

LOGAN MARTIN LAKE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

April 26, 2001

The Directors of the Logan Martin Lake Protection Association (LMLPA) met on Thursday, April 26, 2001 at the Pell City Civic Center. Directors in attendance were **T. C. Carroll, Don Greer, Jim Hipp, Sherry Kuntz, Larry Martens, Joe Pender, Al Read, Bill Shivers, Ed Tyler, Ron Vaughan** and **Candy Walker**. Also attending was Lincoln City Councilman **Rod Templeton**.

President **Don Greer** called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. He introduced **Councilman Templeton**, then asked each of the directors to introduce themselves. **Mr. Greer** noted that the new circular seating arrangement for the meeting was intended to facilitate communication among the attendees.

Mr. Greer announced that a detailed critique of the April 7 Cleanup Day had not yet been conducted, but that all indications point to a very successful event. He noted that more than 800 bags of trash were collected by volunteers and placed in dumpsters at the four collection points. **Mr. Greer** expressed his appreciation to everyone who participated and especially to directors **Ed Tyler** and **Bill Shivers** who helped coordinate the event. He stated that he will be sending Certificates of Appreciation to those businesses and organizations who assisted with the cleanup, including Honda, the City of Pell City, Superior Waste Services, local Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops, the Marine Police and others. **Mr. Greer** told the attendees that he was considering a suggestion to hold next year's cleanup event in February or March to take advantage of expected lower lake levels.

Mr. Greer announced that the May 3 *Informational Meeting* on the ACT Compact has been rescheduled for May 8 at the Lakeside Landing Conference Hall. Alabama negotiator **Jim Campbell** and **Willard Bowers** of the Alabama Power Company will be the featured speakers.

Mr. Greer noted that minutes from the March 8 Directors Meeting had been sent to each director in advance and asked if anyone had any comments or corrections relative to these minutes. There were none, and a motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded and approved by a vote of the board.

Mr. Greer announced that he has appointed a Nominating Committee to develop candidates for the FY2001 Board of Directors which will be elected at the July, 2001 General Membership Meeting. Committees members are **Al Read** (Chairperson), **Larry Martens, Mack Ferguson** and **Ed Tyler**. **Mr. Greer** reminded the board that the revised LMLPA bylaws call for a reduction in the number of Elected Directors from 26 to 20 and asked Secretary **Ron Vaughan** to provide **Mr. Read** with attendance records for the current board members.

Mr. Greer noted that Water Quality Committee Chairperson **Isabella Trussell** was unable to attend the meeting and distributed her written Water Quality Committee report (attachment 1). **Bill Shivers** commented that he "did not have a good feeling" about the new 5-year ADEM testing rotation (paragraph 5), stating that a lot of things could change in that period of time. **Councilman Templeton** stated that Honda and the City of Lincoln were working together to make sure no water quality degradation occurred as a result of the new plant, but **Al Read** noted that potential water pollution could come from a lot of different sources.

Mr. Greer announced his intention to form a Water Quality Subcommittee to investigate ways to identify and report faulty (or non-existent) septic tanks that are discharging contaminated water into Logan Martin Lake. One of the major problems appears to be the enforcement of septic tank violations. **Councilman Templeton** suggested that LMLPA invite the County Health Department to attend a Board of Directors meeting and discuss local septic tank regulations and Health Department enforcement powers.

Mr. Greer asked Director **Joe Pender** to give a report on his attendance at a recent Alabama Power Company (APC) Resource Allocation Team (RAT) meeting. **Mr. Pender** noted that the purpose of the RAT meetings was to consolidate and address stakeholder issues related to the relicensing of Logan Martin and other dams on the Coosa River. He sees this as an intensive effort spanning several years, and noted that he is impressed with APC's efforts to date.

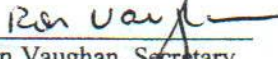
Director **Ed Tyler** reported on his efforts on behalf of LMLPA to establish an on-line reporting database which will provide a convenient, standardized method of filing environmental complaints and which will contain a record of these complaints and their resolution (or lack of). **Mr. Tyler** noted that this effort is being supported by the Alabama Rivers Alliance (ARA) and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), with the WWF expected to provide most of the funding. Additional funding could come from other grassroots environmental organizations. **Mr. Tyler** stated that the proposed on-line system could be operational before the end of the year.

Mr. Greer announced that the People Against A Littered State (PALS) organization is holding its annual Roadside Trash Pickup event on Saturday April 28, 2001 and encouraged the directors to volunteer for this event since (1) it is a good cause and (2) PALS assisted LMLPA in our recent Lake Cleanup Day activities.

Mr. Greer stated that the Internal Revenue Service has responded to LMLPA's petition for a change to 501 (c)(3) status with a series of questions regarding the organization's charitable and educational activities. He distributed a copy of LMLPA's responses to these questions and asked each director to review these responses and forward any comments to him prior to the May 3 response date.

Councilman Templeton asked if LMLPA had a Speaker's Bureau, and **Mr. Greer** replied that we don't have a formal Speaker's Bureau but we do have several individuals who are available to talk to school or civic gatherings. **Mr. Templeton** invited LMLPA to attend a future meeting of the new Lincoln Kiwanis Club and brief them on our organization.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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Ron Vaughan, Secretary

Attachment 1

Water Quality Committee Report April 26, 2000

The March and April committee meetings were cancelled, as individuals were working on specific projects (including the lake cleanup) and didn't need to meet.

Yes, we did it! Found a "taker" on that water kit we have been trying to get into PCHS for several years. Carrie Yancey's Aquatic Field Studies classes were presented a kit for their use in the field on March 25 at the Civic Center creek (Cropwell Creek). Carrie became a certified water monitor through Alabama Water Watch in anticipation of this event and Charles Lanier, Don Greer, and Isabella Trussell spent a delightful morning "in the creek" with the classes. The classes also helped pick up some of the litter in the creek.

We had our spring required annual recertification for water monitors on April 20 and 21 at Isabella's house. Our recertification program is now able to offer CEU's (Continuing Education Units) through Auburn University. 9 monitors were recertified and 11 kits were supplied with fresh chemicals. There will be two more days of recertification in the fall for those unable to attend in the spring. Isabella will attend the recertification for QA/QC officer at Auburn in August so that we can continue to offer the recertification locally.

We delivered our "old" chemicals to PCHS chemistry classes again this year. They are also available for use by the Aquatic Field Studies classes to supplement the chemicals in their water kit. Alabama Water Watch's QA/QC program requires that we receive fresh chemicals each year.

Our water testing programs are in need of volunteers, more this year and the coming years because ADEM has changed to a 5 year rotation on the monitoring the various water basins in Alabama. They did extensive testing on the Coosa last year (some of our monthly monitors did extra testing at ADEM sites last year, too) and won't be back until 2005. The only other year in which they have done extensive testing was in 1997 and we all know that several years of data are required to monitor trends in the water quality. Since Logan Martin is highly eutrophic (numerical nutrient standards are required in 2001) and listed as an impaired waterbody, TMDL's (total maximum daily loads of pollutants) will be required in 2005. Thus we have added total phosphorus testing to our regular summer program and need volunteers for this: no training, just collecting and delivering water samples in a proscribed manner. We want this lake at least maintain the use for which it has been classified: Fish and Wildlife, Swimming. What can you do? Volunteer to become a monitor or recruit other interested folks. Have them call (205 884-4169) or e-mail (through our website) Isabella if they are interested or want more information.

Current water monitoring programs:

- Monthly, year round basic monitoring
- Growing season monitoring at ADEM sites
- Summer *E. coli* monitoring at Camp Cosby, other public swimming sites
- Growing season collecting water samples for total phosphorus testing

If you are able to help make a video of Logan Martin to accompany the 4th grade unit we are working on, please contact Ed Tyler via our website (www.lmlpa.org).