

Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission



Charlotte Mecklenburg Utilities
 5100 Brookshire Blvd
 Charlotte, NC

November 5, 2008

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

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Tim Bishop (Mecklenburg County),

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

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chairman Pam Beck called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm.	
Pledge of Allegiance	The commission was proud to have the Boy Scout Troop Pack 51 present the colors and lead in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Good job!	
Approval of the November 5, 2008 Agenda	The November 5, 2008 meeting agenda will stand as submitted.	
Approval of the October 1, 2008 Meeting Minutes	The October 1, 2008 meeting minutes were approved as submitted	
Statement of Purpose	Legal Counsel, Chris Clark read the Statement of Purpose into the record.	
Public Comments	<p>Public Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boy Scout Troop leader Jeff Kline and Pack 51 pledged to collect 100 pounds of trash from Mountain Island Lake in order to help with the water quality. 	

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Public Comments (continued)	<p>Thanks boys!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rodney Eppes, resident of MI Lake, brought to the attention of the commission a recent article in the Charlotte Observer regarding the concerns at McDowell Creek. He also stated that there was a new development being built near West Catawba Avenue, which connects with Alexander Chase in Cornelius. This proposed development will most likely be larger than Preservation Pointe. The commission should be aware of such developments so the project can be monitored for run off. Mecklenburg County LUESA representative Heather Davis agreed to obtain additional information about this development and report back to the commission. 	
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda – None	
Public Safety Reports	<p>Charlotte – Mecklenburg Police Department – Officer Turner reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ No activity on the lake □ Have been patrolling the Neck Road Access area for car break-ins. No break-ins were reported this month. <p>Gaston County Police Department – Officer Hord reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ On the lake on an “as needed” basis. <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 – Executive Administrator reported for Kermitt Taylor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ (5) Pier Applications (4 in Mt. Isle Estates and 1 in Preservation Pointe) □ Lake level is 97.6. The level has been consistently around 97.0 to 97.6 over the past month. □ Continue to be in Stage 3 of the LIP primarily due to low stream flows and diminished ground water levels. □ Irrigation from the lake is allowed only on Tuesdays and Saturdays. 	

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Environmental Reports	<p>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services – Heather Davis reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Ms. Davis distributed copies of the proposed zoning text change to the Town of Huntersville zoning ordinance. This amendment would be to Article 3.3.2 Mountain Island Watershed Overlay District to permit increased built-upon area within the water supply buffer along the shoreline of Mountain Island Lake. □ Water Quality Conditions (September 2008) – All testing sites reported in the Good/Excellent range except for McDowell Creek Cove which reported as Poor/Fair. The driving factor for this poor result is the increase in algae, chlorophyll and total phosphorus. □ Bacteriological Results (September 2008) – All testing sites reported in the excellent range. □ Segment restoration – plans have been approved and will probably begin in February 2009. Chairman Pam Beck would like the commission to incorporate a field trip during this restoration. □ Winter monitoring - 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>Lakekeepers Report – Alice Battle reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Muddy Water Program – Pam Beck agreed to organize this program. <p>Quality of Natural Resources (QNRC) – Pam Beck reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Conducted a study of invasive species <p>MI Wildlife Stewards – Tim Eldridge and Diane Willis reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Since April, the MI Wildlife Stewards have been involved in: building and monitoring osprey boxes, MI Elementary Habitat Program, canoe and kayak-athon, full moon kayak trips, turtle basking platforms, meeting on invasive species and the Island Habitat Program. 	
Base Operating Plan	<p>Update on the Base Operating Plan (BOP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Blue Fin Award (Beck) – Diane Willis of the MI Wildlife Stewards is the 2008 Blue Fin Award recipient. Congrats! □ FERC Relicensing (Battle) – The Catawba Wateree Water Management Group sent out a request for project ideas for the 2009 Planning Year. All ideas should be sent to WMG Chairman Barry Gullet by November 14th. 	

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Base Operating Plan (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Buoys (DuVall) – Vice Chairman Alice Battle witnessed two women sitting on the buoys in Nance Cove. She approached them and explained the purpose of the buoys and the danger of sitting on them. Commissioner Tim Eldridge requested that the commission order a buoy to be installed at the point of Lakehaven Road (buoy approved at the Oct 1st meeting). Executive Administrator Annette Lawing will place an order for this buoy. 	
Blue Fin Award	<p>Blue Fin Award - This award is presented to an individual or an organization that goes above and beyond to make Mountain Island Lake a cleaner and safer place for us all. This year, the 2008 Blue Fin Award was presented to Diane Willis. In April 2008, Diane Willis took the lead in organizing the Mountain Island Lake Wildlife Stewards, a chapter of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation. Ms. Willis has tirelessly worked toward achieving the mission of the MILWS to preserve and increase wildlife and wildlife habitat on the lake. Through her leadership, the chapter membership has grown to 65 members! Congratulations Diane Willis!</p>	
Chairman’s Report	<p>Chairman’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Catawba Wateree Bi-State Commission – Currently former MILMC Chairman Dan DuVall is the representative for the area marine commissions (MILMC and LWMC). Current Chairman Pam Beck volunteered to take Commissioner DuVall place on this committee. Commissioner DuVall agreed and will continue to serve on this committee through December 2008. Chairman Beck will begin serving in January 2009. 	
Executive Administrator’s Report	<p>Executive Administrator’s Report – Interim Executive Director Annette Lawing reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Finance report – Lawing distributed a current finance report to the commissioners for their review. □ 2008-2009 Budget Revision – Executive Administrator Annette Lawing distributed the proposed budget revision. This revision included: decrease audit projection from \$6,000 to \$2,500, increase Buoys/Hardware from \$2,000 to \$3,000, increase Technology from \$1,000 to \$3,000, increase Lake Value Study from \$2,000 to \$2,379, increase Liability Insurance from \$2,379 to \$2,500. □ Update on FY07-08 Audit – Auditor continues to work on the FY07-08 audit. Final report should be completed within the next couple of weeks. □ December Business Meeting – the Commission will hold it’s December 	<p>A motion was made by Sec/Treasurer Danzi to approve the proposed 08-09 budget revision as presented. Seconded by Vice Chairman Battle. The motion was approved. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Battle to approve the</p>

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Executive Administrator's Report (continued)	<p>business meeting on December 3rd. This meeting will be brief followed by a holiday gathering. The location is yet to be determined.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Proposed 2009 Meeting Schedule – the proposed meeting locations will remain as listed: Gaston County – Mount Holly City Hall, Mecklenburg County – Charlotte Mecklenburg Utilities, and Lincoln County – Cowan's Ford Country Club. The proposed meeting dates are every 1st Wednesday of every month, excluding months in which the meeting dates falls on a holiday. 	proposed 2009 meeting schedule as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Watson. The motion was approved.
Commission Counsel Report	Commission Counsel Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ No report 	
Commissioner's Comments	Commissioner's Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Vice Chairman Battle suggested that the commission schedule its next Strategic Planning Workshop, possibly in December. Battle to review dates/time and report back to the commission. 	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.	
Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next MILMC business meeting will be held on December 3, 2008 at 6:30 pm. Location TBD.	

Annette Lawing, Executive Administrator