Butler Chain of Lakes Advisory Board Windermere Water and Navigation Control District Regular Meeting – Chain of Lakes Middle School Monday, March 12, 2018

Board Members Present: Ijaz Ahmed (Chair), Lloyd Woosley (Vice Chair), Albert Gallof

Board Members Absent: Ann Connolly, Lee Chira

Staff & Support: Lt. Jeff Hudson, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)

David Hamstra, Pegasus Engineering

David Hansen, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD)

Guest Presenter: Mike Galura, Michael Galura Engineering Consultants

Guests: Mayor Gary Bruhn (Town of Windermere), Jay Williams, Lori Bradford, Betty Cawthorn,

Bill Martini, Dick Radkewich

I. Call to Order:

Without a quorum present, Chair Ijaz Ahmed called the meeting of the Butler Chain of Lakes Advisory Board (Advisory Board) to order at 5:36 P.M.

II. Public Comment on Propositions Before the Advisory Board:

Mrs. Cawthorn began the comments by informing the meeting attendees that she was opposed to the proposed development project at the Four Corners in the Town of Windermere. Mr. Martini mentioned the Facebook group he was associated with which is also opposed to the development and has installed a number of signs around the Windermere area in opposition. A discussion ensued about the potential effects on water quality this project might have on Lake Down. David Hamstra cautioned the group not to base too much opposition on the possibility of water quality degradation as the development would have to be permitted and the higher standards associated with the Outstanding Florida Water (OFW) designation of the Butler Chain would prevail. Mr. Radkewich asked the Advisory Board members what the position of the Advisory Board would be on this proposed development. Chair Ijaz Ahmed voiced the opinion that there is not yet enough information about the specifics of the development for the Advisory Board to have an informed position.

Albert Galoff arrived at 5:50 P.M. With a quorum now present:

Mayor Bruhn offered that the Town of Windermere had accepted an agreement in 1997 that specified a much smaller development footprint than what is currently being proposed.

Additional discussions took place regarding public dock use by commercial entities and Bird (Egret Island). Mr. Radkewich expressed concern over the use of public docks by commercial entities and the hardship that placed on the general public gaining access. David Hansen noted

that this issue was one being reviewed by staff to go before the Board of County Commissioners. Mayor Bruhn requested an update on plans to survey and post signage on Bird (Egret) Island. David Hansen offered that there was an issue regarding ownership of the island that had to be addressed before proceeding with any survey or sign posting.

III. Butler Marine Patrol Report:

Lt. Jeff Hudson provided the following report:

The Butler Patrol provided 77.5 hours of patrol time in February 2018. They inspected 28 vessels and made contact with 80 users. They assisted 3 disabled vessels, gave 13 warnings and issued 1 boating citation. One noise complaint was reported to the officers. One Saturday there were 40 vessels at Bird Island.

IV. Approval of the March 12, 2018 Meeting Agenda:

Upon a motion by Lloyd Woosley, seconded by Albert Galoff, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Ann Connolly and Lee Chira being absent; the Advisory Board approved the March 12, 2018 meeting Agenda as presented.

V. Approval of the Approval of the January 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes:

Upon a motion by Lloyd Woosley, seconded by Albert Gallof, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Ann Connolly and Lee Chira being absent; the Advisory Board approved the January 16, 2018 meeting Minutes as presented.

VI. EPD Report:

Presentation by Mike Galura of Michael Galura Engineering Consultants:

Mr. Galura spoke about a project in the Town of Windermere that discharged from a 23 acre watershed directly into Wauseon Bay. The project used swales, french drains and a concrete weir to remove Total Suspended Solids, Total Phosphorus and Total Nitrogen from the discharged water. Mr. Galura mentioned that funding for the project came from Town of Windermere stormwater utility fees and general funds along with grants. Lloyd Woosley suggested that the Windermere Municipal Services Taxing Unit or MSTU may be able to provide funds for joint projects as long as they addressed water quality issues.

1. Current Projects

David Hansen reported that a 118 acre hydrilla treatment was being scheduled for Lake Sheen. It will require roughly 1,800 gallons of herbicide at about \$182,000. The work will be performed and paid for by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

Mr. Hansen reported that Lakes Down and Blanche required spot treatments for hydrilla.

Mr. Hansen reported that a proposal had been received from Dr. Harvey Harper to update

the Lake Tibet sub-basins 1 & 2 report. Lloyd Woosley had provided comments on the proposal that were forwarded to Dr. Harper for review and response.

Mr. Hansen mentioned that a small subdivision was being reviewed on the east side of Lake Tibet. The 13 lots will be added to the MSTU to be assessed.

Mr. Hansen reported that the Lake Butler sub-basin 10 project would start moving along.

2. Future Projects

No future projects were mentioned.

3. Meeting Schedule

The next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for April 16, 2018.

VII. Member Reports:

- 1. Ann Connolly: not present
- 2. Ijaz Ahmed: no report
- 3. Lee Chira: not present
- 4. Lloyd Woosley: no report
- 5. Albert Gallof: no report

VIII. Non-Agenda Items:

None

IX. Meeting Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Ijaz Ahmed, Chair

David Hansen, Minute Preparer

4/16/18

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