

# Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission



**Mount Holly City Hall  
400 East Central Ave.  
Mount Holly, NC**

**June 3, 2009  
Meeting Minutes**

**Commissioners Present:** Chairman Pam Beck (Gaston County), Vice Chairman Alice Battle (Mecklenburg County), Secretary/Treasurer Ann Danzi (Gaston County), Commissioner Dan DuVall (Mecklenburg County), Commissioner Tim Eldridge (Gaston County), Commissioner Chris Watson (Lincoln County)

**Commissioners Absent:** Commissioner Tim Bishop (Mecklenburg County)

**MILMC Staff Present:** Executive Administrator Annette Lawing, Legal Counsel Chris Clark

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion Summary</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Chairman Pam Beck called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.	
<b>Approval of the June 3, 2009 Agenda</b>	The June 3, 2009 meeting agenda stands as submitted with following revision: <input type="checkbox"/> Add: Approval of Audit Contract as item # XII, E.	
<b>Approval of the May 6, 2009 Meeting Minutes</b>	The May 6, 2009 meeting minutes stands as submitted	
<b>Statement of Purpose</b>	Legal Counsel, Chris Clark read the Statement of Purpose	
<b>Public Comments</b>	<b>Public Comments</b> – None	

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<b>Consent Agenda</b>	<b>Consent Agenda</b> – None	
<b>Public Safety Reports</b>	<p><b>Charlotte – Mecklenburg Police Department</b> – Officer Turner reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ (13) Calls for service</li> <li>□ (2) Complaint Calls – Black and white boat harassing fishermen by boating close to the docks and their fishing boats. Boat operator was warned to stay 100’ from docks.</li> <li>□ (12) Inspections</li> <li>□ (3) Citations</li> <li>□ (4) Warnings</li> <li>□ Assisted at the May 30<sup>th</sup> Ultra Swim at Latta Plantation</li> <li>□ Will have a total of six (6) officers working the lakes this summer season.</li> </ul> <p><b>Gaston County Police Department</b> – Officer Hord reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Officer Hord thanked the Commission for meeting with his Chief, Assistant Chief, Sergeant, and Captain to discuss the importance of continuing to have officers patrol MI Lake.</li> <li>□ Officer Hord distributed photos that were taken the weekend of May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Riverbend Public Access Area. These photos showed vehicles overflowing the parking lot and all the way down to Hwy 16. On this same weekend, GCPD reported two (2) fights at this access and tires being slashed on several vehicles. These photos are a good indicator of the increased amount of visitors to MI Lake.</li> <li>□ (9) Calls for Service</li> <li>□ (25) Special Checks</li> <li>□ (5) Access Area Crimes</li> <li>□ (12) Boaters Assisted</li> <li>□ (34) Safety Checks</li> <li>□ (17) Warnings</li> <li>□ (4) Citations</li> <li>□ (26) Trespassing Violators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ GCPD will be patrolling the lake full time beginning June 13<sup>th</sup></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Chairman Beck followed up with Chief Belk regarding the enforcement at the Riverbend Access Area. Chief Belk plans to approach NC Wildlife, who has jurisdiction in this area, to encourage more enforcement. The parking signs however,</p>	

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<p><b>Public Safety Reports (continued)</b></p>	<p>are not enforceable by the City of Mount Holly.</p> <p><b>Lincoln County Sheriff's Office</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ No one was present to give report</li> </ul> <p><b>N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ No one was present to give report</li> </ul> <p><b>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ No one was present to give report</li> </ul> <p><b>Duke Energy of the Carolinas</b> – Kermit Taylor reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ (2) Pier Applications – (1) in Mountain Point (replacement of old pier), (1) Stonewater</li> <li>□ Duke Energy has completed their project on Mountain Island Lake in which old structures were identified and property owners notified to either repair or remove these structures (ex: old docks). A total of 33 structures were identified.</li> </ul> <p>Chairman Beck asked Mr. Taylor if he was aware if Duke plans to expand the Neck Road Access Area. Mr. Taylor replied that he was unsure but will check into it and report back to the Commission.</p>	
<p><b>Environmental Reports</b></p>	<p><b>Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services</b> – Heather Davis reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Water Quality Conditions (May 2009) – Overall results increased two (2) points from one year ago. Factors are due to the increase of Total PH in Upper Gar Creek and McDowell Creek Cove.</li> <li>□ Bacteriological Results (May 2009) – Results were all in excellent range.</li> </ul> <p><b>Lakekeepers Report</b> – Alice Battle reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Leaf packs were used to sample macro-Invertebra in area creeks. Results should be available by the July MILMC meeting.</li> <li>□ Ultra Swim at Latta Plantation on May 30<sup>th</sup> had a total of 160 swimmers. The next race will be at Latta on October 17<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>□ Muddy Water Watch – Catawba Riverkeeper's Muddy Water Watch Training for the Steele Creek area will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 4,</li> </ul>	

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<b>Environmental Reports (continued)</b>	<p>2009 at CPCC Harper Campus Room 301 at 315 Hebron Road, Charlotte, NC. The complete MWW training consists of 4 weeknight training sessions (June 4, 11, 18 and 25), and one training session (to inspect a construction site). All of the Thursday evening training sessions will begin at 6:30pm.</p> <p><b>Quality of Natural Resources (QNRC)</b> – Pam Beck reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ <b>Garden Parkway Turnpike</b> – The Northern Route has been selected as the preferred route for the Garden Parkway Turnpike. There will be 91 stream crossings.</li> </ul> <p><b>MI Wildlife Stewards</b> – Tim Eldridge and Alice Battle reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ <b>Moonlight Cruises</b> – NC Wildlife sponsors a Moonlight Paddle with canoes and kayaks on the weekends closest to the full moon. The next Moonlight Paddle events will be on July 3rd at 2227 Coral Valley Rd, Charlotte (Commissioner Battle’s home) and August 7<sup>th</sup> at Latta Springs.</li> </ul>	
<b>Base Operating Plan</b>	<p><b>Update on the Base Operating Plan (BOP)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ <b>Buoys</b> – Commissioner DuVall plans to count area docks on Mountain Island Lake again this year. Another project that Commissioner DuVall is in hopes to complete this year is the mapping of buoys on the lake.</li> </ul> <p>Chairman Beck received a call from Mountain Island resident Kathy Chavez stating that she found a No Wake buoy and a Danger buoy in her cove. Chairman Beck will pick these buoys up and identify where they should be placed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ <b>Lake Management Plan</b> – The sub-committee met in May to discuss implementation of the Lake Management Plan.</li> <li>□ <b>FERC</b> – Duke responded to the Draft Impact Statement. The responses totaled 143 pages. Please see Commissioner Battle if you would like a copy of this document.</li> </ul>	
<b>Chairman’s Report</b>	<p><b>Chairman’s Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Chairman Beck received a call from an area resident who was requesting a large platform buoy, similar to the buoys in Nance Cove, be placed at the Neck Road Access. This resident plans to put together a petition to fund the purchase of this buoy.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Chairman's Report (continued)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Jug Fishing – received a complaint from concerned citizens regarding potential illegal Jug Fishing in Nance Cove. Commissioner DuVall clarified that Jug Fishing is not illegal on Mountain Island Lake.</li> </ul>	
<b>Executive Administrator's Report</b>	<p><b>Executive Administrator's Report</b> – Annette Lawing reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ <b>Finance Report</b> – the finance report for period ending March 2009 was distributed to the Commission prior to the meeting. Correction to A/P Check List: <i>Check #1515 should reference the purchase of buoy in lieu of Blue Fin Award.</i></li> <li>□ <b>Consideration of Contracting with Centralina COG for Administrative Services for FY09-10</b> – Ms. Lawing distributed a copy of the COG proposal prior to the business meeting. The Marine Commission approved this contract of administrative services for FY09-10.</li> <li>□ <b>Public Hearing for Consideration of the FY2009-2010 Budget Ordinance</b> – A public hearing was held for public comment on the FY2009-2010 Budget Ordinance. There were no public comments.</li> </ul> <p>The Marine Commission voted to adopt the FY2009-2010 Budget Ordinance consisting of expenditures of \$46,675.00 (MILMC General Business &amp; Administrative \$37,925, Public Safety \$5,050, Protect Water Quality \$1,000, Protect Property \$200, Special Projects \$2,500.00).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ <b>Approval of the Contract to Audit FY08-09 from Robert Burns, CPA</b> - The Commission voted to approve the Contract to Audit with contingency that the Commission's Legal Counsel review contract prior to mailing it to the Local Government Commission.</li> </ul>	<p>A motion was made by Commissioner DuVall to contract with Centralina COG for Administrative Services for the FY09-10 year. Seconded by Secretary Treasurer Danzi. The motion was approved.</p> <p>The public hearing was opened on motions by Secretary Treasury Danzi and Commissioner Eldridge. There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed on motions by Commissioner DuVall and Secretary Treasurer Danzi. The FY2009-2010 Budget Ordinance was approved on motions by DuVall and Secretary Treasurer Danzi.</p>

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<b>Executive Administrator's Report (continued)</b>		A motion was made by Commission DuVall to approve Contract to Audit FY08-09 from Robert Burns, CPA with contingency that the Commission's Legal Counsel review contract thoroughly. Seconded by Commissioner Watson. The motion was approved.
<b>Commission Counsel Report</b>	<b>Commission Counsel Report</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No report	
<b>Commissioner's Comments</b>	<b>Commissioner's Comments</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner DuVall voiced his concerns of the amount of boats on Mountain Island Lake. More reason to implement a Lake Management Plan to help control overcrowding on the lake, stated DuVall.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.	
<b>Next Business Meeting Date and Location</b>	The next MILMC business meeting will be held on July 1, 2009 at 6:30 pm at the Cowan's Ford Country Club, 761 Club Drive, Stanley, NC.	

Annette Lawing, Executive Administrator