

# LGA Board Meeting Minutes

## August 27, 2025, 08:30 AM, LKG Chamber of Commerce

Attendees: Scooter Boham, Jeff Zimmer, Brian Goldsworthy, John Franz, Charles Wright, Tammy Clarke, Anne Wood, Shannon McAllister

Call to Order at 8:31 am

Motion to approve: 07.30.25 Board Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve by Jeff, seconded by Brian. Motion was unanimously approved.

Any changes to today's agenda? Motion to approve - Motion to approve by Jeff, seconded by Brian. Motion was unanimously approved.

### Old Business/Event Plans:

1. Membership count & Treasurer's Report -Anne
2. Committee Updates
  - a. M&VE- Brian
    - i. Littleton Festival-Brian – all positions for the board members have been filled
    - ii. Brunswick Stew Festival-Jeff – no response back from Jennifer, so it was decided that we would not do it this year
    - iii. Funding from Corporations- Scooter/Pat – Scooter said that Pat has started to put a letter together to start soliciting support from area businesses for sponsorship. Brian recommended we start with sponsorship of the Shred Event, since it is our most expensive activity during the year. Scooter will put together a list of LGA events that could be sponsored throughout the year, so Companies could sponsor one specific event or just sponsor the LGA's mission, in general. Shannon shared her experience with ways to recognize the sponsors, i.e., media posts, signage, etc. Jeff recommended we have data available to show what we accomplish, like with the Shred Event – how many cars, how many bins. John suggested having sponsor tiers – Gold, Silver, Bronze. Approaching corporations vs. smaller businesses was discussed. Scooter suggested approaching the paper mill in Roanoke Rapids because they are a community-minded business. Scooter asked everyone on the board to come up with a list of businesses to approach. Jeff suggested the M&VE Committee come up with a formal draft of a proposal. Anne said she thinks it would make more sense for the Admin Committee to take this on. Final decision was to table the discussion until Pat is here, because she's the one who has started putting a plan together.
    - iv. Toy Drive – Food Drive with Food Lion-Shannon has not been able to meet with Ann at Food Lion yet. Brian said he would try to reach out to her after Labor Day.
    - v. Tote bags-Brian/Tammy – Brian got a quote from LKG Printers for a cloth bags that would be \$10 each, and everyone decided that plastic ones would not fit our mission. The goal is to hand something out that has our logo on it and will help promote the LGA. Shannon showed us a cloth bag that costs much less and would fit our budget. Anne will check with her neighbor (LGA business member) to see what he could do for us.
    - vi. Volunteers and Times layout-Tammy/Brian – we're all set for the festival.
  - b. Community and Government Relations-Lewis, Bob, Scooter, Jeff. Bob and Lewis were not present, so no discussion today. Jeff read the By-laws stating that the President appoints Committee Chairs at the September Board meeting, so Scooter will look into the status of the C&GR Committee because plans need to be made soon to prepare for NC Candidate Forums BEFORE the primaries in 2026.

Halifax County CDPSC- Comprehensive Development Planning Steering Committee-Scooter was asked to be a part of the Committee, representing the LGA and Lake Gaston, and Scooter accepted the invitation. Sept 25<sup>th</sup> is the first meeting, and there are 17 people on the Committee.

- i. Sept Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>- next Roadside clean-up: Date set for Sat, Sept 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, with pizza and wings at LKG Pizza after – Pete said he would give us a 10% discount off of food and non-alcoholic purchases. We have 16 volunteers.
- c. Environment-John, Jeff
  - i. Aquatic weed survey-volunteer sign up/forms/ update and progress/training days-John said the survey is going great, and 90% of the sections are assigned and accepted. Still some sections in Pea Hill Creek and SW area, and the weakest area is the SE area. Training is on Friday at the CoC from 10-12, 1-3 drop in. Jeff, John, and Jessica will be there with live samples of vegetation, which will then be used on Saturday at the Festival.
  - ii. LGA Environmental Policy Statement – Jeff explained the reasoning behind coming up with the Policy Statement. The LGA has never had a formal policy statement, and protecting and preserving the Lake Environment is one of our primary missions, so this Policy explains our position. Jeff proposes that the LGA needs a Policy Statement and that this Statement is a starting point, since additional comments are still coming in. John recommends that the LE Committee finalize the Statement at the Nov 19 LE Committee meeting and then share it with the Board at the November Board Meeting. John asked if anyone on the Board has any suggestions or recommendations to send them to him within the next 30 days. Jeff motioned that the proposed LGA Environmental Policy Statement be finalized at the LE Committee mtg on Nov 19 and presented to the LGA Board mtg. Motion to approve by Brian, seconded by Anne. Motion passed unanimously.
  - iii. Dominion SMP Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> –Jeff, Scooter – Tammy sent the article with Jeff's shoreline picture to the local newspapers for publication. It is also posted on the LGA's website and will be posted on FB and in Nextdoor. Here's what Jeff said is going to happen: Dominion has a wish list, at the public meeting they'll explain what the SMP is and what they want to change or revise. They will then open it up to public comment. Vegetation management is the primary way that landowners have come into contact with Dominion and the SMP. Jeff recommends that the WCC take the lead on sharing the LGA's position on vegetation. Jeff recommends LGA Board members (and/or Tammy) attend the Public Input Meetings and take notes. After the two meetings, the LGA needs to have a meeting to put together our policy before the October 15<sup>th</sup> Stakeholder Meeting, then the Working Group meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**We took a short break at 10:00am and resumed at 10:07 am**

- 3. Planning Membership meeting(s)
  - a. Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> – Facts and Myths about Solar Energy, Speaker: Mazine Lowe, Dinner meeting at Kennon House. 5:30 p.m. social time, Buffet at 6:00 pm \$30 p/p. 35 have signed up. Scooter will make opening announcements, Brian will introduce Mazine, Jeff will run the camera with Tammy shadowing him because she said she will run the camera from now on. Jeff said he will bring the LGA laptop and the remote with a long HDMI cable.
  - b. Oct 1<sup>st</sup>- Kerr Lake, Tanner Environmental Education Center. Boydton, VA.-John F
    - i. LGA to provide water, and participants bring their lunch. 23 signed up so far, we decided to not open it up to the public and stay closer to 30 instead of 40, so it isn't so crowded.
  - c. Nov 5<sup>th</sup>- 5 County Sheriffs Forum & Christmas Toy Drive kick-off- Lewis/Jeff
    - i. Letters to Sheriffs-Tammy mailed the invitations out on 8/27/2025 and will follow up with emails within 2 weeks to anyone who has not responded yet.
    - ii. Theme for their presentation: flock monitoring technical, crime stats, challenges they are experiencing, emergency management, cross-county collaboration.
  - d. Status on questions for participants - Community & Gov't Relations needs to come up with the questions. Scooter will talk with Lewis to see what his availability is for future Committee Meetings.

- e. December – Toy Drive and Celebration-Shannon

**New Business/Committee Updates:**

1. Courtesy & Safety on the water/ next steps-Brian/Jeff/Scooter
  - a. Current Status and LKGWSC meeting is tonight
  - b. Move to Committee (C&G or M&VE)
2. 2026 membership meetings and Speakers – Ideas for Speakers and activities (time allowing)
  - a. January - No meeting
  - b. February 4 – 9:30 am Church – “Dam! What’s the Plan?” Dominion’s EAP presentation

It was decided that the remainder of meeting topics will be discussed at the next Board meeting in October.

- c. March 4- 9:30 Church (Possible Stakeholders meeting to be connected with membership meeting)
- d. April 1– 6:00 pm Dinner meeting
- e. May 6 – 9:30 am Church
- f. June 3 – Outing/Tour
- g. July 1 – No meeting
- h. August 5 – Dinner meeting
- i. September 2 – 9:30 am Church
- j. October 7 - Outing/Tour
- k. November 4 – 9:30 am Church
- l. December 2 - 6:00 pm Dinner

Motion to adjourn by Scooter, seconded by Jeff. Meeting was adjourned at 10:53 am.