

Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission



**Charlotte Mecklenburg Utilities
5100 Brookshire Blvd.
Charlotte, NC**

February 6, 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 Absent: Commissioner Tim Eldridge (Gaston County), Commissioner Tim Bishop (Mecklenburg County)

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

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| Welcome & Introductions | Chairman Dan DuVall called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. | |
| Approval of the February 6, 2008 Agenda | The February 6, 2008 agenda was approved as submitted. | A motion was made by Secretary Treasurer Danzi to approve the February 6, 2008 agenda as submitted. Seconded by Vice Chairman Battle. The motion was approved. |
| Approval of the January 2, 2008 Meeting Minutes | The January 2, 2008 meeting minutes will stand as submitted. | |

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| Statement of Purpose | Legal Counsel, Chris Clark read the Statement of Purpose into the record. | |
| Public Comments | Public Comments – None | |
| Consent Agenda | Consent Agenda – None | |
| Public Safety Reports | <p>Charlotte – Mecklenburg Police Department – Officer Turner reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ No new information to report. <p>Gaston County Police Department – Officer Hord reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Boat was taken to McKee Craft for repairs. Should be getting it back towards the end of February. □ Officer Hord requested the financial support of the marine commission to help with his registration fee to attend the 2008 International Boating and Water Safety Summit in Sand Diego, CA on April 16th. <p>Vice Chairman Battle recognized Officer Hord for receiving Employee of the Year in Gaston County. Congrats!</p> <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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ No one was present to give report <p>Duke Energy of the Carolinas – Kermitt Taylor reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ (1) Pier Application Approved (Stonewater Bay) □ Lake level is 96.7 | <p>A motion was made by Vice Chairman Battle that the marine commission allocate \$350.00 to Officer Hord (Gaston Police Department) for registration cost to attend the 2008 International Boating and Water Safety Summit April 16, 2008. Seconded by Secretary Treasurer Danzi. The motion was approved.</p> |

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| Environmental Reports | <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"> □ Had a fundraiser on January 24, 2008 at the Light Factory. Battle recommends everyone to go view the RIVERDOC display at the Light Factory. This documentary about the Catawba River will be on display through February 22nd. <p>Quality of Natural Resources (QNRC) – Pam Beck reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Commissioner Beck distributed copies of the QNRC comments regarding potential issues for consideration by the ERC Water Allocation Study for the commission to review. | |
| Base Operating Plan | <p>Update on the Base Operating Plan (BOP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Project 06-14, FERC / Duke Relicensing – (Battle, Beck) – Attended FAC meeting on January 8th. The four stages of drought were discussed at this meeting. The FAC is researching other towns and how they handle drought situations. A few items that were discussed were tiered water use rates and possibly taking the caps of the sewage rates. Recently, there has been a lot of criticism over the Low Inflow Protocol (LIP) but since this tool has been implemented; no public or private water intakes being rented inoperable to low water levels, no interruptions to electric power supplies, Duke being able to maintain compliance with the current license requirements. The Drought Management Group feels that the protocols that have been put into effect, so far, have worked. When the current drought is over, they will reevaluate the LIP and it's effectiveness, or lack of. The Catawba Water Management Group is very satisfied with the results of the LIP. This group has become a 501 3-C organization so they can apply for grants. One project they are hoping to get funding for is measurement of ground water. □ Project 07-10, Meeting with the 3 Funding Counties – (DuVall, Danzi, Watson, Beck, Battle) – Chairman DuVall and Vice Chairman Battle met with Mecklenburg County Chairman Jennifer Roberts and Assistant City Manager Bobby Shields on January 24, 2008. Marine Commissioners are scheduled to meet with Gaston County Commissioner on March 13th and Lincoln County | |

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| Base Operating Plan (continued) | <p>Commissioners on February 18th.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Project 07-33, Lake Management Plan (Battle, Bishop, Beck) – Public opinion surveys were mailed to 1,250 Mountain Island property owners and to date; we have received 492 completed surveys. Battle will begin work on the draft Lake Management Plan and will have it completed around April. ❑ Project 08-18, Support Educational Forest (Beck, Watson, Danzi) – Beck stated that the General Assembly will have a short session this year since this is an election year and will not reconvene until mid-May. The bill to support the Educational State Forest is still in committee. It is suggested that the commission send Senator Alexander and Senator Hoyle a resolution stating the commissions’ support of this Educational State Forest. Commissioners Beck, Commissioner Danzi and Legal Counsel Chris Clark will revise the previous resolution and bring it up to date. This resolution will be brought to the commission for approval at its March 5th meeting. Commissioner Beck plans to schedule meetings with Senator Hoyle and Senator Alexander in the near future. | <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Beck to approve the resolution of support for the Educational State Forest. Seconded by Vice Chairman Battle. The motion was approved.</p> |
| 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. ❑ Discussion of the 2008-2009 Budget Process – Lawing began the process of creating the 2008-2009 budget however, requests that past Executive Director Mike McLaurin be appropriated 16 hours from the MILMC FY07-08 budget to help her with this process. Centralina COG’s Executive Director Al Sharp will draft a letter of request to the Commission next week for their review. | |
| Commission Counsel Report | <p>Commission Counsel Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ No report | |

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| Commissioner's Comments | Commissioner's Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Vice Chairman Battle reported that the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, Mountain Island Chapter, is progressively moving forward. MI Lake Marine Commissioner Tim Eldridge is the Vice President of this chapter and is scheduled to attend the next meeting on February 7th. | |
| Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. | |
| Next Business Meeting Date and Location | The next MILMC business meeting will be held on March 5, 2008 at 6:30 pm at the Mount Holly City Hall, 131 South Main Street, Mount Holly, NC | |

Annette Lawing, Interim Executive Director