

LOGAN MARTIN LAKE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

March 11, 1999

The Directors of the Logan Martin Lake Protection Association (LMLPA) met on Thursday, March 11 at the Pell City Civic Center. Directors in attendance were **Bob Baker, Max Briggs, Lawrence Fields, Don Greer, Charles Lanier, Don Raughton, Isabella Trussell, Ron Vaughan, and Dick Whatley.** Also attending was LMLPA member **Terry Bain.**

President **Don Greer** called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. **Mr. Greer** explained to the board that a reporter from Alabama Public Television (APT) would be in the area on March 19 to interview local property owners and businesses regarding the effects of the "Water Wars" on Logan Martin Lake. **Mr. Greer** stated that our organization was responsible for selecting individuals and businesses to discuss this topic from various viewpoints. He distributed copies of the tentative interview list (attached) and asked for comments and recommendations.

Dick Whatley suggested that the interviewees should refrain from discussing water *quality*, but should concentrate only on the effects due to reduced water *quantity* if the Georgia proposal is accepted in its present form. **Mr. Whatley** stated that he is concerned that introducing water quality might remove some of the focus from what he perceives to be the more important issue of water quantity. He commented that we should first win the water quantity battle, then concentrate on water quality. **Mr. Whatley** added that the Alabama negotiating team does not consider water quality to be an issue at this time, and would prefer that organizations such as LMLPA support them on quantity issues alone.

Isabella Trussell commented that water quality was addressed in the compact and that the Alabama team should consider it an issue to be negotiated. She noted that the lowering of water levels in Logan Martin Lake would adversely affect water quality, since you would have the same amount of nutrients and pollutants mixing with a smaller volume of water.

Ron Vaughan suggested that the interviewer might ask about water quality, and we should be prepared to address the issue. **Terry Bain** noted that water quality is a relative term, whereas water quantity can be measured directly. He stated that a certain amount of "pollution" is beneficial from the fisherman's viewpoint.

After considerable discussion, it was agreed that the interviewees should be prepared to discuss water quality effects but that the emphasis should be on water quantity (i.e., the effects on Logan Martin of reduced lake levels).

Bob Baker noted that the effects on Logan Martin of lowered lake levels would be generally negative and asked if there were any positive effects we could talk about. **Isabella Trussell** replied that the new lake levels might be more stable (i.e., rise and fall less dramatically).

Secretary **Ron Vaughan** distributed copies of minutes from prior meetings, but there were not enough directors present to form a quorum so the minutes could not be accepted. **Mr. Vaughan** also gave a brief membership report, noting that 212 members had renewed for 1999, 85 members still owed dues from 1998, and another 48 members were being carried from 1997.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

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Ron Vaughan, Secretary