

# LAKE ANNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Orange County Office Building  
112 West Main Street  
Orange, VA. 22960  
**MINUTES – March 23, 2016 MEETING**

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## **DETERMINATION AND CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Heidig called the meeting to order at 7:07p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Ann Heidig, Chair; Chris McCotter, Vice-Chair; Bill Martin, Treasurer; Willie Gentry, Louisa County; Jim White, Orange County; Gary Bullis, Spotsylvania County; V. Rae Jones, Orange County Citizen Representative,

*\* Mr. Greg Cebula arrived at 7:10 p.m.*

**Absent:** James Beazley, Dominion Virginia .Power

Others Present: Susan Turner, Orange County Committee Secretary; and Jean McCormick, Navigation Sub-Committee Chair.

## **CITIZEN'S INFORMATION PERIOD**

There were no speakers.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion and vote:** Mr. White made a motion, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the minutes for the December 9, 2015 special meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0. Absent: Mr. Cebula.

## **BILLS FOR REIMBURSEMENT**

Mr. Martin stated that there were no bills for reimbursement at this time.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Martin provided a written report of the 2015 year end balances, as well as the 2016 YTD balances for the hydrilla budget, and checking account. He discussed money set aside for hydrilla and carp, the expiration and closure of CD #700165116, in which the funds were transferred into the checking account. He further discussed the status of other investments. Mr. Martin also reported that he applied for and established a Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption, on behalf of the LAAC.

Ms. Heidig requested the appointment of a Finance and Budget Committee, per the requirements of the LAAC by-laws. Ms. Heidig also noted, that the Treasurer's books had not been reviewed in many years, and made the suggestion to have them audited. Mr. Martin remarked that Mr. Christian Goodwin, Louisa County Administrator, offered to conduct the audit.

**Motion and vote:** Mr. White made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bullis to request that the County of Louisa conduct an audit of the Treasurer's books. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0.

**Motion and vote:** Mr. Cebula made a motion; seconded by Mr. McCotter to approve to the Treasurer's report, subject to an audit. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **HYDRILLA SUBCOMMITTEE**

Mr. Doug Smith stated that the carp contract is in place and delivery of the carp is set for April 28, 2016, with a back-up date of May 5, 2016. Currently, they are working to arrange sites in which to introduce the carp. Per Mr. Smith, Dominion and DGIF have provided written statements of approval for the delivery and use of carp. Mr. Smith stated that the contractor, delivering the carp will need a check upon delivery. Mr. Smith stated that

Larry Zemke is in charge of selecting the herbicide contractor. Mr. Smith requested the inclusion of a renewal option in the herbicide contract, for a three year period, going forward.

**Motion and vote:** Mr. Cebula made a motion; seconded by Mr. White to approve the inclusion of an annual renewal option in the herbicide contract, for a three year period. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0.

Ms. Heidig made a recommendation to convert the Hydrilla Subcommittee into the Environmental Committee, as stated in the LAAC by-laws. Ms. Heidig nominated Mr. Doug Smith to chair the committee, which he accepted for a one year appointment.

**Motion and vote:** Mr. McCotter made a motion; seconded by Mr. Gentry to convert the Hydrilla Committee to the Environmental Committee. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0.

**Motion and vote:** Mr. Gentry made a motion; seconded by Mr. Bullis to appoint Mr. Doug Smith as chair of the Environmental Committee for a one-year term. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0.

Discussion ensued among the LAAC members regarding: consideration of creating a By-laws Committee, and gathering a list of recommended members for such; conducting a half hour worksession prior to the next LAAC meeting; the need to re-visit the by-laws in regards to who must head committees;

Ms. Heidig requested the by-laws and purpose statement be sent to all committee member.

#### **WAKE SURFING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Ms. McCormick, Wake Surfing Sub-Committee Chair, presented the Wake Surfing Subcommittee report to the LAAC, which outlines growing concerns over larger than normal wakes, which have proven to be destructive and unsafe. Ms. McCormick indicated that the Wake Surfing Subcommittee had been researching and discussing the appropriate distance to provide a safe boating environment. It is the recommendation of the Subcommittee to provide a distance of 200 feet from the shoreline, docks, piers and boathouses. Therefore, the Subcommittee submitted the following; *"Draft Resolution Supporting a Consistent Distance from the Shoreline of Lake Anna, and the Application to DGIF for a Consistent 200FT Setback Rule for Lake Anna"*. Ms. McCormick advised that the acceptance from the counties of a Resolution setting a 200FT setback, would then allow the Committee to begin the regulatory process with DGIF.

Mr. Richard Street, Environmental Engineer with Spotsylvania County, provided an overview on the following information:

- Increased requests for permits of Shoreline restoration or protection
- Increased requests for no wake buoys, especially in shallow areas
- Increased wave action causing problematic shoreline erosion
- Issues with storm water quality

Mr. McCotter inquired if any other lakes in Virginia have enacted setbacks. Mr. Street replied, the Eastern Shore and Virginia Beach have, but no other lakes.

Deputy Schroeder, of Spotsylvania County provided the following insight:

- Safety aspect/protecting property is his primary concern
- Finding a way to co-exist on the lake would be ideal
- Aligning the Spotsylvania and Louisa County Ordinances is necessary for enforcement
- Virginia State code for "no wake" zones is currently established at 50FT

Discussion ensued among the LAAC members regarding: the purpose of the Resolution from Louisa County and Spotsylvania County; applying with DGIF for a regulatory solution, after public notice; issues with enforcing the 200FT setback; and next steps to begin the process.

**Motion and vote:** Mr. Martin made a motion; seconded by Mr. Cebula to present the draft Resolution, prepared by Ms. McCormick, to Louisa County, Spotsylvania County, and Orange County in order to solicit feedback and suggestions to incorporate into a final version. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**New Bridge Fire/Rescue/Marine Station**

Mr. Ron Skinner and Mr. Dave Boardway, came before the LAAC requesting the committees support in the form of a letter or resolution, endorsing their efforts to establish a new Fire, Rescue, and Marine Station emergency response facility to be located on New Bridge Road (Route 28), near the center of Lake Anna. Mr. Boardway explained, the proposed location of the station was chosen because it is at the center of the Lake Anna Designated Growth Area and at midpoint of Lake Anna for Louisa County. Mr. Skinner further explained, the proposed station would address the need for an emergency marine center near the water.

Discussion ensued among the LAAC members regarding: the organizations 501C status; funding opportunities to help build the station, and possible inclusion in the Louisa County future Capital Improvements Plan, pending a Fire & EMS Strategic Plan.

**Motion and vote:** Mr. Martin made a motion; seconded by Mr. McCotter to compose a letter of endorsement for the New Bridge Fire, Rescue, Marine Station. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0.

**NAVIGATION COMMITTEE**

Ms. McCormick requested the Committees approval to spend \$1,500.00 to replace buoy lights.

**Motion and vote:** Mr. Gentry made a motion; seconded by Mr. Cebula to approve the payment of \$1,500.00 for replacement of buoy lights. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. McCotter agreed with Ms. Heidig's suggestion to establish additional subcommittees, per the LAAC by-laws. Mr. McCotter commented on the need for a LAAC website to provide better communication between citizens and County officials, and encourage volunteerism.

Mr. McCotter expressed concern regarding the release of extreme sedimentation into Contrary Creek. Mr. Gentry offered the following as possible causes; recent rain fall as well as logging work by the Department of Forestry in that area.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next LAAC Meeting will be held in Spotsylvania County on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion and vote:** Mr. Bullis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Martin to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8-0.

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Susan Turner, Orange County Secretary

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Date