

LAKE ANNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Orange County Office Building
112 West Main Street, Orange, VA. 22960
MEETING MINUTES – September 27, 2017

DETERMINATION AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Heidig called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ann Heidig, Chair; Chris McCotter, Vice-Chair; Richard “Dick” Shrum, Treasurer; Jim White, Orange County; Gary Bullis, Spotsylvania County; Greg Benton, Spotsylvania County; and Sarah Perkinson, Dominion Energy. * Ms. Perkinson arrived at 7:09 p.m.

Absent: Toni Williams, Louisa County.

Others Present: Susan Turner, Orange County Committee Secretary.

CITIZEN’S INFORMATION PERIOD

There were no speakers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chris McCotter raised a concern with the wording of LAAC web site comments made by Mr. Goodwin. Mr. McCotter suggested adding the words “stand-alone” web page. Ms. Heidig requested Mr. Goodwin be contacted to clarify the accuracy of his comments in the August 23, 2017 minutes.

Motion and Vote: Mr. Benton made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCotter which carried by a vote of 7-0, to approve the August 23, 2017 meeting minutes, as modified. Absent: Mr. Toni Williams.

BILLS FOR REIMBURSEMENT

There were no bills for reimbursement at this time.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Dick Shrum distributed a copy of the Treasurer’s Report to the Committee, and noted the following activity over the past month:

- Expenditures over the last month, which were all approved
- Spotsylvania Rescue Team donation of \$300
- Payment for additional buoy parts, identified at last meeting
- Hydrilla treatment Payment of \$3,694
- Deposit of \$500 received from Spotsylvania

Mr. Shrum noted he believed the deposit from Spotsylvania should have been \$2,000 or more. Mr. Benton agreed to research the approved budgeted amount.

Mr. Shrum stated, that he removed the hydrilla budget column from the report, and proposed it be handled differently going forward. He then reviewed the checking account balance, CD values, and renewal of maturing CD’s. There was discussion among the Committee about exploring better interest rate options for CD’s. Mr. Shrum agreed to research other banks rates.

Mr. Shrum went on to review the following:

- Hydrilla fund;
- Appropriate method for managing buoy fund;
- Status of Louisa, Spotsylvania, Orange County funding;
- Dominion Energy donation of \$2,000 for private side buoys.

Motion and vote: Mr. Bullis made a motion; seconded by Mr. Benton, which carried by a vote of 7-0, to file the Treasurer's report with the minutes going forward, as presented. Absent: Mr. Toni Williams.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Finance Committee Report

Chris McCotter, Finance Committee Chair, and Dick Shrum, Treasurer, presented recommendations for the FY19 budget to the Committee and distributed an FY19 Budget Needs narrative. He noted, input on the budget was received from the Safety Committee as well as the Environmental Subcommittee. The presentation included information on the following topics: total budget request of \$7,000; funding requests from localities; and the buoy maintenance and installation program.

Discussion ensued among the Committee regarding: buoy maintenance projections; 2014 buoy maintenance expenditures; water quality request inclusion; prior funding request documents; concerns with fund balance on hand; items for which funds can be utilized; formal presentation of funding requests to Board of Supervisors'; threat of future hydrilla outbreak; original appropriation for LAAC; savings from utilizing volunteers; utilizing Spotsylvania dive team; rationale for funding requests; plan for future maintenance; funding request vs. budget; improving the relevancy of LAAC; and due dates for funding requests.

Motion and Vote: Mr. Benton made a motion; seconded by Mr. Bullis, which carried by a vote of 6-1, to approve the Finance Committee's report with the recommended funding to be requested from each agency, and continued development of a budget for next year, as presented. Absent: Mr. Toni Williams. Voting against: Sarah Perkinson.

Draft Resolution Requesting Additional Lake Enforcement

Ann Heidig, Chairperson, explained that the Advisory Committee had drafted a resolution requesting additional lake enforcement, which was to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for each locality. Ms. Heidig then read the resolution to the Committee.

Discussion ensued among the Committee regarding: inclusion of prohibiting cell phones and texting; changes in language; and any change from DGIF on setback regulations.

Motion and Vote: Mr. McCotter made a motion; seconded by Mr. Bullis, which carried by a vote of 6-0-1, to approve the Resolution requesting additional Lake enforcement, and present the Resolution to the Board of Supervisors' for each locality as well as DGIF, as modified. Absent: Mr. Toni Williams. Abstain: Mr. Jim White.

Ms. Heidig, Chairperson, noted she would contact Christian Goodwin, County Administrator for Louisa County, to make the suggested changes to the Resolution, then she would sign and distribute the final draft of the Resolution to the Committee members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Environmental Committee Report

Doug Smith, Environmental Committee Chair, provided an update to the Committee, which included information on the following topics:

- One day of hydrilla treatment performed, at a cost of \$3,694.50;
- Substantial improvement around docks on freshwater creek;
- Hydrilla not eliminated, but improved for navigation;
- Herbicide not as effective in open areas;
- Revisiting treated areas;
- Lots of new hydrilla;
- Freshwater estates;
- A substantial amount of hydrilla remains, but not alarming;
- Will reassess in a month;
- No chance of introducing carp in April 2018.

Safety Committee Report

Jean McCormick, Safety Committee Chair provided an update to the Committee, which included information on the following topics:

- Everything is working for now on the cold side;
- Dillard's Bridge light almost out;
- Need to address the hot side.

OLD BUSINESS

Dick Shrum explained, that during the Committee's last meeting, there was mention of Dominion Energy creating a Buoy Policy for the private side of the lake. Mr. Shrum indicated that Dominion Energy is looking to LAAC for help managing the private side, and he would like the Committee to establish a draft policy to help Dominion Energy manage the hazard buoys.

Discussion ensued among the Committee regarding: level of involvement by LAAC; Ms. Heidig to contact Counties for input; Ms. Perkinson to provide draft Guidelines again; LAAC's liability; no-wake buoys requests made by private side Community Associations; and exceptions by Dominion Energy for no-wake buoys for major developments.

Mr. McCotter suggested the Committee refocus on the relevancy of the LAAC as well as review the bylaws. He requested all LAAC matters be presented to the entire Committee for discussion and improving on presenting information for consultation on processes.

Discussion ensued regarding: purpose of the Committee; administering vs. promoting; discussion of initiatives and programs at next meeting; and looking forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Jim White suggested the Committee publish an annual meeting schedule, to include: dates, times, and meeting locations, and adhere to said schedule. This would ensure availability of meeting space. Further, Mr. White noted that meetings of the LAAC are public and require proper notification to the public.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: possibility of alternates; resending final copy of the updated Bylaws, and earlier distribution of the meeting minutes.

NEXT MEETING

The next LAAC Meeting will be held in Spotsylvania County on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion and Vote: Mr. Bullis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shrum to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7-0. Absent: Mr. Toni Williams.

Susan Turner, Orange County Secretary

Date