

Lake Wylie Marine Commission



**November 24, 2008
7:00 p.m.**

**Camp Thunderbird
One Thunderbird Lane
Lake Wylie, SC**

Minutes

Commissioners Present: Chairman Sandy DuPuy (Mecklenburg County), Secretary Treasurer Smitty Hanks (Gaston County), Commissioner David Cloninger (Gaston County), Commissioner Ron Wanless (York County), Commissioner Terry Everhart (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Howard Virkler (Mecklenburg County), Vice Chairman Vernon Peers (York County)

LWMC Staff Present: Chris Clark, Legal Counsel, Annette Lawing, Interim Executive Director

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chairman Sandy DuPuy called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm.	
Approve Minutes – October 27, 2008	The minutes from the October 27, 2008 meeting were approved.	A motion was made by Vice Chairman Peers to approve the October 27, 2008 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Everhart. The motion was approved.

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Approval of the November 24, 2008 Meeting Agenda	The November 24, 2008 meeting agenda was approved as submitted	
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda - None	
Public Comments	<p>Public Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Catawba Riverkeeper David Merryman reported that a meeting is scheduled on December 1 in Belmont to take a stance on the guidelines for the Garden Parkway Project. This connector project will create a new roadway from I-85 west of Gastonia in Gaston County to I-485 near the Charlotte Douglas International Airport. 	
Treasurer's Report	<p>Treasurer's Report – Secretary Treasurer Smitty Hanks reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Finance Report - The monthly finance report was distributed to the commissioners. The commissioners had no questions regarding the report. 	
Executive Director's Report	<p>Executive Director's Report – Interim Director Annette Lawing reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2009 Meeting Schedule – the proposed meeting locations will remain as listed: York County – Camp Thunderbird, Mecklenburg County – Red Fez Club, and Gaston County – Belmont City Hall. The proposed meeting dates are the 4th Monday of every month, excluding months that the meeting falls on a holiday. The meeting date would then be moved to the 3rd Monday. b. Commissioner Business Cards – a draft of the commissioner business cards was generated to each of the commissioners for their review. Ms. Lawing received a quote of \$59 from Awards Express for 500 generic business cards. The commission agreed that this would be a good investment and asked Ms. Lawing to place the order. 	A motion was made by Commissioner Wanless to approve the 2009 LWMC meeting schedule as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Everhart. The motion was approved.
Chairman's Report	<p>Chairman's Report – Chairman Sandy DuPuy reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strategic Workshop – the LWMC strategic workshop has been scheduled for January 16th from 8:30 – Noon at the COG offices. ➤ No Wake Zone Requests – Chairman DuPuy proposed that the commission draft a policy and procedures document that details the requirements and procedures when reviewing no wake zone requests. Commissioner Everhart, Commissioner Cloninger and Clerk Annette Lawing will work on generating this draft. 	
Legal Counsel's Report	<p>Legal Counsel's Report – Chris Clark reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Executive Director's Status – Former LWMC Commissioner Joe Stowe submitted 	A motion was made by Commissioner

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Legal Counsel's Report (continued)	his proposal for the Executive Director position of the Lake Wylie Marine Commission. As part of this request, Mr. Stowe would receive a salary of \$15,000 annually in addition to travel expenses. There will be an annual evaluation of the Executive Director by the commission as well as a 30 day termination notice.	Wanless to accept proposal for Joe Stowe to become the new Executive Director of the LWMC with Chris Clark to work with the LWMC officers to develop a final contract to be signed. Seconded by Commissioner Everhart. The motion was approved.
Old Business	Old Business ➤ None	
Commission Projects Report	Commission Projects Report ➤ Project S-01, Law Enforcement Facility – York County's Deputy Ware reported that the necessary handicap signs were installed and concrete was pored therefore, the Certificate of Occupancy was issued. ➤ Project E-2, Hydrilla – Commissioners Virkler, DuPuy and Wanless and Joe Stowe attended the November 17 th Hydrilla meeting organized by Ken Manual, Duke Energy's Aquatic Plant & Mosquito Control Manager, at Camp Thunderbird. Mr. Manuel and Dr. Phil Kirk, the author of the LWMC's Hydrilla Management Plan, presented the proposed plan to commissioners and stakeholders from North and South Carolina. Attendees agreed that hydrilla in Lake Wylie needs to be addressed aggressively. Plans are to use herbicides and to release 1,800 additional sterile grass carp in spring 2009 and to maintain a suitable number of carp to suppress hydrilla in the future. Former LWMC Commissioner Bo Ibach suggested that the commission approach Clariant for funds to help restock the lake with carp since they played an apparent role in the fish kill in 2008. The draft Management Plan for the Lake Wylie Marine Commission was unanimously approved by the commissioners. ➤ Project E-4, Clean Marina Program – Commissioner Peers talked with River	A motion was made by Commissioner Peers that the commission approve the Management Plan for LWMC as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Virkler. The motion was approved.

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Commission Projects Report (continued)	<p>Hills who was designated as a Clean Marina, and the contact person stated that there are cost sharing options with the State of SC to install pump stations. This would be a good opportunity except for marinas that do not have a septic system to pump to. Commissioner Peers to conduct further research. Peers suggested that the commission approach the State of South Carolina for support of this effort.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Project S-03, GIS Mapping – Commissioner Everhart recently has mapped missing NC markers and markers that the commission is responsible for. During spring of 2009, Commissioner Everhart plans to map new buoys at area bridges. 	
Stakeholders Reports	<p>Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept and SPLASH Report – Officer Everhart reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly Activity Summary (October 2008) • (101) Calls for Service • (6) Boats Inspected • (1) Boaters Assisted • (6) Boaters Warned • (0) Boating Accident • (1) Navigational Hazards Removed • SPLASH Report (October 2008) • October 10th – Gaston College Annual Kids Day <p>Gaston County Police Department – Officer Rodney Hamrick reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very quiet on lake right now. Have been focusing on training. <p>York County Sheriff’s Office – Deputy Ware reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Worked with area vendors for the Flotation Citation Program on Lake Wylie ➤ Preparing for the upcoming Christmas parades. <p>N.C. Wildlife Resources – No one was present to give a report</p> <p>Tega Cay Police Department – No one was present to give a report</p> <p>S.C. Dept of Natural Resources – No one was present to give a report</p> <p>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Service Agency (LUESA) – No one was present to give a report</p>	

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Stakeholders Reports (continued)	<p>Duke Energy of the Carolinas – No one was present to give a report</p> <p>Lake Wylie Lakekeeper – Ellen Goff reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ York County Buffer Ordinance revision – 2nd reading will be the 2nd week in December ➤ Stormwater Ordinance reading will be in December. Chairman DuPuy requested that Ms. Goff educate the commission on this ordinance at the January 26th LWMC meeting. <p>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation – Mike Monroe reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mike Monroe has been working on GPS location of missing buoys and visiting area landings to assure ordinance and regulations are posted properly. 	
Adjournment	There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm	
Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next LWMC business meeting will be held on January 26, 2009 at 7:00 at Camp Thunderbird, One Thunderbird Lane, Lake Wylie, SC.	

Annette Lawing, Interim Executive Director