



Lake Lure Lake Advisory Board **Regular Meeting**

**August 4,
2025**

Call to Order

Mr. Dave Lusk called to order the August 4, 2025 at 3:30 pm.

Roll Call

Board Members present:

Mr. Mark Helms

Mr. Richard Sayles

Mr. Dave Lusk

Mr. Gary Hasenfus

Absent:

Mr. Jim Lemmons, Ms. Sonya Ledford

Town Council Members & Town Representatives present:

Councilman Dave DiOiro, Council Liaison

Dana Bradley, Parks, Recreation & Lake Director by phone.

Members of the Public

There were no members of the public present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the August 4, 2025 board meeting was reviewed. **Mr. Hasenfus made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Helms seconded the motion, and all members were in favor.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the May 5, 2025 and June 2, 2025 Lake Advisory Board Meeting were reviewed. **Mr. Sayles made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Helms seconded the motion, and all members were in favor.**

Chair/Vice Chair Communications

Neither the Chairman, nor vice-chairman had anything to report.

Public Comment

No public was in attendance.

LAB Reports and Comments

A. Regulations & Law Enforcement

Director Bradley reported for law enforcement. She noted that law enforcement on the lake has been slow. We have had a few kayaking incidents. Some have been caught and ticketed but seems the general public is following the laws in place for safety. Have sent the LUR updates to Laura and should be on website by end of week.

B. Report from Council Liaison

According to Council Liaison Dave DiOrio, the Army Corp contract is through October 2025. Currently a couple of months out on sediment removal and have begun working on the coves. So far 750,000 tons of sediment have been removed.

Boathouse demo is set to begin in a couple of weeks and the PPDR is working on the private property debris removal. Barges are also picking up debris that has been placed on the lake bed.

Lake samples were sent in but have not received the results back. New samples have just been completed. Should have results by end of week.

Cell Tower is still a go, just working through a few delays but permits have been issued. Along with that the West End Sewer project had a few delays but finishing up and should be reconnected by end of August.

Demolition of the flowering bridge tentatively to begin on August 18, 2025.

The town staff has been working to clean up below the Dam for the hydro plant. Discussion ensued. Dana Bradley will set up a tour of the Dam in October.

C. Report from Lake Operation

Director Bradley reported that it has been a good month but not much to report.

D. Fishery & Ecosystem

Mr. Hasenfus reported that with permission from the town he has been fishing the lake to check the health of the fish. Fishing near Rumbling Bald caught 11 largemouth bass.

They had large heads and small bodies. This is an indication of starvation. They were neutral in color and scrappy. In response we need to take care of what we have.

Discussion ensued.

E. Emergency Preparedness & Response

Mr. Lusk advised there was no new information or any updates.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

New Business

A. Restricting Access during Lake Drawdowns.

Director Bradley and Commissioner DiOrio presented a recommendation to change the verbiage on restricting access during a lake drawdown. Also added penalties verbiage which includes a Class C holding a fine of \$225.00 for 1st offense \$500.00 for second offense and \$1000.00 for 3rd offense. Board began discussion.

Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Mr. Sayles seconded the motion and all were in favor.

B. Fish Habitat

Mr. Hasenfus will be requesting Christmas trees from surrounding towns. Will be needing them for the fish habitat. May want to increase the largemouth bass population in the future. A discussion ensued.

Commissioner DiOrio advised that he will be out for the next Marine Commission scheduled for September 9, 2025.

Adjournment

Mr. Helms made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Lake Advisory Board at 4:39 p.m. Mr. Hasenfus seconded the motion, and all members were in favor.

Minutes were transcribed by Kimberly Martin, Town Clerk.

The next regular meeting of the Lake Advisory Board will be May 7, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. with a boat tour.

ATTEST:

_____ Kathleen M. Hatfield, Chair

_____ Corbie Bradley, Board Clerk