

Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission Minutes

January 2, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.

Mount Holly City Hall

Mount Holly, NC



Commissioners Present: Chairman Kari Lanning (Lincoln County), Vice-Chairman Skip Hudspeth (Mecklenburg County), Secretary/Treasurer Brian Weyeneth (Gaston County), Commissioner Cathy Roche (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Murray Nixon (Gaston County), Commissioner Meg Morgan (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Jerry Campbell (Gaston County)

Commissioner Absent: None

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

Topic	Discussion Summary
Welcome & Introductions	Chairman Lanning called the meeting to order.
Consideration of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Campbell requested to add the recognition of Ron Smith of Gaston County Development Services to the agenda. With no objection this item was added to the agenda. • No items for the Consent Agenda.
Approval of Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Commissioner Weyeneth made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2012 meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morgan and approved unanimously.</u>
Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
Public Safety Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officer Hord of Gaston County reported. They are off the water for the winter. They are still working on the purchase of a new boat. • Kermitt Taylor, Duke Energy –The lake level is 96.9’ with current drought conditions supporting Stage Zero of the Low Inflow Protocol. No permits were issued during the previous month.
Environmental Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Davis, Mecklenburg County reviewed the LUSI and Bacteriological reports for November. The state discovered seepage at the ash basin in Riverbend. It is currently being monitored and no report has been issued. • Alice Battle, Lakekeeper, was unable to attend. Chairman Lanning stated there was not a Covekeepers meeting in December.
Finance Report	Commissioner Weyeneth reviewed the latest financial statements.

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Chairman's Report	Chairman Lanning extended Ms. Battle's invitation to the Covekeepers meeting on Monday, January 14th, at Cook's Presbyterian Church at 7:00 PM in the Family Life Center of Cook's Presbyterian Church on Mt. Holly-Huntersville Road. Rhi Bowman is back from her study of coal plants in the US and the effects of coal ash. A video and report of her findings will be presented at the meeting. Chairman Lanning announced that the Gaston County QNRC meeting will be the following evening and Jim Burke will provide a report on coal ash. She reminded all that the Strategic Planning session will be Saturday January 5 th beginning at 9:00.
2012 Operating Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Quality – Alice Battle was not present to report. • Property –Duke Energy has installed the majority of the signs for the MIL Stewardship Project. The next step in the process is to measure the success of the program. The best way to determine the success is through verbal reports from regular lake users about any changes to the level of trash. • Watershed – Commissioner Campbell announced that Ron Smith of Gaston County Development Services has been elected to the office of President of NC Association of Zoning Officials and thanked him for the work and support he provides the Commission. • Safety – Commissioner Hudspeth will continue his buoy survey when the weather warms up. He has been working with Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation Department to replace the buoys in the northern neck. The buoys have been received and the Marine Commission will help to get them installed. He would like to discuss a strategy to work with the NC Wildlife Commission at the Strategic Planning Session. • Communications – Commissioner Roche reported that meeting announcements and schedule updates have been posted on the website. She would like to discuss other communication ideas at the Strategic Planning Session. • TAC – Chairman Lanning announced that Commission Weyeneth will now be the chair of the TAC. • Other – Commissioner Morgan updated the Commission on the status of the 2012 Blue Fin Award. No nominations were received this year. <u>Commissioner Nixon made a motion to award the Blue Fin to Steadman Sugg. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morgan and passed unanimously.</u>
Executive Administrators Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Dil reviewed the report of tasks done by CCOG staff for the months of November and December 2012.
Commission Counsel Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 7:00.

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Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next MILMC business meeting will be held on February 6, 2013 at the Lincoln County location.

Diane Dil, Executive Administrator