enforcement, concerned citizens, HOA’s, environmental groups, etc. The deadline for application submittals is October 31st. Once applications are collected, the Commission will select stakeholders and schedule first meeting.</p>	
Base Operating Plan	<p>Base Operating Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buoys – Commissioner Eldridge questioned the legal backing that the Commission had for buoys that were approved and negotiated to be paid for and maintained by HOA’s. Legal Counsel Chris Clark replied that if approved HOA or individual decides not to replace or maintain buoy(s) then the Commission could just decide not to replace or just finance the buoy themselves, if they see fit. • Boating Safety Regulations – An updated version of the Draft Lake Management Plan was distributed to the Commissioners for their review. 	
Chairman’s Report	<p>Chairman’s Report – Chair Beck reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alice Battle was recognized by the Commission for her many years of service with the Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission and her diligent work that she contributed on the draft Lake Management Plan. In appreciation for her dedication, Mrs. Battle received a world clock from the board. We will miss you Commissioner Battle! 	
Executive Administrator’s Report	Executive Administrator’s Report – No report	
Commission Counsel Report	<p>Commission Counsel Report – Legal Counsel Chris Clark reported</p> <p>Election of Officers - Legal Counsel Chris Clark explained the procedure regarding the Election of Officers. Noting that the current Chairman has already served two terms, if nominated again, she would have to receive a unanimous vote from the commission in order to win the seat. All other seats require majority vote.</p>	

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Commission Counsel Report (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Chair – Commissioner Eldridge nominated Jerry Campbell for Chair. Commissioner Beck nominated Cathy Roche for Chair. With a 4 / 2 vote, Cathy Roche is the new Chair for the Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission. ➤ Vice Chair – Commissioner Roche nominated Skip Hudspeth for Vice Chair. With no other nominations, Skip Hudspeth is the new Vice Chairman for the Mountain Island Marine Commission. ➤ Secretary Treasurer – Commissioner Morgan nominated Pam Beck for Secretary Treasurer. With no other nominations, Pam Beck is the new Secretary Treasurer for the Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission. <p>Congratulations to all of the new officers!</p>	
Comments	<p>Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig Wyant – Suggested that public comment opportunity should be at the beginning and the end of the monthly agenda. • Cathy Roche – The Stakeholders Group is extremely important and does not need to be a rushed process. • Jerry Campbell – As a newly appointed Commissioner, Jerry is looking forward to working with this board and has a desired interest in the Commission. • Tim Eldridge – Challenged new Chair to limit time of monthly MILMC business meetings. 	
Adjournment	There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm	A motion was made by Commissioner Beck to adjourn the October 6, 2010 business meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Morgan. The motion was approved.
Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next MILMC business meeting will be held on November 3, 2010 beginning at 6:30pm at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Utilities, 5100 Brookshire Blvd, Charlotte, NC.	

Annette Demeny, Executive Administrator