
LAKE ANNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Agenda

Thursday- July 27, 2023

*Orange County
11282 Government Center Drive*

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

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

Call to Order – Chris McCotter, Chairman

Roll Call – Secretary

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

1. June 22, 2023 - Regular Meeting

Approval of the Bills

Public Comment Period

Special Presentation -Harry Looney - LACA

Old Business

1. Discussion - Rt. 208 First 100' No Wake Zone

New Business

1. Election of Officers
2. Discussion - Louisa/LACA funding

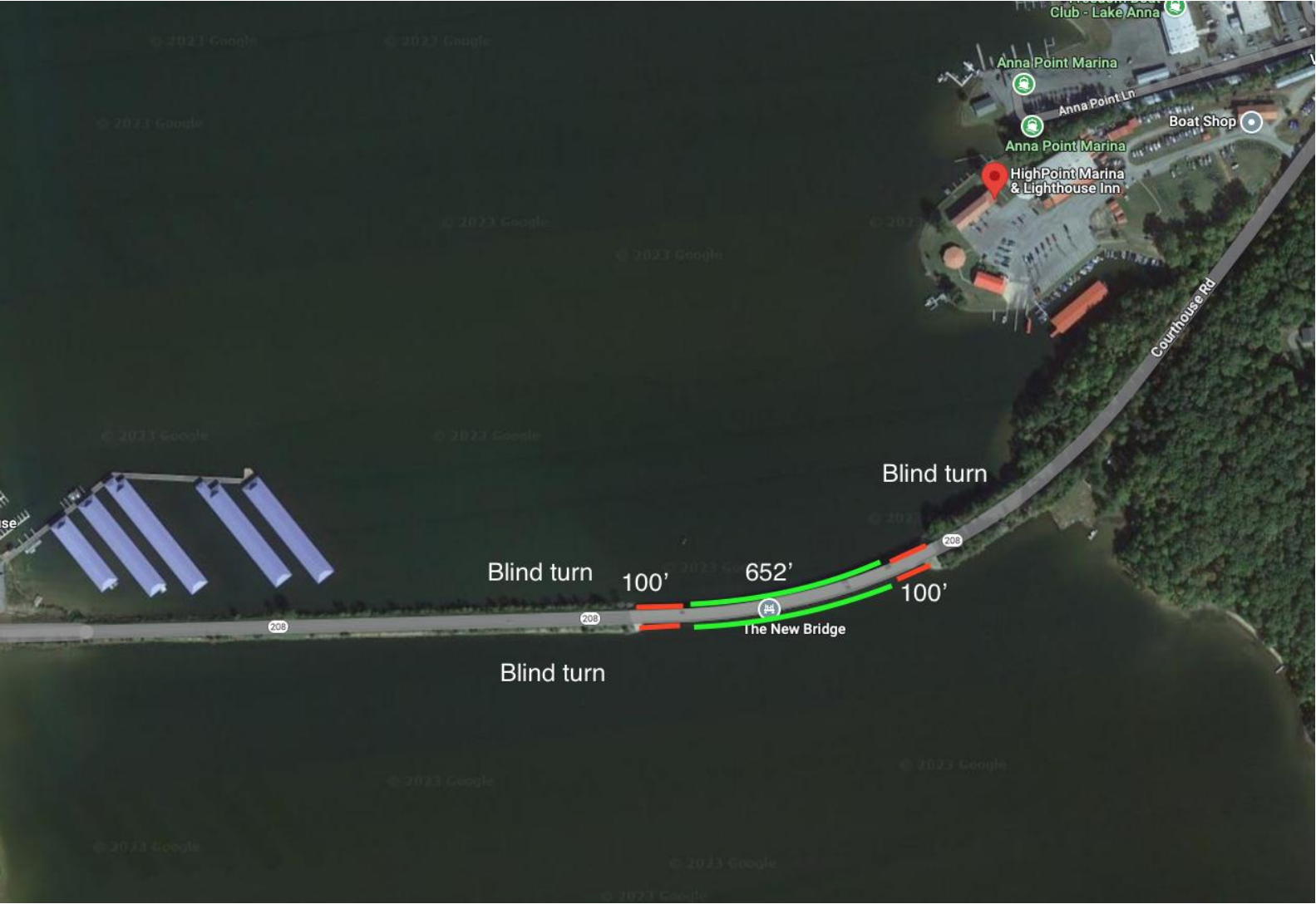
Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

Next Meeting

The next Lake Anna Advisory Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in Louisa County.

Adjournment

*Members, please note: if you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Eleni Rackley
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Blind turn

100'

652'

The New Bridge

Blind turn

100'

Blind turn

208

208

208

Courthouse Rd

Anna Point Marina

Anna Point Ln

Anna Point Marina

Boat Shop

HighPoint Marina & Lighthouse Inn

Club - Lake Anna

LAKE ANNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Richard E. Holbert Building
Spotsylvania County
MINUTES – June 22, 2023 MEETING

DETERMINATION AND CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Chris McCotter, Chairman; Richard “Dick” Shrum, Treasurer; Kim Wolfe, Jeff Palmer, Duane Adams, Jim White, Sarah Marshall, Dominion Energy

Absent: Kevin Marshall, Robert Egan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. McCotter asked to add an item to the agenda under New Business, Buoys on 208 Bridge Sides

Motion and vote: Ms. Marshall made a motion, seconded by Mr. White to amend the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- March 23, 2023

Motion and vote: Ms. Marshall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wolfe to accept the amended minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

BILLS FOR REIMBURSEMENT

There were no bills for reimbursement at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Terry Camarata: She provided an update on the education pamphlets that are proposed. She stated that they have partnered with Smith Mountain Lake and want to set an example to be “two lake strong” with sending the message about wake education and safety. They have decided to align and adjust to provide the same message. They are currently at the printer.

Pam Bachman, Louisa County Water Authority Manager: She informed the Committee that the affluent line was snagged by a boat anchor and pulled up. Hazard Buoys have been placed there temporarily. The dive team will be out next week to repin the pipe. She stated that they will be asking for buoys near the pipe to ensure this doesn't happen again at \$26,000.

Mr. McCotter inquired if they are making a specific request for the buoys.

Ms. Bachman stated they would be.

Mr. Gary Jacobs stated that they need a standoff zone around the anchored pipe and that they will be working with Ms. McCormick on this. He stated he wants to see a boat exclusion area 30 feet north and south of the pipe.

Mr. McCotter expressed concern as it is a heavily used area for local fisherman.

John Casale: He stated there has been an abandoned pontoon boat anchored at Tim's for approximately two years. He stated the owner lives in New Jersey.

Ms. Marshall stated DWR should be contacted regarding the abandoned vessel.

Mr. Casale stated he believes the owner has been contacted by DWR.

Mr. McCotter stated he would reach out to Sgt. Hatmaker.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Wolfe stated that it has taken over two months to get on VDOT's docket. She informed the Committee that she has learned that no other locality uses the glow in the dark paint or lights on their causeways. She stated that Lake Gaston has lights on their bridges that took 11 years to get approved. They also had causeways lights but they only held up for one summer. She suggested the Committee obtain an application and apply to VDOT.

There was also discussion about who would paint the bridge pilings with glow in the dark paint and who would maintain them. It was discussed that each County would be responsible to maintain their county bridges paint.

Mr. McCotter stated he would talk to the Safety and Navigation Subcommittee Chairman.

NEW BUSINESS

Dominion Energy Temporary Buoy Application

Ms. Marshall stated that Dominion Energy will be replacing conductors on an existing 500kV transmission line located in Louisa and Spotsylvania Counties. The project is located within an existing right of way on the Boggs Point peninsula within Spotsylvania County and adjacent to the North Anna Power Station in Louisa County. The project will consist of approximately nine aerial line pulls and the process for each pull is approximately 15 minutes each. During each pull, no boat traffic should cross underneath the ROW. For the safety of boaters, the area of the lake near the transmission line will be closed intermittently for boat traffic during certain activities of this project. Closures are currently scheduled to begin in September and last approximately 4 weeks, weather permitting. It will likely occur nine different times for 15 minutes at a time.

Mr. McCotter inquired if it would occur on the weekend.

Ms. Marshall stated the work would occur 7 days a week.

Motion and vote: Mr. Shrum made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wolfe to recommend support of this effort. The motion passed 6-0 with Ms. Marshall abstaining.

Mr. White suggested the area be posted also.

Ms. Marshall stated she could not commit but would take this into consideration.

Mr. Shrum also suggested text alerts and social media posts.

Mr. McCotter stated that he has full confidence in Dominion being a good steward and it will be highly publicized.

Ann Gordon Michael with Dominion Energy stated that the 15 minute increments could be much shorter than 15. She also advised that they have done public outreach to DWR, through posts and mailers.

Mr. Palmer discussed the cut sheets for signage and that there would be two regulatory buoys and one pontoon buoy.

Dominion Energy Aquatic Plant

This was introduced in March regarding the maintaining of the aquatic native vegetation. Notification of treatment or any method or volume must be made to Dominion Energy at least 30 days prior to treatment.

Buoys on 208 Bridge Side

Mr. McCotter stated that as we move into the future of Lake Anna, 208 is the main thoroughfare of the lake and in the past many have advocated for no wake buoys at the 208 bridge. He stated that he now disagrees because at the corners, there is a line of site issue if traveling northwest, there is a blind curve. This blind curve gives very limited reaction time. He asked everyone to go back to their counties and ask about no wake on either side and gather input. Mr. McCotter stated that he has spoken to the owner of High Point Marina and he is not opposed to no wake buoys on his side of the bridge. He asked that this be added to the next meeting agenda. He suggested relying on the subcommittee on how they should be marked.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Shrum provided an update on Committee's accounts. He stated that there hasn't been much action since our last meeting. He briefly discussed the funding that the committee received from the counties He stated that there is \$25,654 in the checking account and \$14,973 in a CD which he will renew. He discussed that the committee would be \$18,500 below the \$40k reserve and inquired with the Committee about what should be done about this. He suggested that the three counties apply for grant funding.

There was discussion that LAAC has taken on more and more over the last several years and perhaps that \$40k reserve should be re-evaluated.

The Committee discussed looking for grants as a way to deal with hydrilla and buoys.

Ms. Marshall stated that not only the Board members should be looking for opportunities for grants and funding.

Mr. White stated he believes we should be able to find grants for signage on the lake.

There was further discussion that Louisa gave \$10k to LACA through LAAC. Mr. Shrum doesn't understand why LAAC has become the pass through for their funding.

Finally, Mr. Shrum stated that he will be resigning as LAAC Treasurer in November and wants the Committee to be thinking about who would like to become Treasurer after him. He briefly discussed the duties of the treasurer.

Mr. McCotter stated that Mr. Shrum has served this Committee well.

Motion and vote: Ms. Marshall made a motion, seconded by Mr. White to accept the treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

Subcommittee Reports:

Mr. Casale updated the Committee on the treatment schedule for hydrilla. The first treatment is scheduled for August 15 with a rain date of August 17. The second treatment would be August 22 with a rain date of August 24. He stated that he will begin Hydrilla Monitoring the first week of July. He stated he will need additional funding for the hydrilla treatments, roughly \$20,000. He asked Ms. Marshall about the Dominion Energy Aquatic Plant policy and if that applies to everyone.

Ms. Marshall stated the policy applies to all users.

Mr. Shrum stated that he would like a clearer understanding on what will be targeted through LAAC on behalf of the whole lake.

Ms. McCormick apologized for missing the last three meetings but left them in good hands with Maureen. She stated that it warms her heart to hear that Chris says he sees danger at the 208 bridge. She stated she sees a lot of danger in that area.

Ms. McCormick also agreed that the affluent pipe needs an exclusionary area there but is unsure of how large it should be. She stated that she knows anglers won't stay out of there if marked but most others would.

She stated that Gary and his crews have kept buoys on station and have been replacing lights as necessary.

She briefly discussed National Safe Boating Week that occurred at the Anna Point Marina on May 20, 2023. She stated there was great participation but that they didn't get much of the boating public due to conflicts.

Mr. McCotter stated that he didn't realize that was going on at Anna Point Marina and would love to be able to put more people into the program in the future.

There was a brief discussion about electroshock and how new docks have signage on them.

There was additional discussion about QR code being put on signage around the lake that would link to a color code map showing different areas.

The next meeting of the LAAC will take place on Thursday, July 27, 2023 in Orange County.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Paulette Mann, Spotsylvania County Secretary

Date

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