

LOGAN MARTIN LAKE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

Executive Committee Meeting

October 14, 1999

President **Don Greer** called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were committee members **Bob Baker, Don Greer, Isabella Trussell, Ron Vaughan** and **Dick Whatley**. Also attending was **Joe Turnham**, Director of the recently formed *Alabama League of Environmental Action Voters* (AlaLEAVs).

Mr. Greer introduced **Mr. Turnham** and asked him to brief the Executive Committee on his organization with regard to its structure, purpose, goals and objectives. **Mr. Turnham** explained that AlaLEAVs was formed to provide a point of coalescence for "grass roots" environmental groups (such as LMLPA) who have diverse interests and political backgrounds. He believes AlaLEAVs can become a "political arm" to assist these organizations by helping navigate environmental issues through the legislature, build political relationships, provide information, and facilitate communication.

Mr. Turnham explained that his organization has a policy council that studies environmental issues and advises AlaLEAVs on what issues to pursue. He noted that the policy council is composed of representatives from the various AlaLEAVs member groups and stated that LMLPA could have a member on this council in the future should they decide to join. He further stated that, if LMLPA should join, AlaLEAVs would be able to assist us in such core issues as improving ADEM accountability, fighting for an equitable water allocation formula, lobbying for numerical lake standards, and getting a water quality requirement added to the water wars compact. **Mr. Turnham** also noted that if LMLPA did not wish to become a member of AlaLEAVs, we could still avail ourselves of their services by entering into a narrowly focused "lobbying contract."

Mr. Turnham stated that there are several ways that LMLPA could help AlaLEAVs, as follows:

- o Allow our membership database to become a part of the overall AlaLEAVs database.
- o Join AlaLEAVs as a member organization.
- o Encourage our members to join AlaLEAVs as individuals.
- o Promote AlaLEAVs both within and outside our organization.

After **Mr. Turnham** left the meeting, **Mr. Greer** asked for recommendations from the committee relative to joining AlaLEAVs. After some discussion, a motion was made to join at the \$500 membership level. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

In other business, it was brought to the committee's attention that Bain and Company will no longer be able to perform the required annual audit of LMLPA's finances. A motion that this task be assigned to LMLPA Treasurer **Oscar Price** was made and approved.

Minutes of the September 30, 1999 Board of Directors meeting were presented and accepted with one change noted (annual dues to CARA are \$35 instead of \$25 as previously recorded).

Don Greer noted that this would be LMLPA's final formal meeting of 1999, but reminded committee members of the General Membership Meeting scheduled for January 20, 2000. He noted that unless a more important issue surfaced in the interim he intended to invite Willard Bowers of the Alabama Power Company to attend and speak to our members regarding the operation of Logan Martin Dam.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Prepared by: Ron Vaughan
Ron Vaughan, Secretary