

Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2011 – 6:309 PM

Environmental Services Facility, Charlotte, NC



Commissioners Present: Chairman Cathy Roche (Mecklenburg County), Vice-chairman Skip Hudspeth (Mecklenburg County), Secretary Treasurer Pam Beck (Gaston County), Commissioner Craig R. Wyant (Lincoln County), Commissioner Jerry Campbell (Gaston County), Commissioner Tim Eldridge (Gaston County)

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Meg Morgan (Mecklenburg County)

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

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chairman Roche called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. She noted the absence of Meg Morgan who recently had surgery. Flowers will be sent to her on behalf of the commission.	
Agenda	The February 2, 2011 meeting agenda was approved as submitted.	Approved
Meeting Minutes	The January 5, 2011 2010 meeting minutes were approved as submitted. A motion was made by Jerry Campbell to approve the minutes. Tim Eldridge requested that an additional column be added to the minutes recording action of the commission.	Approved
Finance Report	Pam Beck reported that the audit was underway and that funds will need to be transferred from the savings account to cover the cost of the Stakeholder Group process. The budget has allotted \$2,000 for the process and the total cost is approximately \$4,600.	
Statement of Purpose	Statement of Purpose was read by Legal Counsel Chris Clark.	
Public Comments	None	
Public Safety Reports	<p>Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department Report – Officer Echert reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 Zone Checks at Latta Plantation Park • 8 Zone Checks at Neck Road Boat Access <p>Gaston County Police Department – Officer Hord reported action on the lake was quiet.</p> <p>Duke Energy – Kermitt Taylor reported Lake level as of 6:30 p.m., Feb. 2, 2011 – 97.2; No new permits issued since the last meeting.</p>	

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Environmental Reports	<p>Mecklenburg County Land Use – Heather Davis reported that all the monitoring was not back from the lab and that she would give a complete report in March. She reported on the timber removal in Latta and noted that the logging operations would be carefully monitored.</p> <p>NC Wildlife – Alice Battle reported that the MI Stewards are reorganizing under Steve Turley who is head of the Lake Norman program and founded this volunteer program. Full-moon paddles will continue this spring-summer-fall under Diane Willis. Warbler monitoring program is in limbo as all who worked on program have been terminated.</p> <p>Covekeepers – Alice Battle reported that the regular meeting of the Covekeepers was cancelled in January due to the weather. The Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation held a fund raiser at the Bechtler Museum in January. The artist colony on MIL was closed in December. Parks and Rec are going to cut pines in Latta, Cowan’s Ford and Rural Hills to sell for lumber and then plant a greater diversity of native trees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
Stakeholder Group	<p>The Goals for the Stakeholder Group were presented by Cathy Roche. A motion to approve the goals was made by Craig Wyant.</p> <p>Nominations for MILMC representatives on the Stakeholder Group were made as follows. Gaston County – Jerry Campbell Lincoln County – Craig Wyant Mecklenburg County – Meg Morgan; Alternate – Cathy Roche</p> <p>The floor was opened for nominations in each category. Alternates for each category will also be selected so if for some reason the first choice cannot serve an option will be available in each category.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeowner’s Association – Tom Blomquist was nominated by Pam Beck, Ben Bringardner was nominated by Tim Eldridge and Randy Miller was nominated by Skip Hudspeth. • Active Recreation – Tom Brasse was nominated by Cathy Roche, Randy Miller was nominated by Skip Hudspeth and Will Crist was nominated by Pam Beck and then withdrawn. 	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Tom Blomquist selected</p> <p>Tom Brasses selected</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passive Recreation – Gary Keith was nominated by Tim Eldridge and Maurice Blackburn was nominated by Pam Beck. • Non-Resident Lake User – Will Crist was nominated by Pam Beck, Bryan Abernathy was nominated by Tim Eldridge and Tom Niemeier was nominated by Cathy Roche. • Non-Organized Neighborhood Resident – Jeff Montgomery was nominated by Pam Beck, Rich Jersey was nominated by Cathy Roche and Bryan Abernathy was nominated by Craig Wyant. There was a tie in the vote and the chairman set aside the category for later consideration. • Fisherman – Randy Miller was nominated by Pam Beck and Ben Bringardner was nominated by Tim Eldridge. • Non-Organized Neighborhood SECOND ROUND – Bryan Abernathy was nominated by Tim Eldridge and Rich Jersey was nominated by Cathy Roche. • Homeowner’s Association Alternate – Ben Bringardner was nominated by Craig Wyant. • Active Recreation Alternate – Rich Jersey was nominated by Tim Eldridge, Will Crist was nominated by Pam Beck. • Passive Recreation Alternate – Gary Kitsinian was nominated by Tim Eldridge, Peter Cook was nominated by Craig Wyant. • Non-Resident Lake User – James Zecher was nominated by Tim Eldridge, Tom Foster was nominated by Skip Hudspeth. • Non-Organized Neighborhood Resident – Rich Jersey was nominated by Tim Eldridge, Jeff Montgomery was nominated by Pam Beck. • Fisherman – Gary Kitsinian was nominated by Tim Eldridge, Tom Foster was nominated by Skip Hudspeth. 	<p>Maurice Blackburn selected</p> <p>Tom Niemeier selected</p> <p>Randy Miller selected</p> <p>Bryan Abernathy selected</p> <p>Ben Bringardner selected</p> <p>Will Crist selected</p> <p>Peter Cook selected</p> <p>James Zecher selected</p> <p>Rich Jersey selected</p> <p>Tom Foster selected</p>

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	Bill Duston, facilitator for the process, stated that letters would be sent to all selected and they would be polled as to the best meeting time. There will be eight meetings involved. If the person selected to serve declines the alternate will be contacted to serve.	
Base Operating Plan	Buoys – Tim Eldridge reported that buoys have been repaired. Cathy Roche expressed thanks to those who assisted. Maps – Are nearing completion. Thanks were expressed to Nadine Bennett for her work on the project.	
Chairman’s Report	Chairman Roche reported that we will look for a time in March for a planning session for the commission. She noted that it would be good for the commission to develop a plan to educate the public on fish advisories, boating safety, litter control and no wake zones and possibly setting up a committee for public education. Budget will be developed in March.	
Executive Administrator’s Report	No report	
Commission Counsel Report	Last year the commission voted to request that NC Wildlife include all no wake zones into the Administrative Code. It was put on hold and picked up again late last year. An Executive Order has made it more difficult to enter information into the Code. Public hearings have been held on the no wake zones. Chris will continue to investigate and the commission will also look into other partnerships which may be effective on the process to get assistance in maintenance of the buoys.	
Commissioner Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig Wyant suggested setting up a Technical Advisory Committee. • Daniel Nelli made a presentation at the Science Fair at the Schiele Museum which may be of interest to the Commission. He was asked to schedule him for a presentation at the April meeting. • Cathy Roche noted that presentations have been requested by ReVenture and the Catawba River District – these have been scheduled for March and will be limited to 15 minutes each. Information packets will be requested for Commissioners. • Tim Eldridge reported that if you are interested in having your well water tested contact Ann Danzi. 	
Public Comments	Murray Nixon stated that public perception of the stakeholder process can be different from that of the Commission view. Sometimes it comes across that opinions other than the Commission are wrong and that is not true. Diversity will bring a better solution to the process.	
Adjournment	There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm	

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Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next MILMC business meeting will be held on March 2, 2011 beginning at 6:30pm at Mount Holly City Hall, Mount Holly, NC.	

Carol Lewis, Executive Administrator