
LAKE ANNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Agenda

Wednesday- December 3, 2020

Louisa County

1 Woolfolk Ave, Louisa, VA 23093

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At 540-967-3400 or by email (erackley@louisa.org)*

**Regular Business Meeting
7:00 p.m.**

Call to Order - Chris McCotter, Chairman

Roll Call - Secretary

Citizen's Information Period

Approval of Minutes

1. August 26, 2020- Special Meeting
2. September 23, 2020 -Regular Meeting

Bills for Reimbursement (if any)

Treasurer's Report: Richard "Dick" Shrum, Treasurer

Old Business

New Business

1. Discussion – HAB Study
2. Presentation by Sheriff Donnie Lowe
3. Presentation by Chief Robert Dube

Next Meeting

Adjournment

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LAKE ANNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Richard E. Holbert Building
Spotsylvania County
MINUTES – August 26, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING

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; Robert Egan, Spotsylvania; Dick Shrum, Louisa County; Ann Melle; Paulette Mann, Spotsylvania County, Kevin Marshall, Spotsylvania; Sarah Marshall, Dominion Energy; Mr. Palmer, Louisa County

Mr. McCotter welcomed Ms. Palmer to the Committee.

CITIZEN'S INFORMATION PERIOD

Greg Baker from LACA shared an update with the Committee. He stated that they have completed the Phase 1 study and needs to know if LAAC will be requesting funding so he can take that to his Board.

He also discussed that LACA has come up with floating wetlands. These are floating islands to feed HAB and they are testing this concept out.

Mr. Baker also advised that there are 3-4 stakeholder meetings occurring by Webex or Zoom and he encouraged participation. He advised for those interested to reach out by email so that he can send the information to login to the call.

NEW BUSINESS

Contract for Buoy Services

Mr. Shrum discussed Wolfe Landscaping who is carrying out the buoy maintenance services. There was discussion about whether a draft contract was necessary and how detailed it should be.

Ms. McCormick stated that the Wolfe Landscaping folks prefer to be volunteer and do not want to be compensated. She stated that she has concerns about said contract and that because they are volunteering their time, a contract may turn them off from doing so. She stated that she has worked as a volunteer for years and years and that has worked out just fine. She stated that she suggested the \$500 to cover their fuel costs, but they do not want it. She stated she would guarantee they won't abandon the Committee and their duties at a moment's notice. She stated they are young and foresees them being around for a long time. They do not want to participate in the meetings.

Mr. McCotter stated that we will continue to use Ms. McCormick as our liaison.

Mr. Marshall stated that we need to make sure we send them a letter of appreciation.

Ms. Marshall and Ms. Melle both agreed.

Ms. Melle stated that attention should be brought to the three Boards regarding those who spend their time volunteering on the Lake.

Mr. McCotter and Ms. Melle will work on a recognition letter.

Mr. White stated that it seems to him that the Committee should offer to pay for some of their expenses.

Ms. McCormick stated that they feel it is their contribution to the community. She stated that she would double check with them again to see if they want any compensation.

Mr. Shrum inquired whether we will be doing the contract as discussed.

Motion and vote: Mr. White made a motion, seconded by Ms. Marshall to offer gasoline and related expenses to them for up to \$500. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McCormick suggested that they have an account established at High Point Marina for any expenses they may have.

Mr. McCotter stated that he would talk to them tomorrow.

Algae Study RFP

Mr. Casale discussed that the second treatment on hydrilla was applied and the first treatment worked fantastically and that they are even getting emails from folks who are happy.

A meeting was held this morning to run through the process and one vendor has been selected to interview but he cannot provide the pricing but can say that it costs more than anticipated. He stated that they would be trying to negotiate the price. It's approximately 10-20% more. The RFP has been written in a manner so there are no loopholes. He asked for a top number that LAAC feels comfortable with spending.

Ms. Marshall inquired if there was a major change to the scope.

Mr. Casale explained that there are five major tasks and he explained the process.

He asked if the Committee felt comfortable with paying four times, 20%, 20%, 20%, 40%.

Mr. Shrum discussed the funds available and that there is a CD set to expire in December and that money could be used but that would put the Committee below the \$40k reserve.

There was discussion about other funding that could possibly be applied for from the State.

Mr. White stated he has concerns about starting something we cannot finish and we need to have a serious plan in place. He stated that the State is not very forthcoming with anything right now and we don't want to have to put the other stages on hold.

Mr. Shrum stated that he wants to move forward with Phase 1 because nothing else can ever happen until we pull the trigger on phase 1.

Mr. Marshall agreed.

Ms. Marshall stated that she agrees with Mr. White and has concerns about not knowing the amount of funding we may get from the state.

It was discussed that a lot of this study will tell us what is causing the algae blooms and we can look at other programs that are already out there.

Mr. Marshall stated that he did some quick calculations and it could cost as much as \$51,600. He suggested writing a letter to Dominion to see if they will kick in some funding.

Motion and vote: Ms. Melle made a motion, seconded by Ms. Marshall to approve up to \$51,00 but to actively solicit supporters such as LACA and Dominion. The motion passed unanimously.

LAAC Lobbyist

Mr. McCotter stated that Christian Goodwin has been talking to state legislators about funding of Phase 2. He asked the Committee if they would be interested in obtaining a lobbyist to lobby funds to help treat harmful algae

blooms and noxious weeds. The funds necessary are \$10-20K to work for the session. He inquired if this is something that the Committee is interested in doing.

Mr. Marshall suggested giving it to a delegate to carry it through.

Mr. White stated that is why we have VACO and feels this is beyond our authority. He suggested asking VACO for support.

Mr. McCotter stated that we need to make friends with legislators.

Mr. Marshall suggested each of the Counties send a list for the legislative agenda and suggested meeting with a delegate sometime in September or find someone to sponsor.

There was discussion that without a bill, there is no need for a lobbyist.

The Committee decided to work with VACO and other such as Mark Cole and Buddy Fowler.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Paulette Mann, Spotsylvania County Secretary

Date

LAKE ANNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Orange County Office Building
112 West Main Street, Orange, VA. 22960
MEETING MINUTES – September 23, 2020

DETERMINATION AND CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Chris McCotter, Chair; Dick Shrum, Treasurer; Jim White; Jeff Palmer; Ann Melle; Kevin Marshall*; Robert Egan*; and Susan Turner, Orange County Committee Secretary.

**Mr. Marshall and Mr. Egan arrived at 7:03 p.m.* Absent: Duane Adams.

CITIZEN'S INFORMATION PERIOD

Mr. Greg Baker, President of LACA, provided an update for the Lake Anna Civic Association which included the following: approval of LAAC funding request for Phase 1 of a comprehensive study of HAB's in the amount of \$10,000, contingent upon completion and availability of the final reporting for the study; lifting of the VDH no swim advisories on all but one section of the lake; and proposed concept of floating wetlands.

Mr. David Hunter, of Hunter Properties, provided an update regarding the planned development, Point Seanna in Spotsylvania County and associated concerns with run off. He noted plans to install a berm to alleviate potential issues and answered questions regarding the differences between a drain field vs alternate system.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. McCotter requested the July 22, 2020 minutes be struck from the agenda, noting that they were previously adopted. He indicated that the correct set of minutes, from the August 26, 2020 meeting, would be presented for adoption at the next meeting.

By consensus, approval of the July 22, 2020 minutes was struck from the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion and Vote: Mr. Marshall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Melle, which carried by a vote of 8-0, to approve the agenda, as modified. Absent: Duane Adams.

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; correction made on interest rate of one of the CD's; Budget and Expenses balances; recent expenditures; and proposed funding request presentation to each locality.

Mr. McCotter thanked Mr. Shrum for the update.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION OF HYDRILLA TREATMENTS

Mr. John Casale, Environmental Subcommittee Chair, provided an update on hydrilla treatments completed this year, which included the following: the successful treatment of 15 acres at Freshwater Cove; potential need to treat Freshwater Creek next year; proposed preemptive treatments in the flats to deter future outbreaks in the

coves; hydrilla concerns received from residents; and a request to review and improve application procedures for next year.

Discussion ensued among the Committee regarding: clarification of the recommended preemptive treatment; the most appropriate time to begin the planning process; and potential for improving the treatment process.

DISCUSSION OF ALGAE RFP

John Casale, Environmental Subcommittee Chair, explained that the algae RFP contract was awarded to SOLitude Lake Management at a negotiated rate of \$48,500. He noted that the contract was under internal review by SOLitude and the terms included three (3) quarterly reports, a draft final report, and a final report.

Discussion ensued among the Committee regarding: possibility of a phased payment plan, the approval of a budgeted amount up to \$52,000; thoughts on funding; payment due dates; term dates for the study set for Oct 1, 2020 through Sept 30,2021; suggestion to complete a treatment of Phase 1 area; Phase 2 next steps; and proposed grant funding opportunities.

DISCUSSION OF NEXT MEETING

The next LAAC Meeting will be held in Louisa County on December 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Further discussion ensued among the Committee regarding: funding requests for next budget year; questions and concerns regarding tow zones; and request for each Committee member to present two good ideas at the next LAAC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion and Vote: Mr. Marshall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Melle to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8-0. Absent: Duane Adams.

Susan Turner, Orange County Secretary

Date