



Lake Lure Lacle Advisory Board Regular Meeting February 3, 2025

Call to Order

Chair Kathie Hatfield called to order the February 3, 2025 at 3:30pm.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Chairman Kathleen Hatfield

Mr. Mark Helms

Ms. Sonya Ledford Pitts

Mr. Richard Sayles

Mr. Gary Hasenfus

Mr. Dave Lusk

Mr. Jim Lemmons

Absent:

All members were present.

Town Council Members & Town Representatives present:

Councilman Dave DiOiro, Council Liaison

Dana Bradley, Parks, Recreation & Lake Director

Members of the Public

There were no members of the public present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the February 3, 2025 board meeting was reviewed. Chair Hatfield requested the item, *Vote on New Chairman*, be added New Business. Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Mr. Hasenfus seconded the motion, and all members were in favor. The agenda was updated.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the January 6, 2025 Lake Advisory Board Meeting were reviewed. Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Lusk seconded the motion, and all members were in favor.

Chair/Vice Chair Communications

Chair Hatfield noted it was her last meeting on the board and expressed appreciation for the support she had received from each of the members.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

LAB Reports and Comments

Regulations & Law Enforcement

Director Bradley reported that law enforcement will be monitoring the lake with an eye for 2025 Commercial Permits. The only organizations permitted on the lake are the Army Corps of Engineers and commercial vessels with the proper permit stickers.

Report from Council Liaison

Councilman DiOrio reported that while recovery projects are going well, the Town is waiting on reimbursement from FEMA. Petitions have been made for monies, which were granted and will be forthcoming in the future. The Army Corps of Engineers has not provided a timeline for the restoration of the lake.

Report from Lake Operations

Director Bradley informed the board that portions of the Green Space and the entirety of Dittmer-Watts Nature Trails are open. The Buffalo Creek Park Trail and the Weed Patch Trail suffered significant damage from landslides and fallen trees. There are plans to work together with other organizations to reopen these paths.

The department's staff has worked to reunite recovered non-motorized boats with their owners.

Tests are being conducted on water samples taken from different parts of the lake, and the results show that everything is going well except for turbidity.

Fishery & Ecosystem

Mr. Hasenfus discussed the needs as pertains to the health of fish and their habitat. Thread Fin Shad will be stocked into the lake once more is known about the schedule of the level of the lake. A discussion was had *over* the feasibility of a fish study.

Emergency Preparedness & Response

Mr. Lusk reported that the small police boat and the fireboat are both on the lake.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Vote on New Chairman

March marks the start of the new term. Kathie Hatfield, the board's current chair, noted this is her last meeting. **Mr. Lusk nominated and made a motion to appoint Mr. Lemmons to the Chair position. Mr. Lemmons accepted the nomination. Mr. Sayles seconded the motion, and all members were in favor.**

Mr. Helms nominated and made a motion to appoint Mr. Lusk as the new Vice Chair. Mr. Lusk accepted the nomination. Mr. Sayles seconded the motion, and all members were in favor. The resignation and appointments leave one board member position to fill.

Discuss 2025 Commercial Model

The board was given an update on the 2025 Commercial Model by Director Bradley. The 2025 service permits are now available. Applications, approvals, and sales of sixteen permits have been completed. Until the standard Commercial Model is reopened in the future, all positions in the Commercial Model will stay the same as they were on September 27, 2024.

Discuss Tryon Bay No Wake Zone

The board spent time discussing various safety aspects of altering the no-wake zone at the southern end of the Lake. Mr. Lusk made a motion to recommend to Marine Commission that the buoys and no-wake zones remain as they were placed in the most recent buoy plan. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

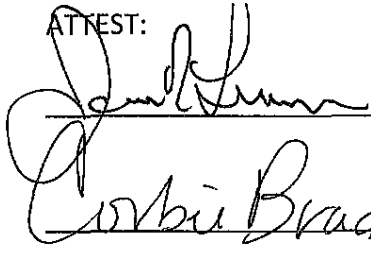
Adjournment


Mr. Helms made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 5:07p.m. Mr. Lusk seconded the motion, and all members were in favor.

Minutes were transcribed by Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk.

The next regular meeting of the Lake Advisory Board will be March 3, 2025 at 3:30p.m. at the Arcade Building.

ATTEST:

 For ~~Kathy Hatfield~~ Kathleen M. Hatfield, Chair

 Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk