

LAKE ANNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Orange County Office Building
112 West Main Street
Orange, VA. 22960

MINUTES – September 28, 2016 MEETING

DETERMINATION AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Heidig called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ann Heidig, Chair; Chris McCotter, Vice-Chair; Richard “Dick” Shrum, Treasurer; Jim White, Orange County; Gary Bullis, Spotsylvania County; and Sarah Perkinson, Dominion Power.

* *Mr. Cebula arrived at 7:11 p.m.*

Absent: Willie L. Gentry, Louisa County.

Others Present: Susan Turner, Orange County Committee Secretary.

CITIZEN’S INFORMATION PERIOD

There were no speakers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Shrum and Mr. MCCotter requested the following corrections be made to the July 27, 2016 meeting minutes:

- Replace Mr. Shrum with Mr. Jim White, as the Committee member who agreed to oversee the *Bylaws Update*, on page two (2);
- Correct the spelling of Mr. Alan Lassiter’s last name, which is listed incorrectly on page 2, under *Report on the Fight Against Hydrilla*.

Motion and vote: Mr. White made a motion, which carried by a vote of 7-0, to approve the minutes for the July 27, 2016 meeting, as modified. Absent: Mr. Willie L. Gentry.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Dick Shrum distributed a copy of the Treasurer’s Report to the Committee, and provided a review of the 2016 YTD balances of the checking account. He discussed a Certificate of Deposit (CD) which was recently cashed out. Half of the money from the CD was deposited into the checking account, and the other half is to be reinvested in another Certificate of Deposit (CD). He also noted, the first quarter contribution was received from Louisa County.

Discussion ensued among the Committee regarding: the process for submitting budget requests; the importance of planning for future hydrilla expenses; and pursuing and applying for Grants.

BILLS FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Mr. Shrum stated there were no bills for reimbursement at this time.

In her absence, Ms. Heidig submitted a request from Jean McCormick, Navigation Sub-Committee Chair, for additional funds of \$1,500.00 for lights and buoy maintenance. Discussion ensued among the Committee regarding: the amount of the initial buoy maintenance budget; establishing if the budget amount had been depleted; and including the buoy maintenance expenditures and balances in the budget reports going forward.

Ms. Heidig asked for a motion to approve an additional \$2,000.00 for buoy maintenance, if the original allotted amount has been exceeded.

Motion and vote: Mr. Cebula made a motion; seconded by Mr. McCotter, which carried by a vote of 7-0, the Committee approved \$2,000 for buoy maintenance, if the current budgeted amount had been exceeded.

PLANNING SESSION

HYDRILLA

In the absence of Mr. Doug Smith, Environmental Subcommittee Chair, Ms. Heidig provided a brief overview of the Hydrilla report to the Committee, which included information of the following topics:

- A reduction of hydrilla growth at Lake Anna in 2016;
- The cancellation of herbicide treatment which was planned for the last week of August;
- The next meeting of the Environmental Sub-committee is planned for next week;
- A plan for next year will be addressed at that meeting, and be presented at the next LAAC meeting.

Mr. Shrum noted that the roughly 92% decrease in hydrilla, may be attributed to the low turbidity in the water during the spring. Also, he commented that he does not fully share Doug's conclusion in regards to the use of carp. Further discussion ensued amongst the Committee regarding the usage and expense of carp.

SPOTSYLVANIA RESOLUTION

Ms. Heidig presented to the Committee, a resolution recently adopted by the Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors. The Resolution, No. 2016-136, *A Resolution Supporting a Consistent Distance from the Shoreline of Lake Anna and the Application to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) for a Consistent 200-Foot Setback Rule for Lake Anna*, is the first step in the process to request that DGIF promulgate regulation which stipulates distances from the shore on Lake Anna.

Mr. Cebula further explained, the Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors' purpose and process in adopting the resolution. The resolution will be presented on October 19, 2016 to a DGIF subcommittee for consideration. Mr. Cebula requested a resolution or letter of support from both Louisa County and Orange County, to present at the upcoming DGIF subcommittee hearing.

Mr. White stated, that he had conveyed the request for support to his fellow members on the Orange County Board of Supervisors, although nothing has been drafted yet. He expressed concerns with the wording in the last paragraph of the resolution created by the Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors, specifically the phrase "*for any purpose*". Mr. Cebula took note of the concern.

Discussion ensued among the Committee regarding: new technology prompting new regulations; the possibility of allowing localities to set their own regulations with state guidance; enforcement of regulations; and the role of law enforcement in enforcing regulations.

BYLAWS UPDATE

Ms. Heidig requested the Committee review the proposed Bylaw updates, email suggested changes, and be prepared to discuss at the next LAAC meeting. A red-lined copy was distributed to the Committee with meeting materials.

BUOY REQUEST

Ms. Heidig advised the committee of a buoy request received in July 2015. Residents in the area near Dillard's Bridge have requested the No-Wake hazard buoys be moved back 600 feet, to provide relief and protection from wave action. DGIF advised that LAAC is responsible for the placement of buoys, therefore the decision to move the buoys must be approved the LAAC. It was suggested the request be referred back to the Safety Subcommittee to review possible implications to other areas, safety issues, and the potential cost of moving the buoys. Mr. McCotter noted this same request was presented to the Committee in July 2015, at which time it was not approved.

Motion and vote: By consensus the Committee agreed to table the request.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Shrum expressed his desire to align the LAAC webpage for each of the three participating Counties. The following suggestions were made:

- Standardization of County websites
- The possibility of a link to a mutual page;
- Include links to resources related to Lake Anna
- Make LAAC minutes searchable
- Possible creation of a LAAC website

Mr. McCotter offered to assist Mr. Shrum in the standardization of the LAAC web information.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business for discussion.

NEXT MEETING

The next LAAC Meeting will be held in Spotsylvania County on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion and vote: Mr. Bullis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shrum to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7-0. Absent: Willie. L. Gentry.

Susan Turner, Orange County Secretary

Date