

# LAKE ANNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Louisa County Office Building  
1 Woolfolk Avenue, Louisa, VA 23093  
MINUTES – July 24, 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; Jim White, Orange County; Dick Shrum, Louisa County; Sarah Perkinson, Dominion Energy; Kevin Marshall, Spotsylvania County; Duane Adams, Louisa County

**Absent:** Robert Egan, Spotsylvania County

## CITIZEN'S INFORMATION PERIOD

Mr. Michael Rigdon spoke on behalf of the Environmental Preservation Committee. He presented a poster of information on Lake Anna and expressed his concerns on how he felt Lake Anna was being ignored.

A brief discussion ensued regarding Mr. Rigdon's concerns on Lake Anna.

Mr. Ron Skinner addressed the Committee stating he would like to see the Committee take action on inadequate testing and monitoring that was put in place by VDH and DEQ. Mr. Skinner said for the second year in a row there have been eight sites picked from the 208 bridge and no sites picked from south of the 208 bridge. Mr. Skinner stated said he has sent reports to the proper authorities on June 27<sup>th</sup> and July 12<sup>th</sup> regarding HABS.

Ms. Perkinson stated visual inspections have been done by DEQ and VDH on the entire lake. She said based off of those reports, they made a decision to test certain areas based on budgets and availability. Ms. Perkinson said regarding the lower end of the lake, Dominion has been asked for support and assistance in testing the lower part of the public side of lake. She noted they do not have the funds to do the entire lake.

Discussion ensued regarding DEQ and VDH testing the lake.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES- May 22, 2019

The Committee accepted the minutes of the May 22, 2019 meeting, with changes, and with Mr. Marshall and Mr. Egan abstaining.

## BILLS FOR REIMBURSEMENT

There were none.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Shrum referenced the Treasurer's Report handout and gave a brief explanation of the report.

Mr. Adams asked why is LAAC is not using this money to fund testing for HABS at the lake, if there is \$62,500 in CDs.

Mr. Shrum stated it is LAAC's belief that the Committee will never receive another major grant for hydrilla therefore, the Committee has regarded this balance as an emergency fund to hydrilla treatment.

Questions and comments were addressed by the Committee regarding the testing of hydrilla.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as submitted.

### **Subcommittee Reports:**

Mr. McCotter gave a summary of what is expected out of the Subcommittees.

He noted the Committee is allowed to voice their concerns regarding transportation safety issues to VDOT.

Mr. Adams said in the last six weeks there has been three fatalities from Wares Crossroad to the Lake Anna Bridge. Mr. Adams stated he has been in contact with VDOT and there is an ongoing reexamination of some of the issues on Route 208 from shoulder widening, signage, and law enforcement to enforcing the speed limit. Mr. Adams stated Wares Crossroads will be getting a roundabout to help solve some of the issues. Mr. Adams said the year around issue is Kentucky Springs Rd. and Route 208. Mr. Adams said he has requested smart scale funding to help mitigate these issues.

Further discussion ensued regarding the Subcommittee Reports.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Discussion- Draft Protocol for Undesirable Aquatic Vegetation Treatment:**

Mr. McCotter provided the Committee with a handout on Aquatic Vegetation Treatment and gave a brief explanation of the report.

Discussion ensued regarding the difference between invasive aquatic vegetation and undesirable aquatic vegetation.

Ms. Perkinson noted the term "undesirable" is used in the LAAC bylaws.

The Committee agreed to keep the term undesirable aquatic vegetation in the bylaws.

Mr. Smith stated when treatment begins, property owners will be affected and suggested they not be on the water during this treatment.

A suggestion was made for the Committee to get the addresses of the homes that may be affected and mail out a notification of the treatment.

Discussion ensued regarding the best way to notify homeowners of the treatment and changes to the draft protocol for undesirable aquatic vegetation treatment.

The Committee agreed unanimously to approve the Draft Protocol for Undesirable Aquatic Vegetation Treatment with the agreed upon changes.

#### **Three-County HAB Task Force Discussion**

Discussed under Citizen's Information Period

#### **LAAC Stand Alone Website/ Facebook Page Discussion**

Mr. McCotter proposed a standalone website for LAAC to communicate information to the public.

The Committee was in agreeance of the website, but did not know who would be willing to run and update the website.

Mr. McCotter stated himself and Ms. Perkinson would mostly be in charge of making sure the information on the website was up to date.

The Committee voted to approve up to \$750.00 for the establishment of LAAC's website.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Perkinson addressed the Committee stating there has been a request for a no wake buoy at the Moody Town Village and No Waste Treatment Facility. Ms. Perkinson said Dominion is not asking LAAC to approve this at this time, but because it came through Dominion, LAAC is only the only authority who can request a no wake buoy at this location.

The Committee sent the request to the Navigation Committee for consideration and recommendation.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next LAAC Meeting will be held in Orange County on September 25, 2019

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.*

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Eleni Rackley, Louisa County

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