

Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission



**Cowan's Ford Country Club
761 Club Drive
Stanley, NC**

April 2, 2008 Minutes

Commissioners Present: Chairman Dan DuVall (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Pam Beck (Gaston County), Vice Chairman Alice Battle (Mecklenburg County), Secretary/Treasurer Ann Danzi (Gaston County), Commissioner Chris Watson (Lincoln County), Commissioner Tim Eldridge (Gaston County), Commissioner Tim Bishop (Mecklenburg County)

MILMC Staff Present: Annette Lawing, Interim Executive Director

MILMC Staff Absent: Chris Clark, Legal Counsel,

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chairman Dan DuVall called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.	
Approval of the April 2, 2008 Agenda	The April 2, 2008 meeting agenda will stand as submitted.	
Approval of the March 5, 2008 Meeting Minutes	The March 5, 2008 meeting minutes will stand as submitted.	
Statement of Purpose	Legal Counsel, Chris Clark read the Statement of Purpose into the record.	
Public Comments	Public Comments - None	

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Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda – None	
Public Safety Reports	<p>Charlotte – Mecklenburg Police Department – Officer Turner reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ CMPD assisted Shaw Energy with installation of new power lines near Neck Road. <p>Gaston County Police Department – Officer Hamrick reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Gaston County Police has two (2) new jet skis for patrolling this year. <p>Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ No one was present to give report <p>N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ No one was present to give report <p>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation – Alice Battle reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ As a follow up from the March 5th MILMC meeting, the Nature Preserve at Haymarket Street is second on the list of unfunded capital projects in the 2009 budget. This budget has not yet been approved by the County Commission. The red lines on the trees in this area are the closest stationary objects to the property lines. These red lines are in the park but they are not the boundaries. Mecklenburg County Parks and Rec does not consider the red lines on trees to be the high-water mark indicators. Duke Energy and Parks and Rec are in negotiations to extend the no-swim zone out into the water. The distance is in the process of being determined. Most likely, it will be 50’ – 100’ out from the shoreline. When Duke and Parks and Rec come to an agreement, the conditions of this agreement will be presented to Mountain Island Lake, Lake Wylie and Lake Norman Marine Commissions. <p>Duke Energy of the Carolinas – Kermitt Taylor reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ (6) Pier Applications Approved – (5) in the new phase of Stonewater and (1) off of Neck Road. □ Lake level is 97.0 	

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<p>Environmental Reports</p>	<p>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ No one was present to give report <p>Lakekeepers Report – Alice Battle reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ David Merriman will be taking over as the Executive Director’s position for the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation on April 1st. □ June 6th is the Spider Lily tour. □ July 26th is the Annual Meeting. At this meeting, the IBT will be discussed. The IBT is still in administrative lawsuit in federal court. Two big holdouts from the FERC Relicensing Agreement are American Rivers and the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation however, American Rivers are now considering signing. Catawba Riverkeepers still objects to two parts of the agreement: oxygenation and the Low Inflow Protocol. <p>Quality of Natural Resources (QNRC) – Pam Beck reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ The Schiele Museum conducted a follow up survey of natural heritage spots in Gaston County. □ QNRC submitted their proposed By-Laws to the Gaston County Commissioners. <p>NC Wildlife Federation – Tim Eldridge reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Next meeting is scheduled for April 24th at 7:00pm at Charlotte Mecklenburg Utilities, 5100 Brookshire Blvd, Charlotte, NC. Mr. Eldridge encouraged the commission to get involved in the Adopt an Island program. 	
<p>Request for Support</p>	<p>Request for Support – Lucia Riverbend Fire and Rescue – Jason Linkous reported</p> <p>Lucia Riverbend Volunteer Fire & Rescue’s Dive Team is trying to get corporate sponsors to help fund some of the necessary equipment in order to better serve the communities on the Catawba River. The sponsorship will help get dry suits, full-faced masks and other equipment for diving in contaminated water. It would also help with supplies needed for body recovery, vehicle recovery and pay for any additional classes required for keeping their certifications current.</p> <p>Commissioner Bishop asked Mr. Linkous how many other dive teams are in the area of Mountain Island Lake. Gaston Emergency Medical Services (GEMS), Cook’s</p>	<p>A motion was made by Commissioner Bishop to delay the decision of this request until the May 7th MILMC meeting in order for the commission to gather more information.</p> <p>Seconded by Vice</p>

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Request for Support (continued)	<p>Volunteer Fire Department, and Lucia Riverbend Volunteer Fire & Rescue are the three organizations that have dive teams, stated Mr. Linkous. Commissioner Danzi asked Mr. Linkous if they had ever considered charging for their services. Mr. Linkous replied that he wasn't sure under State law if Lucia Riverbend would be able to charge for their services.</p> <p>After hearing this request, a motion was passed by the commission to delay the decision of this request until the May 7th MILMC business meeting in order for the commission to gather more information.</p>	Chairman Battle. The motion was approved.
Base Operating Plan	<p>Update on the Base Operating Plan (BOP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Project 06-25, Development and Zoning (Beck/Eldridge) – Village at Lake Norman – Commissioners Bishop, Battle and DuVall attended the public hearing at Cornelius Town Hall to voice their opposition to the 1 million square foot residential and commercial project. Chairman DuVall suggested that the commission draft a letter to the Town of Cornelius, the developer and all parties involved in this project stating that the commission is not against the actual project but would like them to take into consideration the damage that this project would have on McDowell Creek. □ Project 07-33, Lake Management Plan (Battle/Bishop/Beck) – From the results of the public opinion surveys, Water Quality is the most important issue on Mountain Island Lake. Other items of interest were to limit the number of boats and the size of boats on the lake. 	A motion was made by Secretary Treasurer Danzi to approve the commission to draft a letter of protest opposing the process that the Town of Cornelius is proposing to build the Village at Lake Norman. Seconded by Vice Chairman Battle. The motion was approved.
Chairman's Report	<p>Chairman's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ No report 	
Executive Director's Report	<p>Executive Director's Report – Interim Executive Director Annette Lawing reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Finance report – Lawing distributed the Finance report to all of the commissioners for their review. □ Proposed FY 08-09 Budget – The commission to review the proposed budget and send Ms. Lawing any revisions they might have. A public hearing to approve the FY08-09 budget ordinance will be scheduled for the June MILMC business meeting. 	

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Commission Counsel Report	Commission Counsel Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ No one was present to give report 	
Commissioner's Comments	Commissioner's Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Secretary Treasurer Danzi distributed interesting information about boating alcohol fatalities from the AAA Magazine. Boating fatalities linked to alcohol consumption has decreased significantly in South Carolina but has increased tremendously in North Carolina. □ Vice Chairman Battle informed the commission that Davidson College will be hosting Reptile Day on April 12th from 10 am – 1 pm. The reptiles were gathered from Mountain Island Lake. □ Commissioner Eldridge requested that the commission encourage Duke Energy not to pave the new parking lot at the Riverbend Boat Access area. This will only create run-off into the cove. Commissioner Eldridge to ask Kermit Taylor with Duke Energy for a contact name so the commission can generate a letter. □ Secretary Treasurer Danzi stated that the Catawba Lands Conservancy mailed a letter of support for the State Educational Forest to state legislators. 	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.	
Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next MILMC business meeting will be held on May 7, 2008 at 6:30 pm at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Utilities, 5100 Brookshire Blvd., Charlotte, NC.	

Annette Lawing, Interim Executive Director