

LAKE ANNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1 Woolfolk Ave. Louisa, VA 23093
Louisa County
MINUTES – July 22, 2020 MEETING

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; Ann Melle, Kevin Marshall, Spotsylvania; Sarah Marshall, Dominion Energy; Duane Adams, Louisa County Board of Supervisor

CITIZEN'S INFORMATION PERIOD

Rhonda Kurtis addressed the Committee asking for support on a safety matter. Ms. Kurtis stated she was out boating with family and friends and had engine trouble at Dike 2. Ms. Kurtis called Boat US and they stated they are not allowed on that side of the Lake and advised her to contact 911. The 911 dispatcher told Ms. Kurtis because there are no injuries being reported they would not be coming out also. Ms. Kurtis stated she would like for Boat US to be able to assist boater with issues in these areas.

Greg Baker from LACA shared that for the third year in a row Virginia Department of Health put out a "No Swim Advisory" due to the algae bloom. Mr. Baker expressed his frustration regarding this issue and thanked LAAC for starting Phase 1 study.

Kyle Austin with Water Sports Subcommittee addressed the Committee stating on June 29th, LAAC voted to put a "No Towing Zone" on the warm side. Mr. Austin said he nor his subcommittee knew anything about this zone and that this is the third time they have not been informed on something that effects them. Mr. Austin asked the Committee for advice on what steps can be taken to make sure he and other citizens are notified of new buoys being requested.

Mr. McCotter stated the Committee has taken steps to correct these issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- June 29, 2020

Motion and vote: A motion was made and seconded, with Ms. Marshall abstaining, to approve the June 29, 2020, special meeting minutes, as amended, with the following changes:

- Add Mr. Adams to the roll call
- Under Treasurer's Report the motion should read as "Mr. White made motion, seconded by Mr. Egan to *accept* the Treasurer's report."
- On page 3, it should read " the two bridges on the waste treatment side "Correct Motion from "Mr. McCotter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adams to install no towing signs at the Moody Bridge "to a recommendation buoys in both canals
- Add Mill Pond Bridge to the Elk Creek Bridge motion

The motion passed unanimously.

BILLS FOR REIMBURSEMENT

There were none.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Shrum provided the Treasurer's report. He stated that since the June 29th, meeting two checks have been written:

- \$250 to Wolfe Landscaping - installment of buoys
- \$37.17 to DGIF - accidents on Lake Anna

Mr. Shrum gave a brief overview of the rest of the Treasurer's report.

Motion and vote: A motion was made and seconded, to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

Subcommittee Reports:

Water Quality & Environmental

On June 28th, a scan was done and the hydrilla was 3-4ft from the surface. A second scan was done on July 13th, and the hydrilla was 1-2 ft. from the surface. Mr. Cassel stated that in mid to late August the whole cove will be covered with hydrilla. A treatment plan has been scheduled for next month along with a survey of the rest of the lake. Mr. Cassel mentioned he will be doing the RFP for Phase 1, and suggested sending out an RFP for each phase. In regards to treating the whole Lake the Counties involve do not have enough funding to treat the entire Lake and suggested trying to get state/federal funding.

Questions and comments were addressed by the Committee regarding hydrilla and the RFPs.

Navigation & Safety

Ms. McCormick addressed the Committee stating there has been no new update since the last meeting due to the heat, and plans are once the heat decreases to go out and replace three bridge buoys.

Mr. McCotter asked Ms. McCormick for an update on the request for a buoy at Mill Run Subdivision. Mr. McCotter stated if he recalls correctly Dominion did not want anymore 'No Wake' buoys on the waste heat treatment facility.

Ms. Marshall stated this is correct, Dominion would prefer only hazardous buoys with the exception of bridges according to policy,

Ms. McCormick said she understands Dominion's concerns but due to safety issues she would recommend a buoy in this area.

Ms. Marshall stated Dominion would have no issue in responding to this buoy request, but would need a copy of this request in writing.

Recreation

None

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion – LAAC Annual State of Lake Anna Report

None

Discussion- Lake Anna EMS

Mr. Adams said the physicality has not come up to the Board's level for approval due to the County's revenue needing to be reviewed regarding COVID. The Board stipulated the community raise the first \$100k for this project, Mr. Adams said the community has raised \$30k in two months.

A brief discussion ensued regarding Lake Anna EMS.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion – Hydrilla Management

Mr. McCotter stated Mr. Cassel has provided enough information regarding hydrilla and asked if the Committee would like to vote on the contract.

Mr. McCotter opened the floor for discussion.

Ms. Marshall stated although Dominion supports the use of herbicides when needed however, Dominion will be voting against this because we do not feel that all fifteen acres should be treated at this time.

Mr. Egan asked if Dominion had a recommendation application area.

Ms. Marshall stated not having been out there, but if the Authority would like Dominion can make an amendment to the motion for only the areas in front of boat houses, docks, and areas that are required for navigational purposes be treated.

Questions and comments were addressed regarding treatment of hydrilla.

Motion and vote: A motion was made and seconded, to approve the Subcommittee Chairman's recommendation on the hydrilla plan for 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion- Letter asking for more Law Enforcement on the Lake due to higher use

Mr. McCotter stated there has been discussion for the Authority and Lake Anna Business partnership to write a letter of support to local law enforcement asking for an increase in law enforcement on the lake.

Mr. Adams said he is in support of the increase and believes it will help cut down with accidents and issues on the lake.

Discussion ensued regarding the letter of support.

Motion and vote: A motion was made, and seconded, to draft a letter of support to increase law enforcement. The motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The next LAAC Meeting will be held in Orange County on September 23, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8: 46 p.m.

Eleni Rackley, Louisa County Secretary

Date