

# Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission



**East Lincoln High School  
6471 Hwy 73  
Lincolnton, NC**

**January 3, 2007 Minutes**

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

**Commissioner Absent:** Vice Chairman Greg Shelton (Mecklenburg County) (Resigned),

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

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Chairman Dan DuVall called the meeting to order at 6:40pm. Chairman DuVall informed the Commission that Vice Chairman Greg Shelton has resigned from the MILMC. This resignation was due to his relocation to Tega Cay, SC. The issue of electing a new Vice Chairman and getting a replacement commissioner from Mecklenburg County will be on the February MILMC business meeting agenda.	
<b>Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag</b>	Chairman DuVall asked everyone present to join in to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag	
<b>Approval of the January 3, 2007 Agenda</b>	There were no revisions to the agenda.	January 3, 2007 agenda was approved as submitted.

<p><b>Approval of the November 1, 2006 Meeting Minutes</b></p>	<p><b>Page 2</b> – Lake Lure Report – 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, 4<sup>th</sup> sentence, change “enclosed” to “stationary”.</p> <p><b>Page 2-3</b> – Lake Lure Report – change “It was the consensus of the Marine Commission that Chairman DuVall along with Commissioners Battle and Beck would serve as a Planning Committee for the workshop” to “Chairman DuVall and Commissioners Battle and Beck volunteered to serve on a Planning Committee for the upcoming workshop.”</p> <p><b>Page 4</b> –Environmental Reports, QNRC– First bullet, 4<sup>th</sup> sentence, change Quality of Lake (SEQL) to Quality of Life (SEQL).</p> <p><b>Page 7</b> – Next Business Meeting Date and Location – Should read “The next MILMC business meeting will be held on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 at East Lincoln High School, 6471 Highway 73, Lincolnton, NC.”</p>	<p>The November 1, 2006 meeting minutes stand as corrected.</p>
<p><b>Statement of Purpose</b></p>	<p>Legal Counsel, Chris Clark read the Statement of Purpose into the record.</p>	
<p><b>Public Comments</b></p>	<p>None</p>	
<p><b>Consent Agenda</b></p>	<p><b>Approval of the MILMC 2007 Meeting Schedule</b> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Change the July 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to July 11<sup>th</sup> due to Independence Day.</li> </ul>	<p>The MILMC 2007 Meeting Schedule stands as corrected.</p>
<p><b>Public Safety Reports</b></p>	<p><b>Charlotte – Mecklenburg Police Department</b> – Officer Turner reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ No activity on the lake</li> <li>□ CMPD received an email from Jeff Presson at Latta Plantation informing them that a large piece of wood with trash on top of it was found floating at Gar Creek. The information on some of the documents led the Police to an apartment complex in the UNCC area. Unfortunately, this person no longer lives there.</li> </ul> <p><b>Gaston County Police Department</b> – Officer Hord reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Gaston County has installed new radar system.</li> <li>□ Are on the lake an average of one day a month during winter months</li> <li>□ Will possibly be adding a new jet ski to the Department</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Public Safety Reports (continued)</b></p>	<p>Commissioner Alice Battle asked Officer Hord if they would be on the lake this summer. Officer Hord responded that they would most likely be on the lake but are waiting get approval from Police Chief Farley.</p> <p><b>Lincoln County Sheriff's Office – Deputy Warlick</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Deputy Warlick introduced Lt. Leatherman to the Commission. Lt. Leatherman is in charge of the Eastern part of Lincoln County and is aware of the needs at Mountain Island Lake.</li> <li>□ Commissioner Alice Battle asked Deputy Warlick if he had any information regarding the agreement between Duke Energy and Lincoln County EMS concerning the emergency boat access on Hwy 73. Deputy Warlick did not have any information regarding this access. Commissioner Battle added that it's her understanding that this access will be available for us before the recreational season begins. Duke has agreed put down some additional gravel. EMS will have a gate at the access with a lock provided by Duke Energy. Joe Carriker with Duke Energy plans to contact representatives of Gaston and Mecklenburg Counties to discuss how they too can work with EMS regarding use of this access. Executive Director, Mike McLaurin asked Commissioner Battle if she is referring to Emergency Management or EMS (Emergency Medical Service). Commissioner Battle stated that Joe Carriker with Duke Energy referred to them as EMS. Deputy Warlick and Lt. Leatherman both stated that it is most likely through the Emergency Management instead of EMS. Commissioner Battle is to verify through Duke Energy, which department is correct and will report back to the commission.</li> </ul> <p><b>N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ No report</li> </ul> <p><b>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ No Report</li> </ul> <p><b>Duke Energy of the Carolinas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ No Report</li> </ul>	<p>Executive Director Michael McLaurin suggested that a letter be generated by the Marine Commission around February or March to each of the reporting public safety organizations letting them know that the commission looks forward to seeing the officers on the lake this summer and to offer any assistance that may be needed.</p>
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<p><b>Environmental Reports</b></p>	<p><b>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ No report</li> </ul> <p><b>Lakekeepers Report</b> – Pam Beck reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Beginning in February, Alice Battle will be reporting for the Lakekeepers.</li> <li>□ Pam Beck to talk with Rusty Rozzelle (Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services) regarding the clearing of trees at the entrance of Mt. Isle Harbor.</li> </ul> <p><b>Quality of Natural Resources (QNRC)</b> – Pam Beck/Jerry Campbell reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ There was no December QNRC meeting due to the holidays.</li> <li>□ Clean Air Quality – mufflers have been installed on buses to help with air quality.</li> <li>□ Smoke Stack Legislation on Federal Level – in the process of creating a resolution to send to the County and the Federal Government concerning air quality, which emphasizes on smoke stack quality.</li> <li>□ Commissioner Battle asked Mr. Campbell if anyone is monitoring Dutchman’s Creek. Mr. Campbell replied that the monitoring program just began but not in place. Once teams are established, persons will be assigned to area creeks for monitoring. Commissioner Battle emphasized how important this project should be due to the severity of the sediment poring out of Dutchman’s Creek was horrible.</li> <li>□ Commissioner Beck added that in the near future that the municipalities in Eastern Gaston County will be held responsible for sediment control.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Base Operating Plan</b></p>	<p><b>Base Operating Plan (BOP)</b> – Chairman DuVall updated the BOP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ <b>Project 06-32 Stonewater Bay</b> (Battle and Danzi) – Secretary/Treasurer Danzi to follow up with Damon Larson to see if he could come speak at the February or March MILMC business meeting regarding erosion control. Executive Director, Mike McLaurin suggested that the commission invite Mr. Larson to come give his vision on how the commission could work with the volunteers in monitoring erosion control at Stonewater Bay.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Chairman’s Report</b></p>	<p><b>Chairman’s Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ No Report</li> </ul>	

<b>Executive Director's Report</b>	<p><b>Executive Director's Report</b> - Executive Director Mike McLaurin reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Finance and Activity Reports were distributed to the Commissioners</li> <li>❑ Lincoln County has requested that the commission provide them with budget information by the end of February. The commission may want to consider assigning a Budget Committee to set guidelines of priorities and tailor those areas to the budget.</li> <li>❑ The budget process include sending the proposed budget information to the funding counties and at some point before July 1<sup>st</sup> the commission will advertise and hold a public hearing to approve the budget ordinance. Once the budget ordinance has been approved, the commission is free to make changes throughout the year.</li> </ul>	
<b>Commission Counsel Report</b>	<p><b>Commission Counsel Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Commission Counsel Chris Clark reported to the commission that the copyright protection for the Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission Seal has been approved and is now registered in the United States Copyright. Commission can, if chooses to, to put copyright at the bottom of seal.</li> </ul>	
<b>Commissioner's Comments</b>	<p><b>Commissioner's Comments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Commissioner Beck reflected back to the November 2006 MILMC minutes regarding the proposed boat tour with the North West Chamber of Commerce. A concern would be the cost of this boat tour. Secretary/Treasurer Danzi clarified that the Foundation of Mount Holly, the NW Chamber and the Economic Development Committee would fund this tour. Inviting the Mountain Island Marine Commission was done as a courtesy. This tour is a way of introducing the lake as an environmental resource.</li> <li>❑ Executive Director Mike McLaurin briefed the commission about a request from Mecklenburg County Parks and Rec regarding purchasing new cable cutters for placement of buoys. Chairman DuVall, Mike McLaurin and Jeff Presson (Parks and Rec) to discuss this item before putting on the February agenda. Commissioner Beck will follow up with her neighbor to price cable cutters. Commissioner Eldridge asked who would own the cutters. McLaurin stated that the Mountain Island Marine Commission would own the cutters.</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.	

<b>Next Business Meeting Date and Location</b>	The next MILMC business meeting will be held on February 7, 2007 at 6:30 pm at Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities (CMU), 5100 Brookshire Blvd., Charlotte, NC	
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