

Lake Wylie Marine Commission



**October 27, 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)

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner 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 7:05 pm and welcomed new LWMC Commissioners Terry Everhart and Howard Virkler to the commission.	
Approve Minutes – September 22, 2008	The minutes from the September 22, 2008 meeting were approved.	A motion was made by Commissioner Hanks to approve the September 22, 2008 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Everhart. The motion was approved.

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Approval of the October 27, 2008 Meeting Agenda	<p>The October 27, 2008 meeting agenda was approved with the following revision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Agenda Item #VI b, remove item from agenda 	<p>A motion was made by Commissioner Cloninger to approve the October 27, 2008 meeting agenda with the noted revision. Seconded by Sec/Treasurer Hanks. The motion was approved.</p>
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda - None	
Public Comments	Public Comments - None	
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. b. 2008-2009 Budget Revision – Interim Executive Director Annette Lawing distributed the proposed budget revision. This revision included: decrease audit projection from \$7,000 to \$2,500, increase contributions from \$1,000 to \$2,000, increase law enforcement facility from \$17,617 to \$21,117. 	<p>A motion was made by Sec/Treasurer Hanks to approve the proposed 08-09 budget revision. Seconded by Commissioner Wanless. The motion was approved.</p>
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. Commissioner Wanless suggested that the regular meeting dates be changed to every 3rd or 4th Tuesday due to a personal conflict. The commission discussed this change but could not come to a consensus. This request will be addressed again at the November 24th business meeting. 	

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Chairman's Report	<p>Chairman's Report – Chairman Sandy DuPuy reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strategic Workshop – would like to schedule the LWMC Strategic Workshop in January. The meeting location will most likely be at the COG headquarters from 8am-12pm. More information to follow. ➤ 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 Interim Executive Director Annette Lawing will work on generating this draft. ➤ Business Cards – At the commission's November meeting, Annette Lawing will provide a quote for individual business cards and/or generic business cards. 	Commissioner Everhart, Commissioner Cloninger and Annette Lawing will develop a 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 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. With the commission's approval, Chairman DuPuy will coordinate with Centralina COG in providing a complete job description of this position and drafting the necessary contract for the commission's review. ➤ Commissioner Wanless stated that Joe Stowe has a world of knowledge of this lake and it would be very difficult to find someone else more with more experience. 	A motion was made by Commissioner Everhart to have Chairman DuPuy coordinate with COG in drafting a job description and contract for the LWMC Executive Director's position. Seconded by Sec/Treasurer Hanks. The motion was approved.
Old Business	<p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Interim Executive Director Annette Lawing reported that the auditor is in the process of completing the FY07-08 audit. 	
Request for Comments	<p>Request for Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Request for No Wake Zone, Yachtsman on Lake Wylie (Follow-up) – Commissioner Terry Everhart reported that he and Chairman Sandy DuPuy visited this site and spoke with the applicants about this request. As a CMPD Officer, Commissioner Everhart feels that since this area is on the main channel of the lake, creating a no wake zone would most likely not fix the wake problem. As far as the 	

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<p>Request for Comments (continued)</p>	<p>safety factor, Commissioner Everhart suggested that the property owners call the law enforcement agencies when they see dangerous activities occurring. Eventually, this will slow boaters down. In addition, there's an island that sits in the mouth of this cove and if the commission approves a no wake zone on one side of the island, they will need to make the other side no wake as well. The commission's recommendation was to take no action at this time and to proceed to develop its new policy for no wake requests. During next year's boating season, the applicant agreed to call law enforcement when they witness speeding and reckless boaters. Hopefully, this will remedy the problem. If not, the applicant can resubmit another no wake zone request.</p> <p>➤ Update on Drought Mitigation Plan for Allen Steam Station and Request for Approval for Permanent Pumping System – Ron Lewis with Duke Energy reviewed the results of the temporary system and outlined the request for the permanent pumping system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Allen permit limits for discharge temperature can cause derates and require shutdown ▪ Allen was derated as much as 57% at times during August 2007. Duke Decision Analysis Team was formed in September 2007 to address the drought derates. The team identified and selected drought enhancement options: Maintenance dredging of existing intake area was needed to assure intake operation with Lake Wylie at/above 555 ft above MSL. Supplemental pumping of cooling water to discharge canal to maintain compliance with thermal limits to ensure uninterrupted power production during July, August, and September. ▪ The Temporary Supplemental Cooling System pumped 60,000 gpm during July, August, and September. There was minimal shoreline and land disturbance as most piping was above ground. ▪ The Permanent Supplemental Cooling System will pump 240,000 gpm during July, August, and September starting in 2009. An area adjacent to the shoreline will be dredged for installation of submerged wedgewire screens in Lake Wylie at elevation of 545 ft-msl. Minimal shoreline vegetation disturbance, as metal sheet piling will be used to create a coffer dam along the shoreline that will be dewatered for directional drilling to install four intake lines. Once directional drilling is complete, the sheet piling will be removed. ▪ Commissioner Wanless asked if there will be discharge data available for the public to review. Mr. Lewis replied that there will be a discharge report 	<p>A motion was made by Sec/Treasurer Hanks to approve the request for a permanent pumping system at the Allen Steam Station as presented by Duke Energy. Seconded by Commissioner Everhart. The motion was approved.</p>

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	available on a monthly basis.	
Commission Projects Report	<p>Commission Projects Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Project S-01, Law Enforcement Facility – York County’s Deputy Ware and Sgt Mabry along with Joe Stowe meet with the building inspectors and received a temporary Certificate of Occupancy. Once the necessary tasks are completed, a permanent CO will be issued. ➤ Project E-2, Hydrilla – Duke Energy sprayed 90 acres in the Paw Creek area with herbicide to help control the Hydrilla growth. They plan to visit this site on November 10th to see the effects of this treatment. On November 17th, there will be a Hydrilla meeting from 10am-2pm at Camp Thunderbird. ➤ Project PI-03, Burgees – Former Commissioner Bo Ibach distributed the completed burgees to the commission. There are burgees for current commissioners and for former commissioners. The commissioners will display these burgees on their personal water craft as a representative of the commission. 	
Stakeholders Reports	<p>Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept and SPLASH Report – Officer Everhart reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monthly Activity Summary (September 2008) ● (41) Calls for Service ● (22) Boats Inspected ● (3) Boaters Assisted ● (20) Boaters Warned ● (0) Boating Accident ● (4) Navigational Hazards Removed ● SPLASH Report (September 2008) ● September 7th – safety program at Presbyterian Church ● September 11th – safety program at Chic-Fil-A in Rivergate Shopping Center ● September 21st – Justin Mychals Cancer Benefit at T-Bones <p>Gaston County Police Department – No one was present to give report</p> <p>York County Sheriff’s Office – Sgt Brett Mabry reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Have been coordinating with the LWMC to get CO issued at the Law Enforcement Facility. ➤ Preparing for the upcoming Christmas parades. 	

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Stakeholders Reports (continued)	<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) – David Buetow reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Water Quality Conditions (September 2008) – Results ranged from Fair/Good to Good/Excellent. The lowest index value result was at Snug Harbor Cove (61). ➤ Bacteriological Results (August 2008) – Great results at all testing sites ➤ September was the last month for the monthly sampling schedule. During the winter schedule, the sites will be tested on an every-other-month basis. <p>Duke Energy of the Carolinas – Ronnie Lawson reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue to be in Stage 3 of the LIP – Storage Index – 99.6% ○ Stream flow – 52% - target is 85% ○ Groundwater – 51% (6 month average) <p>Commissioner Wanless asked if there were any tracking of the sub-service aquifers to track groundwater levels. Catawba Riverkeeper David Merriman replied that there are three USGS groundwater wells along the Catawba River that are used to gage groundwater levels.</p> <p>Lake Wylie Lakekeeper – Ellen Goff reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Riversweep 2008 – The Seventh Annual Riversweep was yet another successful event to remove trash and refuse from Lake Wylie. More than 250 volunteers combed the banks and shoreline of the lake to remove more than 11.8 tons of trash. The Lake Wylie Covekeepers thanked the Marine Commission for their generous support in providing Riversweep T-shirts to all of the volunteers. ➤ Ellen Goff attended final public workshop for revising the York County’s Lake Wylie, Catawba River, and Perennial Streams Buffer Ordinance, which is anticipated to be placed before the York County Council in November. ➤ Catawba Riverkeeper David Merriman expressed his concerns of the proposed Gaston County East / West Connector project. The North Carolina Turnpike 	

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Adjournment	There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm	A motion was made by Commissioner Wanless to adjourn the September 27, 2008 LWMC business meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Everhart. The motion was approved.
Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next LWMC business meeting will be held on November 24, 2008 at 7:00 at the Red Fez Club, 16,600 Red Fez Club Road, Charlotte, NC.	

Annette Lawing, Interim Executive Director