

Lake Wylie Marine Commission
September 26, 2011 7:00 p.m.
CMC Healthcare Pavilion
Meeting Minutes



Commissioners Present: Chair Smitty Hanks (Gaston County)
Vice Chair Terry Everhart (Mecklenburg County)
Commissioner Ron Wanless (York County)
Commissioner Vernon Peers (York County)
Commissioner Brad Thomas (Gaston County)
Commissioner Ed Hull (York County)
Commissioner Bill Campbell (Gaston County)

Commissioners Absent: Secretary/Treasurer 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 Hanks called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Item 2 – Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Wanless to approve the August 22, 2011 minutes, Commissioner Everhart seconded and it passed unanimously.

Item 3 - Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Campbell to approve the agenda as submitted Commissioner Wanless seconded and it passed unanimously.

Item 4 – Consent Agenda

No items were submitted for the consent agenda.

Item 5 – Public Comment

No one was present for public comments

Item 6 – Stakeholders Reports

Mecklenburg County – Commissioner Everhart reported

- One boat is in the shop for engine repairs

- Starting winter schedule
- Another officer has received his diver certification
- SPLASH will be at Riversweep and hopefully a patrol boat

Gaston County Police Department – Nobody present to report

York County Sheriff’s Office – Sgt Mabry reported

- Have scaled back to winter schedule
- This past Saturday officers assisted with triathlon at Ebenezer Park
- Need to have tree cut down as soon as possible

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

- Reviewed monthly sampling reports. Samples taken before the rains started and all reports were good.
- Reminded people of the upcoming NCLMS workshop on Oct 12

Duke Energy of the Carolinas – Nobody present to report

Lakekeeper – CD Collins reported

- Riversweep preparations are running smoothly with the exception of the map. It still has not arrived. Another plan is ready in case the maps do not arrive in time. There was a general discussion about coordination of trucks and trailers to deliver items to Riversweep.

Item 7 – Treasurer’s Report

Secretary Treasurer Howard Virkler was not present to provide a report.

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

- **Law Enforcement Center** – A quote of \$1,250 was received to remove two trees and grind four stumps on the property. Commissioner Wanless made a motion to approve the expense to remove the trees. It was seconded by Commissioner Thomas and approved unanimously.
- **SC Sewage Spill Notification** – Mr. Stowe received a letter from David Baize of SC DHEC stating the sewage spill notification bill is still active in a house committee. It will probably be discussed in January during the next session. Commissioner Wanless intends to meet with SC Representative Tommy Pope in the upcoming months for his support.
- **Duck Hunting** – Mr. Stowe attended an information meeting hosted by SC DNR with approximately 150-200 people. A concern is the inability to hunt ducks on Lake Wylie. SC may introduce a law in 2012 to prohibit duck hunting within 200 yards of an occupied dwelling. Commissioner Everhart discussed the different hunting regulations on the lake and the difficulty of enforcing the regulations within two states and three counties.
- **Boat Ramp at Law Enforcement Center** – Mr. Stowe has discussed the possibility of splitting the cost of a new boat ramp between the commission and Jonathan Edwards, the

person who built the existing ramp. A new ramp would cost approximately \$15,000. Mr. Stowe will continue to pursue this cost splitting proposal if the commission agrees. Commissioner Campbell considers the boat ramp essential to the center to fulfill its mission. Chairman Hanks sees the only negative issue is that the property is leased from Duke Energy who could revoke the lease: although, he does not foresee that happening. Commissioner Thomas was concerned that Mr. Edwards, who installed the existing non-functioning ramp, might install another bad ramp. Commissioner Wanless stated that all plans need to be thoroughly reviewed before progressing. Mr. Stowe stated that currently there is no time frame for commencing this work. Commissioner Wanless stated that it appears that the sense of the commission is in support of constructing an appropriate ramp so he made a motion that Mr. Stowe continue the current discussion with Jonathan Edwards. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Everhart and approved unanimously.

Item 9 – Chairman’s Report - Chairman Smitty Hanks reported

- **New Commissioner** – Chairman Hanks welcomed Lynn Smith the new Mecklenburg County representative. Ms. Smith will officially be on the commission in October.
- **Boat Cruise** – Chairman Hanks thanked everyone for attending and hope they had a good evening.
- **Riversweep** – everything appears to be will organized and well planned. He will go ahead and order 1,000 t-shirts even though only 500 people have registered.
- **Buoys** - Chairman Hanks made 12 buoy anchors and delivered them to Dockmasters. There has been no installation date commitment from Dockmasters. Chairman Hanks stated that since buoys are a significant portion of their budget that they consider a shared cost program to purchase new buoys at commercial locations.
- **Bi-State Commission Meeting** – the next Bi-State meeting will be October 7th at York Tech.
- **Joint Meeting** – keep the October 25th date open on your calendar, but the format of the meeting may change.

Item 10 – Old/New Business and Commission Project Reports

- **Clean Marina** – Commissioner Campbell is working on a Clean Marina recertification policy which he will bring forward in October. Commissioner Campbell visited Tailrace and spoke with new manager. They are making plans for bridges at the northern end to small islands. He is still working with SC about a clean boater program.
- **Garden Parkway** – Commissioner Wanless reported that he has not received a response from the letter sent to NC Turnpike Authority.
- **Fireworks** – Chairman Hanks reported that there has not been any follow-up to last year’s firework donors. They need to start working on a plan for next year.
- **Map** – Commissioner Everhart to contact Mike Aldridge at Pilot Magazine to get an update about map.
- **Public Relations** – Commissioner Hull is still waiting to hear back from website developer for mobile site.

- **Other Business** – Commissioner reported about a phone call he received from Joe Haburjack of 4531 Water Oak Drive who reported a floating dock in the middle of the cove. Officers Mabry and Everhart will follow up.

Item 11 – Elections of Officers - Chris Clark, Legal Council

Legal Counsel Chris Clark conducted the Election of Officers for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary Treasurer. Attorney Clark informed the Commission of the guidelines and procedures of this election then presented the recommendations from the Nominating Committee.

- Chairman – Smitty Hanks was recommended for Chair. Since a unanimous vote is required to hold a third term, a vote was conducted and Smitty Hanks received unanimous votes in favor. Smitty Hanks will continue to be the Chair of the Lake Wylie Marine Commission.
- Vice Chairman – Terry Everhart was recommended for Vice Chairman. With no other nominations, Terry Everhart will continue to be the Vice Chairman of the Lake Wylie Marine Commission.
- Secretary Treasurer – Ron Wanless was recommended for Secretary Treasurer. With no other nominations, Ron Wanless is the new Secretary Treasurer for the Lake Wylie Marine Commission.

Item 12 – Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Everhart to adjourn the August 22, 2011 business meeting; seconded by Commissioner Hull. The motion was approved.

The next LWMC business meeting will be held on October 24, 2011 at Gaston College East Campus and Textile Technology Center, 7220 Wilkinson Blvd, Belmont NC.