

# Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission Minutes

January 5, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.

Cowan's Ford Country Club, Stanley, NC



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

**Commissioner Absent:** Vice-chairman Skip Hudspeth (Mecklenburg County)

**MILMC Staff Present:** Carol Lewis, Executive Administrator; Chris Clark, Legal Counsel

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<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Chairman Roche called the meeting to order.
<b>Approval of Agenda /Statement of Purpose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Agenda was approved with the addition of consideration of proposed letters from the Commission concerning the FERC process and requesting expediting a report from NCDENR concerning fish sampling. Amended copies of the agenda were given to the Commissioners which included the financial report and all submitted applications for the stakeholder group.</li> <li>• The statement of purpose was read by Chris Clark.</li> </ul>
<b>Approval of December 1, 2010 Meeting Minutes</b>	A motion was made by Jerry Campbell to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2010 meeting. The motion was approved.
<b>Public Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alice Battle announced the dates for the ReVenture development project meetings and urged people to attend one of the meetings.</li> <li>• Dan Brantley noted that he did not receive the agenda packet for the meeting and wanted to be included on the distribution list.</li> </ul>
<b>Public Safety Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officer Turner – Reported that there were 11 zone checks at Latta Plantation Park and Neck Road Access in November, 2010 and 9 zone checks at Latta Plantation Park and Neck Road Access in December, 2010.</li> <li>• Officer Hord – Action on the lake has been quiet during the winter months.</li> <li>• Kermitt Taylor – One pier permit has been issued since the last meeting and the lake level is at 96.9 as of January 5.</li> </ul>
<b>Environmental Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heather Davis, Mecklenburg County – Comments were made by Mecklenburg County to the State regarding the River Bend permit, no report has been received back from the State at this date. A</li> </ul>

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	<p>printed report on water sampling results was presented. January tests will be for metals. Monthly sampling will resume in May.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lakekeepers Report, Alice Battle – Reported that Kay Killian has placed an additional 300 acres into conservancy in the Johnson Creek watershed. The suit by SC before the US Supreme Court regarding IBTs and water withdrawal and returns from the Catawba has been dropped. States have agreed to update the River Basin Water Study every ten years under the guidance of the Water Management Group. The updates will be funded by the states involved. The acceptance of the CRA as a foundation for settlement is validation for the Duke Relicensing process. This should clear the way for the SC 401 Water Quality certification.</li> <li>• No Wildlife Activity report.</li> <li>• The MILMC has been requested to send a letter to FERC encouraging them to expedite the issuing of the new FERC license. It was suggested that the draft letter be edited to include the role of the MILMC. There were questions as to the funding for the proposed facilities and the maintenance. A motion was made by Jerry Campbell to send the letter to FERC. The motion was approved.</li> <li>• Dave Merryman reported that the State completed sampling of fish tissue on the lake last spring but no report has been issued on the results. A motion was made by Meg Morgan to send the letter with the addition of information about MIL being a water source for the region. The motion was approved with the abstention of Tim Eldridge.</li> </ul>
<b>Stakeholders Group</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairman Roche introduced Bill Duston and Carol Lewis with CCOG who will be working with the Commission on the Stakeholder process. Eight meetings are anticipated for the Stakeholder Group. She noted that the packets have the goals for the group and applications. She also noted that a short survey had been sent to applicants (copied to commissioners) to clarify their interest in the lake and activities in which they were involved. The list of original categories were expanded to include fishermen, lakefront resident and a representative from the Lake Management Ad Hoc Committee.</li> <li>• A motion was made by Pam Beck to accept the categories with the additions made by the Chairman. After discussion the motion was withdrawn.</li> <li>• A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to rename the proposed Lakefront Resident category to be Non-Organized MIL Neighborhood. The motion was approved.</li> <li>• A motion was made by Pam Beck to add the Fishermen category. The motion was approved.</li> <li>• A motion was made by Meg Morgan to add a representative from the Ad Hoc group to the Stakeholder Group. The motion was defeated. By general consent the commission decided that these persons will serve as a resource to the Stakeholder Group.</li> <li>• A motion was made by Pam Beck to clarify that all categories originally listed on the Stakeholder</li> </ul>

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	<p>Group, agencies designated and categories added during this meeting shall make up the Stakeholder Group. The motion was approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern was expressed that there may be missing applications for the Stakeholder Group.</li> <li>• A motion was made by Tim Eldridge to delay the vote on the citizen Stakeholder Group members until the issue has been resolved concerning possible missing applications and that staff check emails at CCOG for all those who have applied by the deadline of October 31, 2010. The motion was approved. Commissioners were asked to check their personal email for any applications and forward to staff no later than Friday of this week. A report will be submitted to the commissioners by the end of next week as to the findings.</li> <li>• Marine Commission members will be elected at the February 2, 2011 meeting.</li> <li>• Commissioner appointees – Mecklenburg County, Karen Bentley; Gaston County, Chad Brown; no appointee from Lincoln County.</li> <li>• The consideration of citizen members of the Stakeholder Group will be placed on the February 2, 2011 agenda for consideration.</li> </ul>
<b>Base Operating Plan Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tim Eldridge reported that work is continuing on buoy anchor blocks to replace missing buoys.</li> <li>• Information has been provided to Nadine Bennett at CCOG as to location of buoys for adding to the MIL map. Craig Wyant noted that he still cannot open the map files provided by CCOG. Bill Duston will check on the status of this project.</li> <li>• Marine Commission goals will be reviewed annually.</li> <li>• River Bend Access Area – concern with enforcement.</li> </ul>
<b>Chairman’s Report</b>	No report.
<b>Finance Report</b>	Pam Beck reviewed the financial report. Carol Lewis was asked to check on the status of the audit.
<b>Executive Administrator’s Report</b>	Carol Lewis requested that those making reports to the Commission provide written copies to her for the record. Checks and new signature cards are available to be signed tonight.
<b>Commission Counsel Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Commission is not required to run based on Robert’s Rules of Order, but it does provide for a structure especially in recording votes.</li> <li>• Administrative Code – The No Wake Zones have been submitted and will be reviewed by NC Wildlife in a hearing process.</li> </ul>
<b>Commissioner Comments</b>	<p>Craig Wyant noted that he felt the commission was off to a good start for the new year. Pam Beck noted that she was pleased to see so many attending the meeting.</p>

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<b>Adjournment</b>	There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.
<b>Next Business Meeting Date and Location</b>	The next MILMC business meeting will be held on February 2, 2011 beginning at 6:30pm at the Environmental Services Facility, Charlotte, NC.

Carol B. Lewis, Executive Administrator