

# LAKE ANNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Richard E. Holbert Building  
Spotsylvania County  
MINUTES – May 22, 2019 MEETING

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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; Greg Benton, Spotsylvania County; Jim White, Orange County; Robert Egan, Spotsylvania; Dick Shrum, Louisa County; Sarah Perkinson, Dominion Energy; Paulette Mann, Spotsylvania County

**Absent:** Kevin Marshall, Spotsylvania County; Duane Adams, Louisa County

## CITIZEN'S INFORMATION PERIOD

Mr. McCotter stated that he wishes to move the recognition of Ann Heidig up on the agenda. He read the resolution recognizing her for her service on LAAC and stated that he learned much from her in regard to communication and how to run a meeting.

Ms. Heidig thanked the Committee and stated that the recognition was unexpected. She stated that it was a pleasure to work on the Committee and regrets that she had to step down.

Mr. Michael Rigdon stated that he had an occasion to attend the York River Watershed Roundtable meeting recently. He suggested that it would be really nice to see LAAC become involved with these meetings. Most of the discussion was based on clean water for oysters, efforts to extend Chesapeake Bay west of I-95, pump and haul. He stated that no mention of Lake Anna was made during the meeting and feels that representation from LAAC would be good.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES- March 27, 2019

Ms. Perkinson stated that on the second page, second paragraph of the minutes, the word pesticides should be changed to herbicides.

The Committee accepted the minutes to include that change.

## BILLS FOR REIMBURSEMENT

There were none.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Shrum stated that there have been no expenses so far this year. He discussed the renewal of CD's and that the rate that the Committee is getting went from 1.5% to 2.33%. He is hoping for that to bring in a few extra dollars and would like to see this continue.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

## Subcommittee Reports:

Mr. McCotter recently attended the Lake Anna Safety Summit and learned that the lake is no longer considered the most dangerous lake in Virginia. In 2017, it was ranked number one, in 2018 it wasn't even in the top five which is the result of better education in regard to boater safety.

Mr. Doug Smith stated that the Lake Anna Rescue Group hosted the meeting to boost membership and are looking for ways to add additional signage to go after the bridge jumpers.

Mr. Shrum stated that May 18 to May 24 and suggested that we send a resolution for Counties to recognize this week. Also, July 5-7 is National Operation dry water initiative. The highlight is to curb boating under the influence.

Mr. Doug Smith stated that the lakewide survey will be done in late June. The reason for the survey is looking for hydrilla and is the basis to determine treatment. He stated he fully expects no treatment to be necessary.

Mr. McCotter stated that work needs to be done on a standalone website for LAAC and how to proceed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Perkinson stated that she attended the HAB meeting and the discussion centered around what causes HABs and that a greater study is necessary. They also discussed how to get information out and that VDH has a new communication plan they are trying to get out.

Mr. Benton stated that he was texting Mr. Kevin Marshall and that Mr. Marshall would like to see a subcommittee formed by LAAC.

Mr. McCotter stated that he would like for Mr. Marshall to be present to discuss the meeting that he put together and he has done such great work he would rather wait until our next meeting to create another subcommittee without his participation in the discussion.

Mr. Shrum inquired if all three governments attended the meeting.

Ms. Perkinson stated that she doesn't know if all three counties were invited. She stated that she wonders if a subcommittee would be appropriate but rather this body (LAAC) be the pushing agent.

Mr. White stated there may be people in the community with HAB expertise.

Mr. Smith stated that it needs to be determined what the causes are

It was decided to wait in forming a subcommittee until Mr. Marshall is able to brief the committee at the next meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. McCotter stated that he has provided a Draft Protocol for Undesirable Aquatic Vegetation Treatment. He stated that he would like for each member to review and be prepared to discuss at the July meeting.

Ms. Perkinson stated that she still doesn't have a clue as to who is serving on all of the subcommittees and would like a listing of who is doing so. She stated she would like a greater understanding of the following: Who is serving, the purpose of the subcommittee, and their role.

Mr. McCotter stated that the subcommittee members are all in the State of Lake Anna report and that the subcommittees are defined in LAAC's bylaws.

Mr. Egan agreed that he would like names of the folks serving in all of the subcommittees.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next LAAC Meeting will be held in Louisa County on July 24, 2019

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m.*

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Paulette Mann, Spotsylvania County Secretary

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Date