

## Jan 6, 2016 LGA Monthly Meeting Minutes (Approved)

The meeting began at 9:30 AM. The President, Bill Heflin, called the meeting to order and led the assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He then called for a moment of silence. In attendance were VP Mozine Lowe, Bill Lindenmuth, Clarence Drumgoole, Jeff Dowhan, Wally Sayko, Carol Warfel, John Cataldo, Al Potter, Tony Moran, Executive Director Moira Underwood and Jack Saunders. One member of the press, Jenny Gray, was in attendance from the Roanoke Rapids Daily Herald.

The forty-two persons in the audience introduced themselves.

Bill introduced Mr. Tom Leahy, the Director of Public Works from Virginia Beach Division who provided a thorough overview of the findings of a multiphase study performed for the City entitled "The Lake Gaston Association Uranium Mining and Coal Ash Spill Update". Mr. Leahy presented a number of slides which highlighted how the studies were performed and the various sampling data taken after the Feb 2014 coal ash spill near Eden, NC.

At the conclusion of the prepared briefing there were a number of questions, comments and experiences related by members of the audience. After the various comments were concluded Bill expressed our appreciation for Mr. Leahy's update.

Bill opened the business portion of the meeting and asked for the Secretary and Budget reports which were motioned for and approved.

Tony Moran provided a Membership and Marketing report highlighting an increase year to year of membership by 127 households. He encouraged those present to participate in upcoming monthly meetings, forums, committee meetings and the various sponsored events around the lake.

Bill asked if there were other issues or concerns, and another issue was surfaced over higher water levels. The question asked if there had been a change in water level management adopted by the US Army COE at Kerr Dam which was not publicized. Jeff Dowhan responded that the LGA was working to determine what the circumstances are and hoped to have those reported at the upcoming Five County Forum in a presentation from the Corps. He also invited members to participate in that and other LGA events and initiatives.

Moira commented that she was still working on updates for the members from Verizon and AT&T. There being no further business, Bill called for a motion to adjourn.

Report by Jack D. Saunders, not the Secretary