

Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission Minutes

April 6, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.

Cowan's Ford Country Club, Stanley, 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 Meg Morgan (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Jerry Campbell (Gaston County),

Commissioner Absent: Commissioner Tim Eldridge (Gaston County)

MILMC Staff Present: Diane Dil, Executive Administrator; Chris Clark, Legal Counsel

Topic	Discussion Summary
Welcome & Introductions	Chairman Roche called the meeting to order.
Approval of Agenda /Statement of Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agenda was approved as submitted. • The statement of purpose was read by Chris Clark.
Approval of March 2, 2011 Meeting Minutes	Chairman Roche stated that Ms. Lewis had not completed the minutes of the March meeting before her death. The commission reviewed the items from the prior meeting and remembered two significant motions were made. One was to approve the riprap at Stonewater and the other was for buoy parts. <u>A motion was made by Commissioner Morgan and seconded by Commissioner Wyant forgo formal minutes but to record the two approvals mentioned. It passed unanimously.</u>
Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nobody signed up for public comment.
Public Safety Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officer Turner – Conducted 10 point checks during the month of March. The annual boater safety is in progress. Two new people will start mid-April to help out with rotation. There will not be any jet skis for use this summer. • Officer Hord – Saturday and Sunday hours will begin on May1 and full time June 12. No part time help available this summer because of budget cuts. • Kermitt Taylor – Two pier permits have been issued since the last meeting and the lake level is at 97 and still in stage 1 water restrictions.

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Environmental Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Davis, Mecklenburg County –A printed report on water sampling results was presented. Sampling was done on March 8. McDowell Creek Cove dropped to partially supporting. The recent rain was the probable cause of this and high turbidity. A sign for fish advisory was also distributed. • Lakekeepers Report, Alice Battle –Reported about a new national program from EPA to test for turbidity. Covekeepers will be asked to do sampling off of their docks.
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Nelli, Gaston County student gave a presentation about his science fair project, Micro-Hydro Power
Stakeholders Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Wyant provided the commission with an overview of the stakeholder meetings to date. Commissioner Beck asked if there was more recent data from Duke Energy regarding the lake’s carrying capacity. None appears to be available.
Base Operating Plan Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Hudspeth stated that we needed to get the additional buoy purchased. River Bend Access Area – concern with enforcement.
Chairman’s Report	Chairman Roche stated that she has handed out the agenda for the annual work session. Needs to be a productive meeting to establish goals, review budget and establish committees. She feels that the committees are an untapped resource and we should work to get them more involved.
Executive Administrator’s Report	Diane Dil introduced herself to the commission and is looking forward to working with the commission.
Finance Report	Pam Beck would like to have an orientation to the budgeting process. Perhaps schedule a meeting with Tonya Frye of Centralina staff to review finances. Would like clarification about fund balance.
Commission Counsel Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative Code – No progress has been made in getting the buoys into the administrative code.
Participation in NCLMS sediment workshop	Commissioner Hudspeth announced an upcoming NCLMS workshop in Lake Lure. <u>Commissioner Hudspeth made a motion that the commission would pay the registration fee for the workshop. It was seconded by Commissioner Beck and passed unanimously.</u> Ms. Dil stated that it would be easier if the commissioners paid for the workshop and submitted the receipt for reimbursement.
Commissioner Comments	Craig Wyant encourages the commission to look for any other students in the community to provide presentation similar to tonights. It is a potential tool for outreach into the community.

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Public Comments	Rich Jersey asked if they still stock the lake. It is stalked with grass carp and other fish. Are the wood duck boxes monitored?
Adjournment	There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.
Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next MILMC business meeting will be held on May 4, 2011 beginning at 6:30pm at the Environmental Services Facility, Charlotte, NC.

Diane Dil, Executive Administrator