

Lake Wylie Marine Commission



**June 26, 2006
7:00 p.m.**

**Belmont City Hall
115 North Main Street
Belmont, NC**

Minutes

Commissioners Present: Chairman Joe Stowe (Gaston County), Commissioner Bo Ibach (Mecklenburg County), Vice Chairman Ron Montgomery (York County), Commissioner Billy McLean (Gaston County), Commissioner Don Cloninger (York County), Secretary/Treasurer Sandy DuPuy (Mecklenburg County)

LWMC Staff Present: Mike McLaurin, Executive Director, Annette Lawing, Clerk, Chris Clark, Legal Counsel

LWMC Staff Absent: Commissioner Dave Cully (Mecklenburg County)

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chairman Joe Stowe called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.	
Approve Minutes – May 22, 2006	The minutes from the May 22, 2006 meeting were approved	A motion was made by Secretary/Treasurer DuPuy to approve the May 22, 2006 LWMC meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner McLean. The motion was approved.

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Consent Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Authorize reimbursement to Gaston County ➤ Authorize the Chairman to enter into contracts with funding counties in order to receive 2006-2007 funding 	A motion was made by Secretary/Treasurer DuPuy to approve Consent Agenda. Seconded by Vice Chairman Montgomery. The motion was approved.
Public Comments	No public comments	
County Reports	<p><i>Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept and SPLASH Report</i> – Officer Everhart reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ June 3rd – Joint effort with CMPD and SCDNR worked on the lake until 2 am trying to crack down on drinking and driving on the lake. Issued two (2) Boating While Impaired and one (1) liquor violation. ➤ Will conduct another checkpoint possibly on July 1st. <p><i>Gaston County Police Department</i> – Officer Danny Osborne reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Now on the water full time ➤ Have two (2) jet skis that will assist in patrolling <p><i>York County Sheriff's Office</i> – Sgt. Mabry reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Have two (2) boats and two (2) jet skis to patrol lake during July 4th holiday ➤ Will have additional officers on foot and on water during July 4th weekend <p><i>N.C. Wildlife Resources</i> – Sgt. Rowell reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ On the lake full time ➤ Airplane is available to be used to patrol lake ➤ One (1) fatality on lake (Gaston County) in which two (2) watercrafts collided. <p><i>Tega Cay Police Department</i> – No Report</p> <p><i>S.C. Dept of Natural Resources</i> – Sergeant Todd Campbell reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ One (1) boating accident with injuries ➤ Twenty-six (26) officers from across the state along with SCDNR patrolled the lake on two different weekends - issued 170 citations and 3 BWI. 	

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County Reports (Continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sheriff's office recovered a car in Allison Creek ➤ SCDNR is working diligently in Little Allison Creek trying to resolve the problems in this area. However, there are other problem areas throughout the lake and SCDNR will do their best to address them all. <p><i>Mecklenburg County Land Use Environmental Service</i> – David Buetow reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Distributed State of the Environment Report to the commission for their review. This information is generated every two years. ➤ Mr. Buetow encouraged the commission to complete the survey form in this report if they have any suggestions for future publication of this info. <p><i>Duke Energy of the Carolinas</i> – Kermit Taylor reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lake level is at 96.8 ➤ Have issued a total of 112 permits this year <p><i>Lake Wylie Covekeepers</i> – Mike Peers reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ On June 19th, eighteen (18) children and three (3) adults participated in a pontoon classroom sponsored by Clemson University. This allows the children to learn more about the environment ➤ On October 17, the annual River Sweep will begin at T-Bones. More information will follow in the upcoming months <p><i>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation</i> – No Report</p>	

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Request for Comments	<p>Handsmill at Lake Wylie – Jim Felton reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ When designing this development, protecting lake water quality was a priority ➤ 200 acres, 166 lots ➤ Light density development ➤ Improvements to protect water quality include: installing 6 miles of silt fencing, buffers will remain natural and 41 sediment traps in place ➤ Weekly inspections will be performed to ensure guidelines are being followed ➤ Used Duke’s Shoreline Management Guidelines ➤ Two (2) marinas will be added. These marinas will be for the use of the residence of the community only <p>After Jim’s report, many area residents had comments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Herb Carlton of 5485 Cypress Road expresses concern over safety issues due to this area is a popular to water skiers. The docks being added to the Beaver Dam Creek, he predicts, will most likely cause injuries or death to area skiers. ➤ Kirk Falls of 5643 Cypress Road also is concerned about the safety issues in this area. Skiers use this area to make their turns and with all of the predicted congestion that comes along with such a development, it will be dangerous. ➤ Adrian La Far, a Beaver Dam resident, states that initially the residents and the former developer had agreed upon smaller docks with about 12 boat slips. However, the number of lots has increased so as the number of docks and slips. Ms. La Far would encourage the Marine Commission to limit the number of docks and not allow any marinas to be built. ➤ Jay Cocker stated that this is the best cove to water ski and would hate to see that end. ➤ Jim Pugh of 5405 Lake Wylie Road is also concern with the safety issues. This cove gets very narrow toward the end and would like to see the docks relocated. ➤ Jim Freeman – Presently, wake boarders come very close to his pier and it will only get worse if more docks are installed. Another concern is the increase in sedimentation. ➤ Mark Sleeper – Mark is a former LWMC Chairman and a current member of the Riverkeeper Association. He believes there are environmental issues that need to be addressed prior to the approval of this development. The proposed marina on the backside of the development will increase the traffic significantly, which in return will cause sediment issues. In the past, the developer was asked to increase 	

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<p>Request for Comments (continued)</p>	<p>the lot size but nothing was ever done.</p> <p>After the public completed their comments, Vice Chairman Ron Montgomery stated that he and Chairman Stowe have gone to this proposed site and conducted a study. The Marine Commission has made it known that they do not support the marina in the back of Beaver Dam. The developer has agreed to relocate this marina. However, the commission needs time to review these proposed changes and requests that the developer provide a new set of plans with the revisions.</p> <p>Since the developer is working against a tight timeline, he will provide these new plans to the commission very soon so the revised proposal can be voted on at the July LWMC business meeting.</p> <p><i>Gardendale Phase I (Tega Cay)</i> – Todd Harris with the Schneider Corporation presented the plans to the commission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proposing 820 lots ➤ Commissioner Don Cloninger volunteered to research plans and make a site visit and return information back to the commission at the LWMC July meeting ➤ Mr. Harris suggested that he also provide the Phase II plans to the commission so Commission Cloninger can review both phases at once. <p><i>Serenity Pointe (Tega Cay)</i> - Cecil Brandon with the Schneider Corporation presented information to the commission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proposing 89 units with large lots ➤ A lot of open space ➤ Commissioner Cloninger and Chairman Joe Stowe volunteered to review plans and make site visit. They will report back to the commission at the LWMC July meeting <p><i>The Terraces at Stonecrest</i> – Rob Reddick reported to the commission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proposing 145 units ➤ Wal-Mart will eventually be a part of this project ➤ Commissioner Cloninger will be in charge of reviewing this project and will present his findings to the commission at the LWMC July meeting 	<p>A motion was made by Vice Chairman Montgomery to decline the Handsmill at Lake Wylie proposed plan as submitted and review new plan when presented by the developer. The commission will come to a suitable solution at the LWMC July business meeting. Commissioner Cloninger seconded. The motion was approved.</p>

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<p>Authorization to Contract for Services in FY2006-2007</p>	<p><i>1. Tillman and Wright for Commission Legal Services</i> <i>2. Centralina COG for Commission Staff Services</i> <i>3. Dixon Hughes for Commission Audit Services</i></p>	<p>A motion was made by Vice Chairman Montgomery to authorize Tillman and Wright for commission legal services in the amount of \$ 7900.00, Centralina COG for commission staff services in the amount of \$ 30,000, and Dixon Hughes for commission audit services for no anticipated cost. Seconded by Commissioner Ibach. The Executive Director was directed to adjust the budget as amended. The motion was approved.</p>
<p>Update on the Interbasin Transfer Application by Concord and Kannapolis</p>	<p><i>Update on IBT</i> – Chairman Stowe reported that a letter has been drafted stating the Lake Wylie Marine Commission’s views and stand against the IBT have not changed. Once reviewed and finalized, this letter will be mailed to the EMS and copied to the LWMC three funding counties. Chairman Stowe also brought to the attention of the commission an article about IBT in the Gaston Gazette entitled “Huge Water Fight”. This article discusses the current IBT proposal.</p>	
<p>Update on the Law Enforcement</p>	<p><i>Update on the Law Enforcement Facility Contract</i> – Legal Counsel Chris Clark reported that there has been some progress since the last LWMC meeting. Duke Energy has agreed to provide two lease agreements. The first lease would be for the lease of the facility from</p>	

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Facility Contract	<p>Duke Energy. The second lease would allow LWMC to sub-lease to local law enforcement agencies.</p> <p>Chairman Stowe stated that he has spoke to Kelvin Reagan with Duke Energy and the lease should be available to the commission by next week.</p>	
Review of the Marine Commission Goals Worksheet	<p><i>Review of the Marine Commission Goals Worksheet</i> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Public Information, Information Sharing – Secretary/Treasurer Sandy DuPuy – no report ➤ Public Information, LWMC Calendar – Commissioner McLean reported that the LWMC has received approval to use Photographer Richard Rudisill’s photos in the LWMC calendar. Commissioner McLean has compiled several quotes for printing but will get with Commissioner Cully to get additional pricing. 	
Finance	<p><i>Finance and Activity Report</i> – Executive Director Mike McLaurin reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ LWMC will be receiving a check from King Fisher for royalties for the Lake Wylie Maps. The total is approximately \$1400.00 	

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Other Business	<p>Chairman's Report – Chairman Stowe reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ LWMC will be holding a press briefing on water safety for the July 4th weekend. This briefing will be held at the Buster Boyd Bridge (T-Bones) on June 29 at 10:30am. <p>Executive Director's Report – Mike McLaurin reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mike reminded the Law Enforcement officers, that were present at the meeting, to confirm with the marine commission clerk (Annette Lawing) if they will be able to attend the press briefing on June 29th. 	
Public Comments	<p>Public Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mark Sleeper wanted to thank the commission for their stand and efforts regarding the IBT, hearing public comments and also their reviews of the proposed Handsmill project. 	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm	A motion was made by Commissioner McLean to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Ibach. The motion was approved.
Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next LWMC business meeting will be held on July 24, 2006 at 7:00 pm at River Hills Community Association, 102 Hamilton Ferry Road, Lake Wylie, SC	

Annette Lawing, Marine Commission Clerk

Date