

Lake Wylie Marine Commission
November 26, 2012
Gaston College East Campus
Meeting Minutes



Commissioners Present: Chairman Terry Everhart (Mecklenburg County)
Vice Chairman Brad Thomas (Gaston County)
Secretary Treasurer Ron Wanless (York County)
Commissioner Smitty Hanks (Gaston County)
Commissioner Robert Biggerstaff (Gaston County)
Commissioner Lynn Smith (Mecklenburg County)
Commissioner Ed Hull (York County)
Commissioner George Medler (York County)

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Howard Virkler (Mecklenburg County)

LWMC Staff Present: Joe Stowe, Executive Director, Chris Clark, Legal Counsel,
Diane Dil, Commission Clerk

Item 1 – Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Everhart called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Item 2 – Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Biggerstaff to approve the October 2012 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wanless seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Item 3 - Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Medler and it was approved unanimously.

Item 4 – Consent Agenda

No items were submitted on the consent agenda.

Item 5 – Public Comment

No one was present for public comment.

Item 6 – Stakeholders Reports

Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department – Officer Everhart reported. SPLASH participated in the Charlotte Thanksgiving parade. At the parade, Officer Everhart determined that SPLASH

needed a new amp and battery. Commissioner Hanks made a motion for the purchase of a new amp and battery for SPLASH. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas and approved unanimously.

Gaston County Police Department – Officer Hamrick reported

- They have participated in two parades in November and will be in eight parades in December.
- They did a test drive of possible boats in Wilmington. They are completing the final requirements to purchase a new boat. The boat will cost between \$230,000 and \$280,000. They will continue to use the second boat.

York County Sheriff's Office – Sgt Mabry reported

- They are on the water as needed.
- A new water heater has been installed in the Law Enforcement Center.

Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Service Agency (LUESA) – David Buetow reported

- Mr. Buetow reviewed the reports from October. The numbers were very good and probably reflect the recent drier conditions.

Duke Energy of the Carolinas – Ronnie Lawson reported

- Lake level – 96.1%
- Drought Management Group – Low Inflow Protocol (LIP) is at Stage 1 (voluntary conservation).
- Commissioner Wanless asked if there was any update related to the invasive species program. Mr. Lawson is not aware of any news but will follow up with the proper team.

Item 7 – Treasurer's Report

Secretary Treasurer Ron Wanless reviewed the financial statements. All numbers appear to be in order.

Item 8 – Executive Director's Report – Executive Director Joe Stowe reported

- **Law Enforcement Center** – he met with John Edwards to discuss the new boat ramp. They are gathering final costs and should bring a final cost proposal to the January meeting.
- **Meeting with Jerry Orr** – CD Collins has arranged a meeting with Charlotte Douglas Airport Director, Jerry Orr to discuss measures that will be used to minimize runoff during construction of a future runway. This meeting is scheduled for early December.
- **Goal Setting Workshop** – He will contact Jenny Stultz to see if she is available to facilitate this year's goal setting workshop. One potential of using her services again is not spending too much time revisiting previous projects. He hopes to schedule the workshop in early January.
- **2013 Meeting Schedule** – Commissioner Medler made a motion to approve the proposed 2013 meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hanks and was approved unanimously.

Item 9 – Chairman’s Report - Chairman Terry Everhart reported

- **Update on Water Safety Meeting** - Chairman Everhart continues to work toward organizing a meeting with paddle boat rental agencies and law enforcement personnel to determine a long term plan to reduce the potential for accidents between paddle boaters and power boaters.
- **International Boater Safety Summit** –Chairman Everhart reported that he and Officer Hord will present as this year’s summit in San Antonio. They requested funds from the commission to help offset the costs. Commissioner Hull made a motion to provide funding up to \$530 to Officers Everhart and Hord for the boaters summit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Biggerstaff and approved unanimously.

Item 10 – Old/New Business and Commission Project Reports

- **Water Quality** –
 - Clean Marina – Commissioner Biggerstaff is awaiting a response from Harbortown Marina to move forward with becoming the next Clean Marina.
 - Invasive Species – no report
- **Safety**
 - **Buoy Update** – Commissioner Hanks made eight anchors and delivered them to Dock Masters. The buoys at Boyd’s Cove have been replaced.
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Item 11 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

The next LWMC business meeting will be held on January 28, 2013 at CMC Steelcreek Healthcare Pavilion, in Charlotte, NC.