

Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Orange County Facilities Management Training Room
February 13, 2018

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

Board Members Absent: Micky Blackton

Staff & Guests: Tara Urbanik, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD); Corporal Bim Lowers, Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO); Sergeant Jeremy Millis, City of Belle Isle Police Department; Bob Francis, City Manager of Belle Isle; Lydia Pisano, Mayor of Belle Isle

Residents: David Woods and Cindy Lance

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 p.m.

II. Approval of the January 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Bobby Lance, seconded by Alvin Luther, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; with Micky Blackton being absent; the Advisory Board approved the January 8, 2018 minutes as presented.

III. Public Comment on Propositions before the Advisory Board

Chairman Vause received one request during the Public Comment period. Bob Francis, City Manager of Belle Isle, referred to the City's budget request presented in July 2017, and discussed the recent communications with the Orange County Attorney's Office. The Conway street sweeping route is being expanded to incorporate more streets within the City of Belle Isle (City). The off-duty patrol rate increase is being reviewed at the Board of County Commissioner's (BCC) meeting next week. Mr. Francis will draft the Memorandum of Understanding for the street sweeping additions by the end of the week. Mr. Francis explained the County Attorney's Office discussed with him an option of transferring a County/EPD boat for the purpose of assisting the Conway Patrol program, but the City determined the boat is not sufficient for their use. Mr. Francis stated it is more fiscally responsible for the City to request from the Conway MSTU, the option of funding a lump sum of \$23,000 or the option of payment of \$5,000 per year for 5 years, to be presented at a future BCC meeting for approval.

Chairman Vause requested the topic be discussed under Non-Agenda Items. Jay Herrington clarified the Attorney's Office needs to determine if the taxing district funds can be used for this type of purchase. Ms Urbanik stated Mr. Francis has been speaking with the Orange County Attorney's Office about the requests, and it is still being researched what the taxing district can fund. It was recommended for the Advisory Board to discuss the item and the overall determination will be brought back to the Attorney's Office for their review. Ms. Urbanik stated there is a similar program already established for the Butler Patrol. The Windermere Water and Navigation Control District (WWNCD) has purchased boats for their Butler Patrol program using MSTU funds. These boats are held as County assets and are available for use by County staff, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Officers and the Orange County Sheriff's Officers. This is a program already in place and is an option for the Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District (LCWND) as well. Chairman Vause again requested the

topic be discussed under Non-Agenda Items to give the Advisory Board time to think about the request. Mr. Francis handed out the City's recent budget request letter.

IV. Comments of the Chairman

No comments provided.

V. Marine Patrol Report

Corporal Lowers presented the marine patrol report. Boating activity during the week has been less active than previous months, resulting in a reduced schedule for the Orange County off-duty patrol officers.

VI. Orange County EPD Report

Update on Off-Duty Lake Patrol Rate Increase Request

The off-duty rate request is scheduled for the Consent Agenda portion during the Board of County Commissioner's meeting on February 20, 2018, with an effective date of April 1, 2018. An update will be provided at the March meeting.

City of Belle Isle Stormwater Outfall Maintenance Discussion

Ms. Urbanik assessed the area in question by boat. The shoreline gradually slopes outward toward the lake and had a thick, healthy stand of eel grass along the bottom of the lake. A sediment pile could not be located; Mr. Francis is also in agreement with this finding.

Street Sweeping Assessment

A request was received from the City of Belle Isle to incorporate more areas around the lake into Conway's street sweeping route. EPD's street sweeping contract manager reviewed all the streets within Conway's drainage basin, and has provided 3 potential options for street sweeping. It is recommended to sweep uncurbed roads on a monthly basis, and the remaining streets weekly.

Upon a motion by Jay Herrington, seconded by Bobby Lance, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; with Micky Blackton being absent; the Advisory Board approved sweeping the uncurbed roads on a monthly basis and the remaining streets weekly, as presented.

It was requested to determine if the uncurbed roads can be swept monthly, and on a weekly schedule during high leaf fall seasons.

VII. Advisory Board Member Report

- Chairman Ray Vause: The lake looks nice and he has not heard any complaints about boating activities.
- Vice Chairman Bobby Lance: The Pinecastle Pioneer Day event is February 24th and 25th, and asked if the Sheriff's Office can participate in the event. The application fee was proposed to be waived. Ms. Urbanik will provide educational information for the event. Mr. Lance inquired on what is the ongoing stormwater pond construction project near Orange Avenue and Hoffner Avenue. Ms. Urbanik stated it is an Orange County Public Works project on the Hansel Avenue stormwater pond.
- Jay Herrington: No comment.

- Alvin Luther: Requested an update on the City's bird sanctuary designation request to FWC. Mr. Francis stated the application was denied, but the City is appealing the determination. Mr. Luther also requested information on an extensive utility project near Pershing Avenue, Venice Drive and Overlake Avenue.
- Gary Meloon: No comment.

VIII. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report

David Woods presented his Water Elevation report. The hurricane forecast will not be available until April. Discussion ensued. The Iron Man competition on Lake Conway is slated for February 16th, 2018.

IX. Non-Agenda Items

City of Belle Isle Patrol Boat Discussion: Chairman Vause advised we are unaware of what projects will be recommended by the ongoing stormwater study, how much money will be expended for water quality improvements, and what impacts that will propose on the budget. Ms. Urbanik stated the seepage meters will be assessed this month and hopefully the study will be concluded shortly, and at that point, there will be an opportunity to review water quality recommendations. Mr. Herrington stated the \$5,000 per year for 5 years option has less impact on the budget than the lump sum of \$23,000 for purchasing the City a boat. Ms. Urbanik stated the different options can be discussed to ensure the Advisory Board has heard and discussed the City's request. The overall determination will be brought back to the Attorney's Office.

Bobby Lance made a motion for the option of \$5,000 per year, for 5 years, depending on the approval of the County Attorney's Office legal determination. No second; motion lost.

Mr. Meloon requested more information on the Butler Patrol option. Ms. Urbanik stated the WWNCD has the same navigation-related language in their establishing resolution as the LCWNCD. The WWNCD, using MSTU funds, has purchased patrol boats for their Butler Patrol program. For the purpose of patrol or assessment of the lakes, the boats are available for use by County staff and by the agencies that support the Butler Patrol program, i.e., FWC Officers and the Sheriff's Officers. The patrol boats are held as County assets and are maintained by the County. Chairman Vause offered the suggestion to create a similar program to the Butler Patrol and make it a County asset. Mr. Herrington stated a cost share with the City has less impact on the overall budget. Mr. Luther stated if it is a County asset, it will be available for use by County staff. Mr. Meloon clarified, if the patrol boat is purchased outright, County staff would be able to use it. Sergeant Millis, City of Belle Isle Police Department, stated the base cost of their preferred boat is \$46,000 without outfitting it with lights, signage, bimini top and additional accessories. Ms. Urbanik stated the original request to fund a patrol boat was not supported by EPD, and the determination by the Advisory Board will be thoroughly reviewed by the County Attorney's Office. Mr. Meloon asked if it will be acceptable by the City that County staff, and other staff, will be able to use the patrol boat. Mr. Meloon asked if the \$5,000 for 5 years option is considered, would County staff be able to use the patrol boat. Ms. Urbanik stated it is uncertain if the \$5,000 a year for 5 years is a feasible option.

Bobby Lance made a motion for the option of \$5,000 a year for 5 years, to purchase a patrol boat for the City of Belle Isle, as a City asset.

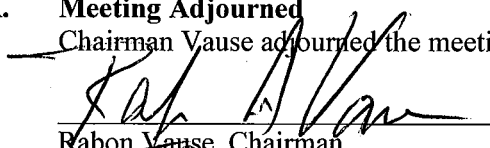
Discussion ensued. **Mr. Lance rescinded the motion.**


Upon a motion by Bobby Lance, seconded by Gary Meloon, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; with Micky Blackton being absent; it is recommended for Ms. Urbanik to bring the option to the County Attorney's Office to determine the feasibility of funding a patrol boat asset for the City of Belle Isle, at a cost of \$5,000 per year for 5 years.

Mr. Francis requested information on the steps to the gas station near the Daetwyler weir.
Ms. Urbanik will send information to Mr. Francis.

X. Meeting Adjourned

Chairman Vause adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.


Rabon Vause, Chairman


Minutes prepared by Tara Urbanik

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