

The May 3, 2016, meeting of the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council was called to order by President Brown at 7pm. There were 13 members and alternates present, a quorum.

The invocation was given by Rives Manning.

Tom Winebrenner moved the proposed agenda be approved. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

There were no public comments.

Pete Deschenes moved the minutes on the January 28, 2016, meeting of the LGWCC be approved. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Treasurer Rives Manning gave the Treasurers report. Jack Saunders moved the Treasurers report be adopted. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Treasurer Rives Manning distributed the Financial statement.

Rives Manning reported that the Contract Committee had met in Lawrenceville, VA. on Monday, April 16, 2016, to receive bids from chemical suppliers for 2016. Cygnet and Crop Productions Services were the only responders. Cygnet was the low bidder. Jack Saunders moved to approve hiring Cygnet as the chemical supplier for 2016. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Rives Manning reported that the contract committee had met in his office on Thursday, April 21, 2016, to receive bids from chemical applicators for 2016. PLM was the only responder. Jack Saunders moved the contract be awarded to PLM. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Pete Deschenes gave a report of the March Stakeholders meeting. The Stakeholders recommended that the Weed Council continue in 2016

the same approach as 2015. There were 1260 grass carp introduced in Lake Gaston in April at the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Group. Jack Saunders moved to approve the TAG recommendations. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Wally Sayko spoke about the re-vegetation. He thanked all the volunteers who helped with the project.

His group worked with ACK and set out exclosures. North Carolina Wildlife will look at Stonehouse Creek to determine what steps might be taken to reduce the amount of hydrilla in the creek.

Wally thanked all the volunteers who helped during the summer and urged more people to come out and help. Steve Hoyle spoke about a possible candidate to replace Brett. He said the candidate seems to be well qualified. Pete and Wally have met with the candidate.

A J will be at NC State under the direction of Rob.

Each has been asked to contribute \$116,000 to the Weed Council to help control noxious weeds in Lake Gaston for 2016. Mecklenburg County has \$116,000 in their budget, Halifax has \$75,000 in its budget. Northampton has nothing in its budget as of this date.

Weather permitting, they hope to start hydrilla treatment around June 1.

Hydrilla has been found in the Roanoke River in Weldon.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Winebrenner, Secretary