

Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission



Charlotte Mecklenburg Utilities
 5100 Brookshire Blvd.
 Charlotte, NC

May 2, 2007 Minutes

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

Commissioner Absent: Commissioner Tim Eldridge (Gaston County),

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

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chairman Dan DuVall called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.	
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	Chairman DuVall asked everyone present to join in to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag	
Approval of the May 2, 2007 Agenda	There were no revisions to the agenda.	The May 2, 2007 agenda was approved as submitted.
Approval of the April 4, 2007 Meeting Minutes	There were no revisions to the minutes	The April 4, 2007 meeting minutes was approved as submitted.
Statement of Purpose	Legal Counsel, Chris Clark read the Statement of Purpose into the record.	

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Public Comments	Public Comments – None	
Consent Agenda	<p>Consent Agenda – Resolution to Support Educational State Forest</p> <p>The commission approved the resolution to support the Educational State Forest.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Commissioner Beck for the MILMC to approve the resolution to support the Educational State Forest. Seconded by Vice Chairman Battle. The motion was approved.</p>
Public Safety Reports	<p>Charlotte – Mecklenburg Police Department – Officer Scott Howard reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ (12) Boats inspected □ (5) Citations <p>Vice Chairman Alice Battle informed Officer Howard that having Nance Cove a No Wake Zone is going very well except for one youngster who doesn't think he needs to obey the laws. This particular youngster goes full throttle on his jet ski throughout the cove. If Vice Chairman Battle witnesses this activity again, she will try to get his registration number off of his jet ski so this information could be forwarded to the law enforcement units.</p> <p>Gaston County Police Department – Officer Hord reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ (2) Citations □ (18) Safety Inspections □ (3) Boater Assists <p>Lincoln County Sheriff's Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ No Report <p>N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ No report 	

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Public Safety Reports (continued)	<p>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation – Milton Bowen reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Pulled several hazards out of the lake (tree limbs) ❑ Haymarket Property – 44 No Trespassing violators ❑ REI had a kayak paddle demonstration with 250 participants ❑ CMUD race is coming up on Friday, May 11th at Latta Plantation <p>Duke Energy of the Carolinas – Ronnie Lawson reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ (0) Docks approved ❑ Lake level is 96.8 	
Environmental Reports	<p>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services – David Buetow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ No new data to report – did not sample in April ❑ David will be rotating with Brian Sikes and David Caldwell to attend and report new data at the MILMC business meetings. <p>Lakekeepers Report – Alice Battle reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Annual meeting for the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation is May 5 at 1:00 and will be held at the Bartlett Tree Research Lab. ❑ The Mount Holly / Huntersville rezoning case has been differed to June 18 at the request of the petitioners. ❑ Riverfront Condos withdrew their amendment due to that there may be a chance that FERC may withdraw their approval if the site plans changed. ❑ 1421 Mt. Island Harbor Drive – report that the owner is cutting down trees on this property to better the view in order to sell this lot. Battle turned this information over to Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental (Brian Sykes). ❑ Donna Lisenby with the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation is conducting a Spider Lilly Tour on May 19th at the Landsford Canal at 11:00 a.m. This tour is free to members and \$25.00 for non-members and you must bring your own canoe or kayak. <p>Quality of Natural Resources (QNRC) – Jerry Campbell reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Air Quality – the County Commission approved a resolution where QNRC would be able to do a lot of the “leg work” for the County and report back to the commission on what information they gather on air quality and how it should be monitored. 	

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<p>Base Operating Plan</p>	<p>Base Operating Plan (BOP) – Chairman DuVall and various Commissioners updated the BOP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Project 06-18 Support Educational Forest (Beck/Watson/Danzi) – The State Educational Forest bill has been moved to the Appropriation Committees and now would be a great time to increase our efforts in sending letters and/or emails stating the MILMC support of this Educational Forest. Danzi will be attending the Mt Holly Community Development Foundation board meeting on May 3rd and will encourage their support as well. <p>Danzi informed the commission the State Educational Forest is highlighted on the Carolina’s Tread Trail map as one of it’s attractions. The Catawba Land Conservancy and the Trust for Public Lands are working together to get this regional trail system in Mecklenburg and Gaston Counties. It will also link into the North Carolina state regional trail system. This is exciting and a good tool to get the word out about the State Educational Forest!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Project 06-07 Bi-Annual Boating Classes (Danzi) – <i>Move this project from completed to active.</i> Danzi contacted Lt. Spivey and requested that he send the commission a list of upcoming boating safety classes. Once we receive this information, this list will be posted on the MILMC website. □ Project 06-10 Meeting with (3) County Commissioners (DuVall) – <i>Move this project from completed to active.</i> DuVall will revisit this project at the June MILMC business meeting. □ Project 06-26 Media Communications (Beck) – <i>Move this project from tabled to active.</i> Beck would like to see a media press conference held on boating safety before the Memorial Day weekend. Battle informed the commission that Channel 6 would be putting together a boating safety program that they will be airing before Memorial Day. Chairman DuVall suggested that Beck coordinate with Channel 6 on this program. <p>Vice Chairman Battle requested that an Ad Hoc committee be formed on boat size limitations. Chairman DuVall would rather see a sub-committee be formed to outline the proposed Lake Management Plan then eventually have this item on the BOP.</p>	

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Chairman's Report	<p>Chairman's Report – Chairman DuVall reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Joint Marine Commission Meeting – Chairman DuVall is scheduled to meet with Lake Wylie Marine Commission on Friday to discuss the details of this meeting. It will be held sometime in June 2007. ❑ Strategic Workshop– The commission agreed to have this workshop on July 7th from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Centralina Council of Governments. Chairman DuVall asked the sub-committee to create a draft outline of what should be covered in the Lake Management Plan prior to the Workshop. ❑ Buoys at Nance Cove – Would like the commission to order two floating buoys with signs that state that the entire cove is no wake, as well as, ordering several signs for private docks to display stating this information. Chairman DuVall wants these items ordered as quickly as possible so these buoys can be installed. ❑ Post Construction Stormwater Ordinance – Rusty Rozzelle sent an email out to the commission prior to the business meeting that the Post Construction Stormwater Ordinance has been approved. 	
Executive Director's Report	<p>Executive Director's Report - Executive Director Mike McLaurin reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Activity Reports were distributed to the Commissioners ❑ Invoices have been sent to the funding counties for their final payment 	
Commission Counsel Report	<p>Commission Counsel Report – Chris Clark reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Fueling boats on the lake – Clark did not find any laws or regulations prohibiting fueling boats on the lake. ❑ Clark drafted the proposed 100' buffer regulation language and will walk through this process at the June 2007 MILMC business meeting. 	
Commissioner's Comments	<p>Commissioner's Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Commissioner Chris Watson informed Duke Energy that he has witnessed several campers near Cowan's Ford Dam. This is a very dangerous area and camping is prohibited. Kermitt Taylor with Duke Energy will contact CMPD Officer Scott Howard for him to follow up on this. ❑ Secretary Treasurer Danzi spoke with developer, Bill Delour, about the development that is going in near the National Whitewater Park. He is committed to being very cautious of runoff into the lake. 	

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Commissioner's Comments (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="554 217 1619 321">□ Green Transformation Conference – This conference will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2007 from 9am – 1 pm at the Pine Island Country Club. Ann Danzi and Alice Battle have volunteered their pontoon boats to be used on the tour. <li data-bbox="554 326 1619 797">□ Vice Chairman Battle attended the Bi-State Advisory meeting. Barry Gullick did a presentation on wastewater and stated that McDowell has been expanded and will increase their intake from 6 MGD to 12 MGD this summer. They have several lift stations that feed into McAlpine Creek. What they plan to do is build a sewage plant at Long Creek where they now have the lift station. This will help take care of the northern part of the county. That will then free up McAlpine Creek to take in more of the development in the southern part of the county. The IBT proposal was another topic that was covered at this Bi-State meeting. The Senate version and the House of Representatives version have been merged. It is now in it's fifth revision. A note of interest was the cap on the amount of water that can be taken from a water basin is 5% of the volume and they don't know if Concord and Kannapolis will be grandfathered in. If they are not, they will have to conform to these rules. <li data-bbox="554 802 1619 906">□ Commissioner Pam Beck announced that her Godson received the Moorehead Scholarship and will be attending University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Congrats! 	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.	
Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next MILMC business meeting will be held on June 6, 2007 at 6:30 pm at Mount Holly City Hall, 131 South Main Street, Mount Holly, NC	

Annette Lawing, Clerk