

LAKE ANNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Orange County Office Building
112 West Main Street, Orange, VA. 22960
MEETING MINUTES – September 25, 2019

DETERMINATION AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McCotter called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

**Mr. Benton arrived at 7:28 p.m.* Absent: Sarah Marshall.

CITIZEN'S INFORMATION PERIOD

Mr. Skinner provided information on Emergency Management Services (EMS) in the Lake Anna Area, regarding improved coverage and response time and acknowledged the efforts of Supervisor Adams' with that process.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion and Vote: Mr. White made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adams which carried by a vote of 6-0, to approve the July 24, 2019 meeting minutes, as presented. Absent: Mr. Benton and Mrs. 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 brief summary 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; pending expenditures; plans for the annual financial review by Louisa County staff; website development funds; and funding request deadlines and procedures by locality.

Discussion ensued among the Committee regarding: consideration for a funding request presentation to the Board of Supervisors in each locality; funding request procedures for each locality; purpose of the Committee as it relates to funding requests; the possibility for grant funding; how the current available fund balance factors in; and a proposed presentation of the LAAC Annual Report to each of the Board of Supervisors.

By consensus, the Committee agreed to move the completion date of the LAAC Annual Report to December 31st of each year and present it, along with the Financial Report, to the Board of Supervisors in each of the three (3) localities.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Navigation/Safety Subcommittee Report

Ms. Jean McCormick, Safety Subcommittee Chair, provided a summary of her submitted report, which included information on the following topics: eight (8) buoys designated for repairs with previously approved funds; a current No Wake Surfing application for south of Terry's Run and its status with DGIF; a description of the "Red Ball Controversy" and the determination by DGIF to remove the illegal markers; and clarification on the approval process and approving authority for Navigation Buoys.

Discussion ensued among the Committee regarding: enforcement by DGIF of private applications; consideration for buoy installation at Rose Valley Island for safety; committee options; Maple Springs safety issues; how to determine a LAAC buoy vs. a Private buoy; update on potential hot-side buoys; the relocation of a buoy at

Coleman Bridge to a private residents; update on the Moody Town Canal request mentioned in previous meeting minutes, clarification of the decision made, and the offer by Mr. McCotter to forward those details to Ms. McCormick; and Ms. McCormick thanked the volunteers for response with inventory and buoy maintenance.

Motion and Vote: Mr. Adam made a motion, seconded by Mr. Marshall which carried by a vote of 7-0, to authorize Jean McCormick to get an application for buoy installation at Rose Valley Island and Maple Springs, as presented. Absent: Ms. Marshall.

Mr. McCotter provided comments regarding the need to development of a transition plan for Ms. McCormick's eventual successor and estimate costs associated with the services she provides, to which he would like to include in the Lake Anna Annual Report. Further, he authorized the Navigation Subcommittee Chair to express her stance on future No Wake Buoy application submissions.

Environmental/Water Quality Subcommittee Report

Mr. McCotter announced the resignation of Mr. Doug Smith as the Environmental Subcommittee Chair. He, then introduced Mr. Alan Lassiter, Environmental Subcommittee Cold Side Coordinator, who distributed a report and provided a brief update on hydrilla amounts detected at the following sites: Upper Terry's Run; Mitchell Point Channel; Tara Shores; Freshwater Cove and Flats; and the Waste Heat Treatment Facility (WHTF).

Communications Subcommittee Report

There was no Communications Subcommittee Report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

LAAC Stand Alone Website

Mr. McCotter, Chairman, stated that as the Committee may recall, \$750 was approved for the creation of a stand-alone LAAC website. He noted that two (2) bids were received for design and hosting services and each far exceeded the allotted amount.

Discussion ensued among the Committee regarding: inclusion on a stand-alone County page; possibility of grant funding and sources; and the pros and cons of utilizing Facebook.

Collectively, the Committee agreed to seek grant funds.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Recognizing Doug Smith's Service to LAAC

Mr. McCotter stated that a resolution was being prepared in recognition of Doug Smith, for his service to the Lake Anna Advisory Committee. Mr. Adams noted that the resolution would be ready for formal presentation at the November meeting.

Nomination of New LAAC Environmental Subcommittee Chairman

Mr. McCotter nominated Mr. John Casale for chairman of the Environmental Subcommittee. McCotter provided an overview his qualifications and experience and introduced him to the members of the Committee.

Motion and Vote: Mr. McCotter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adams to appoint Mr. John Casale as Environmental Subcommittee Chair. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7-0. Absent: Mrs. Marshall.

Discussion of LAAC HAB Stakeholder Committee

Mr. McCotter presented a report to the Committee regarding the creation of a Tri-County HAB Stakeholder Group. The presentation included information on the following: what the purpose of the group would be and why it would be helpful; the goals of the group; methods of gathering the group; and group expectations. He noted that at this time, he was seeking authorization and letters of support from the Board of Supervisors for each locality to form the group.

Discussion ensued among the Committee regarding: the importance of a Science based committee to better understand the HAB problem; special mention of a recent DEQ report; some of the largest problematic factors consist of natural occurrences; solutions at entry points; consideration for a science-based approach to resolve issues; justification for legislative support; and in what way the age of the lake might be a factor.

Mr. Marshall provided an example of a similar research program implemented in Spotsylvania County, administered by Virginia Tech and suggested a similar approach by LAAC. Further, Mr. Marshall suggested the following representation for the proposed group: Spotsylvania Environmental staff, LACA member, LAAC member, Dominion Customer Outreach staff, and a Dominion Energy Biologist.

Mr. Adams expressed the need for the formation of possibly two groups, one for science research and the other consisting of stakeholders.

Discussion ensued among the Committee regarding: the appropriate time in which to conduct the stakeholder meeting; importance of developing a science-based group first; a request to agree to a rough timeline for development of the stakeholder meeting, noting the need for information to present to the stakeholders; recommendation of Virginia Tech, or like organization, to lead the information gathering process and stakeholder meeting; and establishment and management of expectations, goals, and purpose.

Motion and Vote: Mr. White made a motion, seconded by Mr. Benton to authorize Mr. Marshall to form a Science-based Subcommittee for LAAC, to study the HAB issue. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7-0. Absent: Mrs. Marshall

The Committee then continued discussion regarding a potential Stakeholder meeting, which included the following: information on a similar program conducted by VT for DGIF; identifying stakeholders; determining what is to be accomplished; timing of the meeting; managing expectations; media outlets for notifications; and the suggestion to continue progress.

By consensus, the Committee agreed to continue discussion and consideration for the HAB Stakeholder Group at the November meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next LAAC Meeting will be held in Spotsylvania County on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion and Vote: Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Egan to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7-0. Absent: Mrs. Marshall

Susan Turner, Orange County Secretary

Date