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Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission

**Mount Holly City Hall
131 South Main Street
Mount Holly, NC**

March 1, 2006 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Jerry Campbell
Chairman
Gaston County

Dan DuVall
Vice Chairman
Mecklenburg County

Alice Battle
Secretary/Treasurer
Mecklenburg County

Pam Beck
Gaston County

Ann Danzi
Gaston County

Gregory Shelton
Mecklenburg County

Chris Watson
Lincoln County

Michael McLaurin
Executive Director

Chris Clark
Legal Counsel

- I. Welcome
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Approval of the March 1, 2006 Agenda
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- V. Public Comments
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 - Appointment of Chris Clark to serve as Marine Commission Counsel
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 - B. Gaston County Police Department Sgt. McCants
 - C. Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Deputy Warlick
 - D. N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Officer Rowell
 - E. Mecklenburg Co. Parks and Recreation Woody Woodward

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| IX. | Environmental Reports (<i>Please limit reports to three minutes.</i>) | |
| | A. Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services | Rusty Rozzelle,
Mecklenburg County |
| | B. Charlotte Engineering and Property Management | Brad Loveland,
City of Charlotte |
| X. | Special Reports | |
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| XI. | Discussion of a 150' No Wake Zone (No Public Hearing on this matter has been scheduled) | Marine Commissioners |
| XII. | Base Operating Plan | BOP Subcommittee |
| XIII. | Chairman's Report | Chairman Jerry Campbell |
| XIV. | Executive Director's Comments | Michael McLaurin |
| | A. Finance and Activity Report | |
| XV. | Commission Counsel Report | Chris Clark |
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Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission

**Charlotte Mecklenburg Utility Offices
5100 Brookshire Blvd.
Charlotte, NC**

February 1, 2006 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Marine Commissioners Attending

Chairman Jerry Campbell
Vice Chairman Dan DuVall
Secretary/Treasurer Alice Battle
Commissioner Greg Shelton
Commissioner Ann Danzi
Commissioner Pam Beck

Gaston County
Mecklenburg County
Mecklenburg County
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Gaston County
Gaston County

Marine Commissioners Not Attending

Commissioner Chris Watson

Lincoln County

Staff Attending

Michael McLaurin
Chris Clark
Annette Lawing

Executive Director
Commission Counsel
Marine Commission Clerk

Chairman Jerry Campbell opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m. and welcomed all present and requested that each Commissioners and/or staff introduced themselves.

Pledge of Allegiance – The Chairman led the Commissioners in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the February 1, 2006 Agenda - *The agenda was approved on motions by Commissioners DuVall and Shelton.*

Approval of the January 4, 2006 Meeting Minutes - Corrections were as follows:

Commissioner Beck – Pg. 2 (Covekeepers report) – insert “silt” fences in the first paragraph, 3rd sentence.
Counsel Clark – Various places throughout minutes where correction of spelling of “counsel”.
Commissioner Battle – Pg. 2 (FERC report) – 2nd paragraph, 2nd sentence. Change text to read “Volunteering Water Users are coming up with contributions to a fund that will be used by the Water Users Group”. Also, Pg. 2, paragraph 5. Correct spelling of River Bend to “Riverbend”. Pg. 3, 2nd paragraph. Correct spelling of Latter Plantation to “Latta Plantation”.
Commissioner Danzi – (Stonewater Bay) – Addition to first sentence to “Gaston County has no control over Stonewater Bay Phase I and II and the soil erosion problems”
Commissioner Beck – (Stonewater Bay) – Correction to 2nd sentence. “This development was grandfathered into the NCDENR’s jurisdiction”. Also correction on Pg. 2 (FERC report), 4th paragraph, 2nd sentence, “Donna answered the question letting the Commissioners know that the Habitat Fee is used for education and habitat enhancement.”

Executive Director, Mike McLaurin suggested to the Commission that the approval of the January 4, 2006 meeting minutes be deferred until the March 1st meeting.

Consent Agenda – No Items

Public Safety Reports

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department – Officer Howard had nothing to report.

Gaston County Police Department – Officer McCants reported that Gaston County Police would not be patrolling the lakes until boating season starts again. Only on an “as needs” basis.

Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office – No Report

N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission – No Report

Mecklenburg Co. Parks and Recreation - Woody Woodward reported for Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation. Following are upcoming events around Latta Plantation.

- June 3, 2006 – Triathlon with approximately 700 people to participate
- June 17, 2006 – Wake Boarding Competition
- June 24, 2006 – Latta Launch – 12th annual canoe/kayak race
- June 12 – July 7, 2006 – Co-hosting the McCory YMCA Adventure Camps
- Equestrian Center is in place

Environmental Reports

Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services – Rusty Rozzelle briefed the Marine Commission on the Commission aware of the Mountain Island Lake Symposium coming up on March 16th, 2006 from 10:00am – 2:30pm at Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens. Lunch will be catered and there will be several key speakers. The purpose of this workshop will be to update elected officials from the municipalities around the lake in the successful efforts that have been made to date to protect this valuable resource. Three sessions planned during this workshop with each session lasting about an hour. One keynote speaker will be Dr. Leonard Hamilton from NY State’s Ten Town’s Coalition. Rusty encouraged each Mountain Island Lake Marine Commissioner to be in attendance.

Rusty also reported that the McDowell Creek Watershed Management Plan has been completed. This plan will be on the website, www.waterquality.charmeck.org by the end of the week.

Charlotte Engineering and Property Management – No Report

Duke Power – Mallory Liles reported three (2) dock permits, no stabilizations. The new no trespassing signs for the islands have been made and will get them to Commissioner Battle for installation.

On motions by Commissioners DuVall and Shelton, the Marine Commission approved to add Public Comments before Special Reports on the agenda.

Public Comments – Ron Maddox of 2836 High Water Lane discussed the issue of the proposed 150’ No Wake Zone. Mr. Maddox noted that he and his family has lived on Mountain Island Lake for over 30 years and has enjoyed skiing off of his pier and would like that to continue. He also feels that a 150’ No Wake Zone would shut down Nance Cove and the homeowners in that area are strongly opposing this. The current no wake buoy near Mr. Maddox’s house has done nothing but cause problems and if any accidents are going to happen, that is were it would take place.

Commissioner Shelton assured Mr. Maddox that one of the Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission’s Statements of Purpose is that of Use and Recreation of the Lake. The various issues involving balancing lake use will be considered before voting on a 150’ No Wake Zone.

Special Reports

Presentation of the FY 2004-2005 Audit – Sheila Mulkey of Dixon Hughes updated the Commission on the FY 2005-2006 audit. Ms. Mulkey distributed copies of the audit to the Commission and staff. She stated that the audit was considered a “clean audit” with the financial records being in good shape. Ms. Mulkey reviewed the various financial statements and other written correspondence associated with the audit.

Commissioner Danzi asked if the Sales Tax Refund is something that shows up every year. Sheila responded by saying that a refund report must be filed with the State requesting any refunds from purchases made by the commission that had sales tax included. The staff is currently behind in filing this report. This refund report can be filed on a quarterly, 6-month or yearly basis.

. Sheila pointed out that two audit adjustments were suggested. The first was an outstanding Accounts Payable balance of \$3500.00. This was due to timing and how year-end fell into the due date. Secondly, a deposit of \$4700.00 that was deposited into the wrong Marine Commission and got refunded twice. This has since been resolved.

Commissioner Danzi stated concerns about why it takes so many months before the audit report is given to the commission to review. Sheila indicated that the problem lies partly because the State must review the audit plus the information sharing process between Mike McLaurin and the auditors. It is a time consuming process, but it should be done in a timelier manner in the future. Executive Director, Mike McLaurin assures the commission that now that the financial reporting is in place, the reporting should be done by October of the next FY audit. **On motions by Commissioner DuVall and Commissioner Danzi, the Marine Commission approved a goal to receive audit information for the FY 05-06 by October 1, 2006.**

Update on the N.C. Forest – Laura Shidal, Forest Supervisor of the Mountain Island Educational State Forest, updated the Commission. The Educational State Forest consists of seven working and managed forests run by the North Carolina Division of Forest Resources. These forests are for educational purposes, not recreation. Mountain Island is the seventh educational forest in the State and is not yet opened to the public. Trespassing issues has been the primary setback for opening this forest to the public and once this problem is eliminated, it will be opened. Educational forests are working forests therefore; there is timber management on these acres. Twenty acres (20) were harvested approximately six (6) weeks ago. Through resolutions with Lincoln and Gaston Counties, the proceeds from the timber sales go into the Community Foundation of Gaston County. Ms. Shidal opened the floor for questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Dan DuVall asked for information that the Marine Commission could use to help obtain more funding for the Mountain Island Lake State Forest. Ms. Shidal responded with saying that Diane Beasley with NC Forestry in Raleigh would be a contact person for the Marine Commission to address this question to. Ms. Shidal will email Ms. Beasley's information to Commissioner DuVall.

Commissioner Greg Shelton requested that the Marine Commission be able to schedule an outing in order to see this forest first hand. Ms. Shidal responded positively towards the request. The Marine Commission is to contact Ms. Shidal when they would like to have this outing.

Commissioner Shelton also asked how does the NC Forestry staff respond to trespassers when they are caught? Ms. Shidal responded that a warning is given to the trespasser and encourages anyone that see a trespasser on this property to call the police.

Commissioner Battle asked who needed to be called when someone is caught deer hunting from the water? Ms. Shidal responded by stating that she was unsure if the Gaston County Police or Wildlife should be contacted on such an event. Mike McLaurin added that Commissioner Battle can send him the information on this and he will forward it on the Wildlife to follow up on.

Executive Director, Mike McLaurin asked Ms. Shidal if they had a Strategic Plan in place? Ms. Shidal responded that they do indeed have a Forest Management Plan and she will forward it on to the Commission. She noted that it is based on a 10-year plan and is always changing.

Presentation on the proposed River Center Located near the Charlotte Whitewater Park -

Edna Chirico of Chirico Huber Properties updated the commission about the proposed Catawba River Center. She reported that approximately one year ago, D.L. Phillips Trust (who owns the Charlotte Merchandise Mart) approached her about moving the Merchandise Mart to another location. Since that time, the University Park Baptist Church has purchased the Mart property and the Mart must relocate in approximately two years. Ms. Chirico has been working with the city, county, D.L. Phillips Trust and others to create a Catawba River Center where the Mart would be located.

The proposed Catawba River Center is on the Catawba River near Wilkinson Blvd. The new Mart is proposed to be 250,000 sq feet building with parking. A "Village" type atmosphere has also been proposed. Other features include a 200-room hotel; condominiums and retail center. All of the proposed facilities are expected to be integrated into an Urban Park setting.

Ms. Chirico said the economic impact for Mecklenburg County is great considering how many people are employed by the Mart. She said that when visitors attend Mart events such as the Southern Spring Show, they would make purchases, stay in hotels, eat in restaurants etc. Just the sales tax component for Mart events generate over 4 million dollars in revenue per year based on the existing business model. That revenue stream can be used in conjunction with city's enabling legislation to build and allow the county to own the exhibition hall, complete the infrastructure and develop the park.

A second component (the hotel, condominiums, the retail) is proposed to be constructed with a 99-year lease agreement with the County. This would allow a private developer to build, sale and lease those and after the lease expires it will all revert back to the County. The expected economic impact of this project exceeds about 115 million dollars. Also, this project is expected to have a very positive effect on the Wilkinson Blvd Corridor as well as Belmont and Mt. Holly across the river.

Ms. Chirico noted that an Environmental Consortium consisting of representatives from UNC-Charlotte, Urban Institute, Trust for the Public Lands, and Catawba Lands Conservancy has been asked to form an oversight group to make sure that as this process, even through building phase, is of an environmental sensitive design.

Edna Chirico completed her report and opened the floor to questions.

Chairman Campbell asked how this area would handle traffic? Ms. Chirico responded by stating that there will definitely have to do road improvements.

Commissioner Beck asked if there would be an environmental review statement. Ms. Chirico's response was that there is an environmental review statement in place.

Commissioner Battle asked what the timeframe of completion? Ms. Chirico responded by stating that the facility would have to be operating no later than Spring Show 2008. If the rezoning process is successful, grading should begin in about one (1) year.

Base Operating Plan

Commissioner DuVall handed out the most current Attachment C (revised Jan. 4, 2006) for each of the Commissioners to insert into their BOP workbook. Each of the projects were then reviewed and updated.

- Blue Fin Award (Beck) – Award to be presented at May 2006 meeting.
- River Tour (Beck) – Commission to plan tour possibly in August 2006.
- Bi Annual Boating Classes (Danzi) – Suggestion to link lighthouses and Stonewater link to MILMC website. Also have area marinas to advertise these safety classes. Advertise in the Mountain Island Monitor.

On motions by Commissioners DuVall and Beck, the Marine Commission approved to reactivate Project #9 (Post Boating Safety Rules) on put back on Attachment C.

- Post Safety Rules (Danzi) – Commissioner Danzi to post safety rules. To also post at Riverbend and at Neck Road area.
- Meetings (2) with County Commissioners (Campbell) – Met with Gaston County on January 10th and with Lincoln County the last week in January. To meet with Mecklenburg County on March 8th at the Government Center.
- MILMC Seal (Shelton) – Seal to be put on the Safety Rules.
- Neck Rd. Access Road Transfer (McLaurin) – County has sent transfer to State.
- MILMC Section of Ad Code (Shelton) – Suggestion to email Commissioner Shelton if any comments regarding Ad Code.
- Interbasin Transfer (Campbell) – Mecklenburg County will discuss IBT on February 7th, 3:00pm at the Mecklenburg County Government Center.
- Protect Water Intake (Campbell) – Still working with Representative Myrick. Cameras are up and working at Mount Holly Intake.
- MOU (Campbell) – Will be meeting on March 16th at the Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens
- MILMC Signage in Access Areas (Shelton) – Signs are up on Hwy 16 and Hwy 73 entrance of bridge.
- Clean Lake Management (Battle) – Alice has completed the 150' No Wake Zone Proposal

Commissioner DuVall request that each Commissioner come up with a short statement for Desired Outcome on projects that he/she is involved in and email to him.

Chairman's Report – Chairman Campbell reported to the Commission.

Report to Two Commissions – Met with Gaston County on January 10th and with Lincoln County last week of January. Will meet with Mecklenburg County on March 8th.

Executive Director's Comments – Mike McLaurin reported to the Commission.

Budget Reports to Funding Counties – Deadline to present budgets to the funding counties are as follows:

Gaston County – February 27, 2006
Mecklenburg County – March 3, 2006

Commission Counsel Report – No Report

Commissioner Comments

Secretary/Treasurer Battle

150' No Wake Zone - Commissioner Battle handed out the 150' No Wake Zone proposal that she has prepared. She would like the Commission to study the handouts and schedule a discussion at the MILMC

March meeting with possibly scheduling a public hearing for MILMC April meeting.

Legal Counsel, Chris Clark suggested not to put the proposal from the Marine Commission but have Alice Battle put her own name on it.

Commissioner Beck

Environmental Management Committee (EMC) – Commissioner Beck reported that the Concord/Kannapolis Interbasin Transfer application was not discussed at the recent EMC meeting.

Name Badges – Would like to have new business cards and name badges for each of the Commissioners with official MILMC Seal.

Marine Commission's Statement of Purpose - Chris Clark read the Statement of Purpose into the record.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m. on motions by Commissioner DuVall and Commissioner Danzi. The next meeting will be held on March 1, 2006 at the Mount Holly City Hall, 131 South Main Street, Mount Holly.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Lawing

Annette Lawing
Marine Commission Clerk

Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission

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

January 4, 2005 6:30 p.m.

Revised Meeting Minutes

Marine Commissioners Attending

Chairman Jerry Campbell
Vice Chairman Dan DuVall
Secretary/Treasurer Alice Battle
Commissioner Ann Danzi
Commissioner Pam Beck
Commissioner Chris Watson
Commissioner Greg Shelton

Gaston County
Mecklenburg County
Mecklenburg County
Gaston County
Gaston County
Lincoln County
Mecklenburg County

Staff Attending

Michael McLaurin
Chris Clark
Annette Lawing

Executive Director
Commission Counsel
Marine Commission Clerk

Chairman Jerry Campbell opened the meeting at 6:34 p.m. and welcomed all present.

Pledge of Allegiance – The Chairman led the Commissioners in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the January 4, 2005 Agenda - *The agenda was approved on motions by Commissioners DuVall and Shelton.*

Approval of the December 14, 2005 Revised Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Danzi made correction to omit the word “our” on page 2, first paragraph, first sentence.
On motions by Commissioners Danzi and Shelton, the revised minutes were approved.

Consent Agenda – No Items

Marine Commission’s Statement of Purpose - Chris Clark read the Statement of Purpose into the record.

Public Comments - None

Public Safety Reports

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department – No Report

Gaston County Police Department – No Report

Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office – No Report

N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission – No Report

Environmental Reports

Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services - No Report

Charlotte Engineering and Property Management – No Report

Duke Power – Kelvin Reagan reported no approvals for the month of December

Charlotte Mecklenburg Utilities - No Report

Mountain Island Lake Covekeepers - Commissioner Pam Beck reported that the CoveKeepers do not normally meet in the month of December. However, they continued to patrol and monitor the area. One item of concern was that Phase II of the Stonewater Bay that had silt fences failures during a recent rain event resulting in red water rushing through the street. The matter has been resolved.

Commissioner DuVall asked about an unoccupied boat he had found on Mountain Island Lake near the floodgates. DuVall said that he had phoned 911 in Lincoln County to make them aware of the situation and ask if that was the proper procedure. Officer Turner with Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department responded by they had received a call about this boat. The McGuire Security assisted the stranded boater to the shore and the boat was tied down until it could be towed off the lake. Officer Turner informed the Commission that the procedure that Commissioner DuVall followed was correct. Anytime a boater is in a dangerous area, please contact lake enforcement officers.

FERC - Commissioner Battle reported on the latest activities involving the FERC Relicensing process. She said that there was a lot of concern about the proposed withdrawal fee for water. There is a proposal in which a water users group would be formed who would contribute funds that would be used to promote water conversation. Duke Power would also contribute. This would be in lieu of Duke Power charging the municipalities to withdraw water.

Donna Lisenby with the Catawba RiverKeepers and Executive Director Mike McLaurin added with saying that Duke Power believes that they have the right to charge the public for water drawn to compensate for the loss of water that they could use for electrical generation.

Commissioner Danzi asked if the fee from Duke Power is a separate fee from the Habitat Enhancement Fund? Donna responded by saying that the Habitat Enhancement Fund is now used for education and habitat enhancement. Chairman Campbell suggested that when the AIP is available for review, that Battle and McLaurin gather the needed information and report back to the Commission.

Commissioner DuVall asked if the Commission had any influence over this. Mike McLaurin added that the Marine Commission has influence as being an official stakeholder. Commissioner DuVall's concern was to lessen paperwork by having Commissioner Battle keep the Marine Commission up to speed of the concerning issues regarding the AIP. He feels that the Marine Commission has enough active items on the Attachment C in the BOP. Commissioner Beck added that there would be some sections of the AIP, such as recreation, that the Marine Commission will have interest in and should be informed of.

Alice also reported that the AIP has a proposal for the Riverbend Access Area. This is an effort to work with Mount Holly to create a recreational area and has been moved from the first 5-year period to the second 5-year period. Meaning, that this recreation area will not become a reality until the year 2013.

Mecklenburg Co. Parks and Recreation – Woody Woodward reported that the new Branch Manager of Division of Natural Resources, Mecklenburg County Parks & Recreation is Mr. Michael Kirschman. Mr. Woodward also said that new contract will be coming out for the equestrian center.

Approval of the Official MILMC Seal - On motions by Commissioner Greg Shelton and Commissioner Alice Battle, the Marine Commission approved the Official MILMC Seal.

Discussion by the Marine Commission on Interbasin Transfer Issues – Commission Beck reported. Donna Lisenby compiled a list of oppositions to create a resolution. The Commission reviewed this list and Commissioner Shelton felt it needed to be shortened.

Legal Counsel, Chris Clark would like more time to review the document. Also, he felt there were several statements in the document that could be eliminated. The document is twice as long as it needs to be. In conclusion, the final resolution needs to state who the Commission is and why they are opposed to the Concord/Kannapolis IBT. Chris asked Donna Lisenby what is the time frame needed to get the resolution completed and to the necessary individuals? Donna replied that Lincoln and Gaston County has already pasted an opposition. Mecklenburg County Natural Resource Committee will be meeting on January 24th. **A motion was made by Commissioner DuVall that Commissioner Shelton and Legal Counsel Chris Clark work together to create a resolution and then email it to the other commissioners for approval. Commissioner Shelton made a second.**

After Mike McLaurin acknowledged that that process would violate the spirit of the open meeting law, Commissioner DuVall withdrew his motion.

Legal Counsel informed the Commission that a vote could be taken at tonight's business meeting to approve a resolution that Legal Counsel and Commissioner Shelton create.

On motions from Commissioner Danzi and Commissioner DuVall, the Marine Commission approved authorizing Legal Counsel, Chris Clark and Commissioner Greg Shelton to create a resolution to include such information as statement of purpose, authorizing legislation, and conclusion of opposition of the IBT.

Chairman's Report – Chairman Jerry Campbell reported.

Bi-State Commission Meeting - Chairman Campbell informed the Commission that the next Bi-State Commission meeting is January 13th.

Funding for Mount Holly – As a follow-up report from the letter mailed to Representative Sue Myrick requesting funding for security and officers to patrol the lake for the Town of Mount Holly. Chairman Campbell received a phone call from Representative Sue Myrick's office informing the Commission that the funds through Homeland Security have been denied. Chairman Campbell insured Mount Holly's Chief of Police Hoyle that the Marine Commission will continue to support their efforts.

Stonewater Bay – For information only: On the issues of soil erosion around Stonewater Bay, Gaston County has no control over Stonewater Bay Phase I & II and the soil erosion problems. This development was grandfathered into NCDENR's jurisdiction. An option that Mount Holly has is to contact the State and request authority to Gaston County regarding Stonewater Bay.

Spring Clean – Campbell spoke with Chief Hoyle regarding having another spring clean in Mount Holly. Most likely will schedule the cleanup for March or April.

IBT Update Meeting January 11th – Mike McLaurin reported that there will be a water allocation meeting held in Raleigh and MILMC should be represented. Commissioner Beck and Commissioner Battle plan to attend.

Website – Mike McLaurin reported on Website. New website is MARINECOMMISSION.COM. Parker Web Developers are requesting links and contact information of each of the marine commissioners. The website should be up and running within the next couple of weeks.

River Tour – Need to begin the planning process to have a River Tour this Spring or Summer.

Letter of Accommodation to Executive Director, Mike McLaurin – A letter of accommodation was presented to Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission's Executive Director, Mike McLaurin by Chairman Campbell for his valuable role and hard work.

Finance Report – Executive Director, Mike McLaurin reported that the contribution from Gaston County has been received. Mecklenburg County contribution has not yet been received.

Chairman Campbell and Mike McLaurin emphasized the importance of keeping good relations with the funding counties and their commissioners.

Commissioner Battle added to the Finance Report by informing the Commission that Legal Counsel, Chris Clark and the legal firm of Shumaker, Loop, and Kendrick have contributed \$7,420.50 of pro-bono work from July 1 – Sept 2005. The Commission showed their appreciation with an applause.

Commissioner Comments and Staff Reports

Secretary/Treasurer Battle

Clean Water Lake Management Meeting – Secretary/Treasurer Battle passed out to the commission the minutes from the Clean Water Lake Management Meeting that she attended. Items of interest included:

- The Committee is trying to determine the property owners across from Mount Holly and Gaston County water intakes. Mallory Liles with Duke Power researched this area. The latest map shows this property as an island; therefore Duke Power, not Mount Holly, owns it.
- Signs on Big Island – Alice has taken pictures of signs that have weathered the conditions and come to a conclusion that metal signs are needed on Big Island. Mallory Liles, with Duke Power has put in an order for these signs.

150' No Wake Zones– Still working on 150' no wake zones and may possibly have it completed by next week.

Vice-Chairman DuVall

Stakeholders Group - The working committee is in the process of trying to get approval from the County. Will update Committee when information is provided.

Alternative Revenue – No Report.

BOP (Base Operating Plan) – Commissioner DuVall made a suggestion that the BOP be moved to Item X on the agenda, just below the Environmental Reports. Commissioner DuVall handed out copies of Attachment C of the BOP. This attachment keeps track of the projects that the Marine Commission have active and on going. The long-term goal of this document is to have a history of what the Marine Commission did in the previous year. Commissioner DuVall gave the other Commissioners an opportunity to commit to projects that have not been assigned.

Commissioner Battle suggested that the Clean Water Lake Management Committee be added to the Attachment C as an ongoing committee.

On motions from Commissioner Shelton and Commissioner Beck, the Marine Commission approved adding the Clean Water Lake Management Committee to the Attachment C of the BOP as an ongoing committee.

Mike McLaurin added by suggesting the Strategic Plan (Attachment C) be posted on the Marine Commission website.

On motions from Commissioner Shelton and Commissioner Danzi, the Marine Commission approved authorizing Commissioner DuVall to make needed changes to the BOP.

Executive Director's Report - No Report

Commission Counsel's Report – No Report

Comments by Marine Commissioners and Request for Future Agenda Items - None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. on motions by Commissioner DuVall and Commissioner Watson The next meeting will be held on February 1, 2006 at Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities (CMU), 5100 Brookshire Blvd., Charlotte, NC.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Lawing

Annette Lawing
Marine Commission Clerk

Editor's Note: At the February 1, 2006 Marine Commission meeting, the Executive Director recommended that the January meeting minutes be adjusted and approved at the March meeting.