

# Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission Minutes

May 4, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.

Environmental Services Center, 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 Meg Morgan (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Jerry Campbell (Gaston County), Commissioner Tim Eldridge (Gaston County)

**Commissioner Absent:** None

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

Topic	Discussion Summary
<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>• Chairman Roche requested to add a public comment period at the end of the meeting. The agenda was approved as changed.</li> <li>• The statement of purpose was read by Chris Clark.</li> </ul>
<b>Approval of April 6, 2011 Meeting Minutes</b>	Chairman Roche asked for additions or corrections to the minutes. None was received and the minutes were approved.
<b>Public Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rodney Epps questioned if parking citations will be issued for vehicles illegally parked in places for boat trailers at the River Bend access. Commissioner Eldridge has spoken with Mt. Holly police and he was referred to the county manager. He will follow up. Mr. Epps also questioned if the security cameras were functioning. Kermit Taylor said there are some problems with the memory on the cameras and they need to establish a schedule to remove the tapes.</li> </ul>
<b>Public Safety Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officer Turner – Conducted 17 zone checks during the month of April, 4 boat inspections, 1 citation (wake zone). Two new staff members are currently in training. Summer staffing level – one or two weekend days depending on vacations and one day during the week.</li> <li>• Officer Shaw – Gaston County will start patrolling this weekend. Last week they tested the new sonar system with Charlotte fire department.</li> <li>• Kermit Taylor – Three pier permits have been issued since the last meeting and the lake level is at 97.2 and still in stage 1 water restrictions.</li> </ul>

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<b>Environmental Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heather Davis, Mecklenburg County –There was no lake report this month. Ms. Davis provided an extensive and very informative stream report. She discussed the various programs Mecklenburg County utilizes to monitor the streams. These include stream walks to find leaks or blockages and aerial infrared review to identify hot spots for potential sewer leaks.</li> <li>• Lakekeeper Report, Alice Battle – provided additional information about the upcoming secchi disc dip in program. Covekeepers will have the open swim challenge on June 4<sup>th</sup> at Latta Plantation.</li> <li>• Wildlife, Alice Battle - solar lights will be installed on the poles of the osprey nests to reduce navigational hazards.</li> </ul>
<b>Finance Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pam Beck reviewed some of the latest charges and asked if other commissioners had an interest in forming a finance committee to discuss our upcoming budget.</li> </ul>
<b>Chairman’s Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairman Roche met with Duke Lake Management leadership to discuss ways the two groups can work together. Duke agreed to arrange a tour of the dams if the commissioners had an interest. Duke provided information about a wildlife habitat enhancement grant program and they encouraged the commission to apply. Commissioners Morgan and Wyant agreed to work on this grant.</li> <li>• Chairman Roche attended the Gaston County QNRC stakeholders meeting, where they discussed potential partnerships for water quality and land conservation initiatives.</li> </ul>
<b>Reports from Committee Chairs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairman Roche asked for comments and progress reports from each committee chair.</li> <li>• Watershed - Commissioner Campbell has confirmed Ed Cross, Ron Smith and one other to be part of this committee. They will meet the following week to discuss future plans.</li> <li>• Technical Advisory Committee - Commissioner Wyant is assembling a group of knowledgeable professionals to advise the commission as needed and develop potential new commissioners.</li> <li>• Safety and Buoys - Commissioner Hudspeth reviewed the plan and objective for next year. Commissioner Eldridge will talk with NC Wildlife Commission about potential for working together to install channel markers and navigational aids.</li> <li>• Water Quality - Commissioner Beck will look to members of a dedicated group that meets monthly to help on this committee.</li> <li>• Communications - Chairman Roche will develop an overall communications plan. The website will be a huge part, but one of many other channels.</li> <li>• Shoreline Management - Commissioner Morgan will use the stakeholder’s information as a good source to develop educational information as well as the physical clean-up. Will examine the possibility of the “adopt a stream” program to care for the shoreline.</li> </ul>

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<b>Update on Stakeholder's Group</b>	Chairman Roche stated that the group covered the two most controversial issues – boat size and user fees. The group continues to state that the lake is self limiting because of a lack of gas docks. It would be better if there was data to support the link between motor size and sedimentation. There are three more meetings scheduled where the group will discuss short and long term goals. They will present the recommendations to the commission at the June 20 <sup>th</sup> stakeholder meeting.
<b>Executive Administrator's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Dil is reviewing different directors and officers insurance providers.</li> <li>• A budget amendment will be brought before the commission in June to allocate funds for the stakeholder process.</li> <li>• The audit has been received. The only comment was to be sure that budget amendments are carefully documented.</li> <li>• The budget preparation and CCOG proposal will be done during May for June adoption.</li> <li>• Quotes are being received to purchase burgess for commissioners.</li> </ul>
<b>Commission Counsel Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrative Code – NC Wildlife has agreed to review all no wake zones approved by the commission. Mr. Clark will work with CCOG to gather the required information.</li> </ul>
<b>Commissioner Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Beck would like to provide dinner for the commissioners and reporting stakeholders. Money is in the budget for this.</li> <li>• Chairman Roche requested looking for a different meeting place for the Mecklenburg County location.</li> </ul>
<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 June 1, 2011 beginning at 6:30pm at the Mount Holly City Hall, Mount Holly, NC.

Diane Dil, Executive Administrator