

**Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Orange County Facilities Management Training Room
July 11, 2017**

Board Members Present: Rabon Vause (Chairman), Bobby Lance (Vice-Chairman), Micky Blackton, Jay Herrington and Alvin Luther

Board Members Absent: Gary Meloon

Staff & Guests: Tara Urbanik, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD); Sawsan Mohiuddin, Orange County Attorney's Office (OCAO); Corporal Bim Lowers, Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO); Chief Laura Houston, City of Belle Isle Police Department; Bob Francis, Belle Isle City Manager

Residents: Camilo Chica, Carlos Obando, John Hermann, Ellen James, Horton Johnson, Cindy Lance, Les Savage and Lora Brannan

I. Call to Order:

With a quorum present, Rabon (Ray) Vause called the meeting of the Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District Advisory Board (Advisory Board) to order at 6:30 pm.

II. Approval of the June 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Micky Blackton, seconded by Jay Herrington, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Gary Meloon being absent; the Advisory Board approved the June 13, 2017 minutes as presented.

III. Public Comment on Propositions before the Advisory Board

Chairman Vause received one request during the Public Comment period. The City Manager of Belle Isle requested a higher quantity of off-duty patrol hours to the City of Belle Isle Police Department to the amount of 240 hours per fiscal year. Mr. Francis also requested assistance with funding the replacement of the two rusted and broken corrugated metal pipes at the Swann Beach Park (\$15,000) and assistance with purchasing a new patrol boat (\$23,000).

IV. Comments of the Chairman

Chairman Vause thanked Sawsun Mohiuddin, from the Orange County Attorney's Office, for attending the meeting and presenting information on the Sunshine Law.

V. Sunshine Law Training

Sawsan Mohiuddin with the Orange County Attorney's Office provided updated Sunshine Law Training. Discussion ensued.

VI. Marine Patrol Report

Corporal Bim Lowers presented the Off Duty Patrol Report. The off duty patrol has been closely monitoring the No Wake Zones throughout the Chain of Lakes and the concerns with the Personal Water Crafts have decreased. The shallow area of the middle lobe is also being closely monitored.

Corporal Bim presented the history of the off-duty patrol. The off-duty patrol for Lake Conway commenced in 2007 and has been paid at a consistent rate of \$40.00 per hour. Corporal Bim requested a rate increase for the Conway off duty patrols by a \$10.00 increase in the new fiscal

year. The off duty patrol does not work days that are federally recognized holidays. Discussion ensued. It was suggested to review this request when reviewing the budget for the next fiscal year.

VII. Orange County EPD Report

Stormdrain Markers

Eric Rollings of the Orange Soil and Water Conservation District spearheaded a volunteer event to install approximately 200 stormwater markers last weekend. The group hopes to finish the areas this week.

Perkins Boat Ramp

The County contractor inspected the Perkins boat ramp. A few pieces of rock and concrete were removed from the loading zone. There is a large hole at the base of the ramp from what appears to be from power loading, and there are propeller marks on the edge of the concrete ramp.

Waterway Cleanup

The volunteer group, RECON (Refuse Elimination/Conservation Of Nature), that gathered last May to conduct a lake cleanup of Lake Conway, has scheduled another cleanup on Saturday, September 16, 2017.

Turtle Cove

Ms. Urbanik presented a quote to replant the wetland area south of the Hoffner Avenue bridge. The quote is to include 2400 plants at a cost of \$1,722.00.

Upon a motion by Jay Herrington, seconded by Bobby Lance, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Gary Meloon being absent, the Advisory Board approved the proposed quote.

Backacre Canal Maintenance Dredge

Ms. Urbanik stated there is existing criteria in place to determine the threshold when each canal accumulates a certain amount of muck that dictates when they should be dredged. A quote in the amount of \$3,140.52 was presented to assess the canal. Micky Blackton stated he would like to inspect the canal prior to discussing a motion.

Bali Hai Lagoon Maintenance Dredge

Ms. Urbanik presented a quote in the amount of \$2,580.00 to conduct a maintenance dredge at the base of the stormwater outfall.

Upon a motion by Micky Blackton, seconded by Bobby Lance, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Gary Meloon being absent, the Advisory Board approved the proposed quote.

City of Belle Isle Stormwater Outfall Maintenance Discussion

A history of the project was discussed: In 2014 the Advisory Board approved a cost share to fund the original baffle box feasibility study in amount of \$11,975.00. Ms. Urbanik stated the City of Belle Isle previously approved to maintenance dredge the outfall in October 2016, Ms. Urbanik will contact Mr. Francis for an update. Ms. Urbanik presented a quote in the amount of \$7,508.00 to conduct a maintenance dredge at

the base of the stormwater outfall pipe. Ms. Urbanik will provide the project history to Mr. Francis, the topic was tabled until the next meeting.

VIII. Advisory Board Member Report

- Chairman Ray Vause: Thanked everyone for attending the meeting, the tabled items will be discussed next month while reviewing the budget for the next fiscal year.
- Vice Chairman Bobby Lance: Mr. Lance requested to review the rusted corrugated metal pipe concerns presented at Swann Beach. Discussion ensued. Ms. Urbanik reminded the advisory board the Lake Conway special taxing district resolution states funds are established only for aquatic plant management, water quality projects and navigation concerns; and there is an ongoing stormwater study, with a seepage meter installed at this beach capturing water quality data. Mr. Lance requested an update on the navigation marker improvements; Ms. Urbanik stated the permit is in the process of being amended with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). Mr. Lance stated the Mayor of Belle Isle attended a recent FWC conference and discussed her concern of duck hunting on Lake Conway and is pursuing the subject of establishing the City of Belle Isle as a bird sanctuary.
- Jay Herrington: No comment.
- Micky Blackton: No comment.
- Alvin Luther: Mr. Luther asked for information on the County finger canal herbicides treatments and also requested information on the signage at Perkins boat ramp. Ms. Urbanik will research the possibility of placing educational signs at the Ferncreek and Randolph boat ramps.

IX. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report

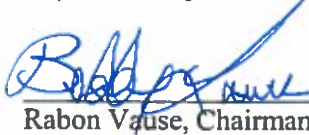
No report discussed.

X. Non-Agenda Items

Contractor Les Savage, representing 2332 Hoffner Avenue, requested permission to install a seawall at a private residence and follow the angled property line as depicted in the Orange County Property Appraisers website, since the surveyed property boundary he has does not match what the website depicts. Ms. Urbanik advised in order to resolve any boundary discrepancies, the property owner would need to apply for the seawall permit and EPD's Environmental Permitting Section will review and comment on the application.

XI. Meeting Adjourned

Ray Vause adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

 Vice Chairman Oct 10, 2017
Rabon Vause, Chairman Date


Minutes prepared by Tara Urbanik

10/10/17
Date