

# LAKE ANNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Louisa County Office Building  
1 Woolfolk Avenue, Louisa, VA 23093  
MEETING MINUTES – January 23, 2019

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## **DETERMINATION AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. McCotter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chris McCotter, Chairman; Kevin Marshall, Spotsylvania County; Greg Benton, Spotsylvania County; Jim White, Orange County; Duane Adams, Louisa County; Christian Goodwin, Louisa County; Robert Egan, Spotsylvania; Sarah Perkinson, Dominion Energy; Mr. Richard “ Dick” Shrum, Louisa County.

## **CITIZEN’S INFORMATION PERIOD**

There were none

## **Organizational Meeting**

Mr. Goodwin asked for nominations for Chairman of the Lake Anna Advisory Committee.

**Motion and vote:** Mr. White made a motion, to nominate Mr. McCotter as Chairman of the Lake Anna Advisory Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McCotter asked for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Lake Anna Advisory Committee.

**Motion and vote:** Mr. McCotter made a motion, to nominate Mr. Benton as Vice- Chairman of the Lake Anna Advisory Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McCotter asked for nominations for Treasurer.

**Motion and vote:** Mr. White made a motion, to nominate Mr. Shrum as Treasurer of the Lake Anna Advisory Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES- November 28, 2018**

Mr. White made an amendment to the Agenda, stating after the citizen’s information period add Organizational Meeting to comply with the bylaws.

**Motion and vote:** A motion was made and seconded, to amend the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Perkinson stated Mr. Ron Skinner’s comment is not reflected in the minutes during the public comment period. Also, the time of the meeting ending is incorrect.

**Motion and vote:** A motion was made and seconded, to approve the November 28, 2018, LAAC meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

## **BILLS FOR REIMBURSEMENT**

There were none.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Shrum gave a brief discussing regarding his handout on buoy and hydrilla expenses on the previous calendar year and the upcoming year.

A motion was made, to allocate the funds of \$5,500 to hydrilla and \$2,000 for buoy replacement based on the Treasurer's recommendation.

Ms. Perkinson stated she would like more information on exactly what the funds will be used for regarding the hydrilla and buoy replacement.

The Committee agreed and Mr. Marshall withdrew his motion.

## **Subcommittee Reports:**

### **Navigation Safety**

Ms. McCormick said due to the weather they have not been out on the lake and not heard from any of the monitors. Ms. McCormick stated since receiving the four anchor buoys that were budgeted for back from VDH, they were able to be salvageable and the money is no longer needed for the buoys.

Mr. McCotter stated one of the title buoys on Thurman Island is down at dike 3. Mr. McCotter said he can recover the buoy and it can be reinstalled. Mr. McCotter stated if LAAC was tasked with working with VDH to better communicate HABs on the Lake, would extra money be needed for buoys.

Ms. McCormick said there are currently four buoys in the reserve but more buoys would be needed.

Further discussion ensued regarding the buoys on Lake Anna.

### **Environmental/ Water Quality**

Discussed under Hydrilla Management Plan.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Review Final Draft of State of Lake Anna Report** – Mr. McCotter asked the Committee if any changes need to be made to the final draft of State of Lake Anna Report.

Mr. Benton asked for his name to reflect Greg Benton.

Mr. White stated on page 2, under hydrilla, he would like for LAAC to use the terminology public side and private side rather than warm and cold side.

Mr. McCotter stated wherever warm and cold side are reflected in the report it will be changed to Waste Heat Treatment Facility (WHTF) for the warm side and the cold side will reflect Lake Anna.

Questions and comments were addressed by LAAC regarding the changes in the State of Lake Anna Report.

### **Review Final Draft of Letter to Supervisors Re/HAB**

Mr. Goodwin stated the Board of Supervisors approved a resolution requesting the Lake Anna Advisory Committee work with the Virginia Department of Health on further analysis of the Lake Anna harmful algae bloom.

Mr. McCotter inquired if LAAC needs to take any action.

Mr. Goodwin stated the Board would like LAAC to coordinate a response to facilitate with VDH.

Mr. Marshall said the Lake Anna Business Partnership submitted a letter asking staff in Spotsylvania County to find a better solution in notifying the public. Mr. Marshall stated he has asked for information on boards being posted around all of Spotsylvania convenient sites.

Mr. McCotter stated LAAC needs to determine if the letter will be sent to the Board of Supervisors in Spotsylvania County and Orange County.

**Motion and vote:** A motion was made and seconded, to send the final draft of letter to Supervisors Re/HAB to the Board of Supervisors in Spotsylvania County and Orange County. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Discussion- Hydrilla Management Plan**

Mr. Smith stated he would like to submit two documents to the Committee:

1. History of hydrilla on Lake Anna
2. Combating hydrilla with carbon herbicide

Mr. Smith addressed concerns that were raised by letters to the editor:

1. Use of herbicide at Lake Anna raises a health risk
  - The products used have no swimming or recreational user restrictions
2. Use of herbicide caused algae bloom
  - The herbicide will kill the algae if it comes in contact with it
3. LAAC is not properly notifying residents and users of the Lake
  - LAAC is notifying Homeowner Associations to reach out to homeowners and let them know when people are going to be out on the Lake working, and any risk that could be caused by their work.

Mr. Smith explained two more handouts, and further discussion ensued regarding hydrilla.

Mr. Smith stated his plan for 2019

- Verify there is \$5,500 in the budget for herbicide 2019
- Conduct an early survey – if survey is conducted too late it will not have an affect come summer
- Evaluate Fresh Water Creek to determine the treatment of the flats
- Assisting the feasibility for testing for potential toxic algae
- Treat problem areas (if any) in late July early August
- Conduct a final survey in late September early October

Questions and comments were addressed by Mr. Smith regarding the Hydrilla Management Plan.

**Motion and vote:** Mr. Shrum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Marshall, to approve the Hydrilla Management Plan with amendments:

- Required to test for potentially toxic algae prior to hydrilla management and if potentially toxic algae blooms are present do not treat.
- LAAC can stop or change date of treatment based on weather
- LAAC to approve notification to residents of hydrilla treatment prior to treatment taking place.
- Change the budget from \$5,000 to \$5,500
- Inform the residents of the next meeting

The motion passes unanimously.

### **LAAC Notification Efforts for Water Quality Advisories**

Ms. Perkinson referenced her handout stating LAAC plans to focus first on HABs once this is complete move onto communication plans for other water quality issues. Ms. Perkinson's said after the Louisa County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution to LAAC, she would like for LAAC to work closely with VDH to make this more of a partnership. There was a brief discussion from Ms. Perkinson regarding her handout on notification efforts for water quality.

Mr. McCotter inquired if LAAC will forward this document to VDH and the Supervisors or will LAAC be the actualizers of this document.

Ms. Perkinson stated this would be under the determination of LAAC.

Mr. McCotter said he was not prepared to take action on this tonight, he was just prepared to receive and discuss the information.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**LAAC Website**

Mr. McCotter proposed a question to the Committee asking if it they felt it was time to create a LAAC website or Facebook page to communicate information.

The Committee agreed a Facebook page for LAAC would be a good way to communicate information.

Questions and comments were addressed by the Committee regarding the LAAC website.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next LAAC Meeting will be held in Orange County on March 27, 2019

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.*

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Eleni Rackley, Louisa County Secretary

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