

# LAKE ANNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Orange County Office Building  
112 West Main Street, Orange, VA. 22960  
MEETING MINUTES – September 26, 2018

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## DETERMINATION AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McCotter called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** Chris McCotter, Chair; Greg Benton, Vice-Chair; Richard “Dick” Shrum, Treasurer; Jim White; Kevin Marshall; Sarah Perkinson; and Toni Williams\*. \* *Mr. Williams arrived at 7:04 p.m.*

**Absent:** Robert Egan.

**Others Present:** Susan Turner, Orange County Committee Secretary.

## CITIZEN’S INFORMATION PERIOD

There were no speakers.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion and Vote:** Mr. Benton made a motion, seconded by Mr. White which carried by a vote of 7-0, to approve the May 23, 2018 meeting minutes, as presented. Absent: Mr. Egan.

**Motion and Vote:** Mr. Benton made a motion, seconded by Mr. White which carried by a vote of 6-0-1, with Mr. Williams abstaining, the committee approved the July 25, 2018 meeting minutes, as presented. Absent: Mr. Egan.

## BILLS FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Mr. Shrum presented a pending expenditure in the amount of \$1,246.30, for additional buoys and materials. Mr. McCotter then provided an explanation regarding the need for these additional buoy expenses.

Discussion ensued among the Committee regarding: prior approval of funding requests; cause for partial payment made; origination date of the bill; and seeking verbal authorization with Committee ratification for future needs.

**Motion and vote:** Mr. Marshall made a motion; seconded by Mr. Benton, which carried by a vote of 7-0, to approve payment of \$1,246.30 for additional buoys and materials, as presented.

## TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Shrum distributed the Treasurer’s Report to the Committee and provided a review of the following: recent expenses for buoy maintenance and hydrilla treatments; YTD balances of the checking account and CD’s; FY19 Funding by Locality; funding by Dominion Energy for hot-side buoys; and CD renewals and rates.

Mr. Shrum noted that the Committee’s Annual Financial Review would be completed soon.

## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

### Environmental Subcommittee Report

In the absence of Mr. Doug Smith, Environmental Subcommittee Chair, Mr. Allan Lassiter provided a brief update to the Committee, which included information of the following topics:

- Hydrilla treatment performed in August to effected areas;
- No hydrilla detected after treatment;
- Treatment came in under budget; and
- Pre-surveying underway on both, hot and cold sides.

Mr. McCotter provided a brief overview and update on the Algae Advisory which was issued by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) for parts of Lake Anna. He noted that VDH continues to monitor the situation, and that he would like to further discuss LAAC's involvement in the notification process during New Business.

### **Navigation/Safety Committee Report**

In the absence of Ms. Jean McCormick, Safety Committee Chair, Mr. McCotter relayed information she provided, which included an FY19 budget request of \$1,600 for maintenance of buoys. Ms. McCormick's report noted that there are 40 hazard buoys (21 in Louisa, 19 in Spotsylvania, 0 in Orange) and 24 no-wake buoys (10 in Louisa, 14 in Spotsylvania, 0 in Orange) which are maintained by the subcommittee.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Draft of State of Lake Anna Report**

Mr. McCotter, Chairman, presented a draft of the State of Lake Anna report for the Committees' consideration. He requested that Committee members review the report and provide feedback at the next meeting in November. Mr. McCotter indicated that the report would be presented to the Board of Supervisors of each locality, Dominion Energy, and DGIF, after its finalization.

#### **LAAC Subcommittee Needs/Transportation**

Mr. McCotter introduced Ms. Teresa Madison as the new Needs/Transportation Subcommittee Chairperson. Ms. Madison accepted the nomination.

Ms. Madison explained to the Committee, trespassing and parking issues she has experienced at her residence related to overflow from Lake Anna State Park. Discussion ensued among the Committee regarding: general parking issues around Lake Anna State Park; discussing enforcement measures with the Park Ranger; obstacles with moving the guard shack; involvement of State Delegates and Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office; and safety issues for emergency responders.

#### **Dominion Energy's Waste Heat Treatment Facility (WHTF) Buoy Standards**

Ms. Sarah Perkinson, with Dominion Energy provided an update on the WHTF Buoy Standards, which included the following:

- Approval by Dominion Energy
- Forwarded to Louisa County for approval
- Ms. Perkinson to follow-up with Louisa County Administrator on status
- Frequently asked questions to be included on Louisa County website
- Agreement to be signed & delivered to Mr. McCotter

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **VDH Advisory and LAAC's Future Involvement**

Mr. McCotter opened the floor for discussion regarding LAAC's involvement with any future advisories.

Ms. Perkinson provided an update on a new advisory recently issued by Dominion Energy, for harmful algae blooms found in the Waste Heat Treatment Facility (WHTF). She noted that Dominion Energy is working in conjunction with VDH on testing and issuance of advisories.

Mr. McCotter discussed matters with improving water quality, monitoring pollution, information collection, and buoy installation.

Discussion ensued among the Committee regarding: administering buoys; signage posted by Dominion Energy; working with HOA's to post additional signs; special notification markings on buoys; alerting public; VDH incurring cost of special notification buoys; LAAC could store buoys; effectiveness of buoys as a marker for algae notification; reliance on volunteers; importance of communication and public education; and concerns with E. coli.

### **2019 Funding Requests**

Mr. McCotter explained that, Mr. Shrum, Treasurer was working on the FY19 budget, and would be submitting budget funding requests to each of the localities in October. Mr. Shrum reviewed preliminary amounts vs. prior year expenditures. Mr. McCotter solicited input from the group on strategies regarding funding requests.

Discussion ensued among the Committee regarding: fund balances; reserve levels; planning for a severe hydrilla outbreak; estimated cost for a restoration year; cost of volunteers vs. professional services; maintaining a three (3) year fund balance; and justification for funding requests.

Mr. Williams requested a letter be drafted and sent to each locality, informing them of LAAC's decision to forgo funding requests this year but to remember them for future requests.

**Motion and Vote:** On the motion of Mr. Shrum, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Committee agreed to not submit funding requests this budget year. Further, the Chairman was tasked with writing a letter of notification to applicable entities of this decision but remember LAAC for future requests. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7-0. Absent: Mr. Egan.

### **Fishing University Visit**

Mr. Marshall provided brief remarks regarding the upcoming visit by Fishing University on September 29-30, 2018. He noted, their visit was to help promote Lake Anna and local businesses, and provided the following highlights:

- A presentation at Spotsylvania High School regarding outdoor industry
- Fishing trip on Lake Anna
- The entire program will be filmed and shown next year on several channels

Mr. Shrum requested the presentation of the budget be added to the November agenda. Collectively, the Committee agreed.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next LAAC Meeting will be held in Spotsylvania County on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion and Vote:** Mr. Benton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shrum to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7-0. Absent: Mr. Egan.

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**Susan Turner, Orange County Secretary**

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**Date**