

LAKE ANNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Orange County Office Building
112 West Main Street, Orange, VA. 22960
MEETING MINUTES – March 27, 2019

DETERMINATION AND CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Chris McCotter, Chair; Greg Benton, Vice-Chair; Dick Shrum, Treasurer; Jim White; Sarah Perkinson; Duane Adams; Kevin Marshall*; Robert Egan*; and Susan Turner, Orange County Committee Secretary.

**Mr. Marshall and Mr. Egan arrived at 7:05 p.m.*

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 6-0, to approve the January 23, 2019 meeting minutes, as presented. Absent: Mr. Egan and Mr. Marshall

BILLS FOR REIMBURSEMENT

There were no bills for reimbursement at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Shrum distributed the Treasurer's Report to the Committee and provided a review of the following: interest earned on CD's; YTD balances of the checking account and CD's; reinvestment plans for maturing CD's; FY19 Funding by Locality; Budget and Expenses balances; and a history of expenses which was researched and added to the budget report.

Discussion ensued among the Committee regarding allocation of funds to the Buoy and Safety Program for 2019.

Motion and Vote: Ms. Perkinson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Benton which carried by a vote of 8-0, to allocate \$2,000 to the Buoy and Safety Program for calendar year 2019, as presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Navigation/Safety Committee Report

Ms. Jean McCormick, Safety Committee Chair, provided a brief update to the Committee, which included information on the following topics: one report of needed buoy maintenance; and plans to inspect buoys and provide a report at next LAAC meeting.

Mr. McCotter noted Louisa County's decision to not purchase HAB hazard buoys this year.

Environmental Subcommittee Report

Mr. Doug Smith, Environmental Subcommittee Chair, provided a brief update to the Committee, which included information of the following topics: low levels of hydrilla anticipated for the summer; and hydrilla levels to be surveyed early June.

Discussion ensued among the Committee regarding: general information on Harmful Algae Blooms (HAB); Resolution adopted by Louisa County Board of Supervisors regarding further analysis of HAB; communication with Margaret Smigo, Waterborne Hazards Coordinator with the Department of Health, requesting information

and research on HAB in Lake Anna; interaction with local delegate and senator; potential involvement of local watershed organizations; the environmental health of Lake Anna and related economic impact; investigation of nutrient load; and the importance of contacting the appropriate organizations and asking the right questions.

Mr. Marshall suggested a joint meeting be held with representatives from all three counties and related Soil & Water Conservation Districts, to discuss the welfare of Lake Anna as it relates to Harmful Algae Blooms (HAB). Further, he offered assist with coordination of the meeting and host in Spotsylvania.

Communications

Ms. Perkinson provided an update on the HAB Advisory Communication efforts. She reported, that the draft plan received input from each of the three County Administrators and the final version would be distributed once completed. Further, Mr. Perkinson noted community outreach efforts included public notification systems, social media, text message alerts, press releases, flyers, and a proposed mock drill involving all three counties, to test the plan.

Discussion ensued among the Committee regarding: clarification on inclusion of signs as part of communications.

OLD BUSINESS

VDGIF, Lake and Aquatic Vegetation Presentation

Mr. McCotter, Chairman, introduced Mr. John Odenkirk, Aquatic Biologist with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF). Mr. Odenkirk provided a report on: the history of grass carp in Lake Anna; Integrated Pest Management; Submersed Aquatic Vegetation (SAV); benefits of aquatic vegetation; Catch Per Unit Effort (CPU); abundance of Largemouth Bass; ecological impact of Grass Carp; the acres of SAV treated at Lake Anna; the overall health of the lake; and the 2015 Lake Anna Hydrilla Management Plan.

Discussion ensued among the Committee regarding: usage of pesticides; boat inspections; suitability of current hydrilla management efforts; balance of other plant species; quality of recreational fishing; and level of concern with Dominion Energy pump obstruction by hydrilla.

The Committee collectively thanked Mr. Odenkirk for his presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no matters for New Business at this time.

Discussion ensued among the Committee regarding: subcommittee reports; and recommendations for a new Transportation Subcommittee Chair.

NEXT MEETING

The next LAAC Meeting will be held in Spotsylvania County on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion and Vote: Mr. Marshall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Egan to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8-0.

Susan Turner, Orange County Secretary

Date