

**Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Orange County Facilities Management Training Room
April 10, 2018**

Board Members Present: Rabon Vause (Chairman), Bobby Lance (Vice-Chairman), Micky Blackton and Gary Meloon

Board Members Absent: None

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

Residents: Cindy Lance, Jay Herrington, Sue Nielsen, Frances Guthrie, Randy Holihan, Horton Johnson, Kay Maguire, Rick & Sue Wilson, Vinton Squires, and David Woods

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 6:32 p.m.

II. Approval of the March 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Micky Blackton, seconded by Bobby Lance, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved the March 13, 2018 meeting minutes as presented.

III. Public Comment on Propositions before the Advisory Board

Chairman Vause received four requests during the Public Comment period. Jay Herrington, resident and former Advisory Board member of the Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District, expressed his gratitude to the Advisory Board for their mentorship and dedication. He wished them the best on meeting their goals to ensure that Lake Conway stays a pristine lake, for all the residents of Orange County, for their use and enjoyment. Mr. Herrington stated he grew up around Lake Conway, and it is very close to his heart, but unfortunately he lives outside of the boundary of the taxing district and can no longer serve on the Advisory Board. Mr. Herrington stated he appreciates the Advisory Board and all they do to keep Lake Conway clean. The Advisory Board unanimously reciprocated sentiments and thanked Jay for his service.

Resident Rick Wilson stated he heard there is a major upcoming project involving canals, requested information if the County is accepting bids, and what is the timing and budget for the project. He also requested an update on the existing budget and how the canal project will affect the overall budget.

Resident Kay Maguire, and Association Manager of Camelot by the Lake, requested information on removing cypress trees along the Lake Conway shoreline.

Lydia Pisano, Mayor of Belle Isle, thanked the Advisory Board for their service. Mayor Pisano requested assistance submitting educational articles to the City of Belle residents, on information and achievements of the Advisory Board. Mayor Pisano also stated a few residents were in attendance inquiring about the slalom course on Lake Conway south lobe.

IV. Comments of the Chairman

Chairman Vause stated after the various discussions of the last Advisory Board meeting, he is handing out a copy of the Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District Resolution to the Advisory Board members, so everyone understands the function of the taxing district. The Advisory Board is a five member board, they give recommendations on navigation, and their main charge is to keep the lake beautiful. Chairman Vause offered a copy of the Resolution to the Advisory Board members and to the Mayor of Belle Isle.

V. Orange County EPD Report

Chair Elections

The Advisory Board discussed their current positions.

Upon a motion by Gary Meloon, seconded by Micky Blackton, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved Ray Vause and Bobby Lance to remain Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively.

Melaleuca Biological Control

Ms. Urbanik reached out to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), the Entomology Department at the University of Florida, and to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to gain information on the biological control of *Melaleuca* on Lake Conway from the study 13 years ago. The contacts working at these locations did not have any recollection of the study.

Stormwater Study Update

Due to staff shortages, the seepage meter sample analysis can no longer be conducted by the County laboratory which was intended to provide a cost savings to the Lake Conway taxing district. The lab analysis will be contracted out in order to stay on schedule. It is currently unknown what additional funds will be required to complete this task. A handout was provided.

Budget Review

A copy of the Lake Conway taxing district budget was handed out to the Advisory Board, discussion ensued. Ms. Urbanik answered Mr. Wilson's question and stated there are no planned projects involving canals. Since there is an ongoing stormwater study, the Advisory Board has chosen to temporarily suspend shoreline alteration projects funded by the taxing district, to substantiate accurate water quality samples.

Project Prioritization

Ms. Urbanik handed out a list of ongoing projects supported by the taxing district, and requested each Advisory Board member to prioritize the projects. Discussion ensued. Mr. Lance requested an additional item, shoreline erosion protection, to be added to the priority list. Ms. Urbanik explained that the County does not maintain private shorelines, but the taxing district could choose to assist homeowners with plantings to help stabilize their shorelines and prevent erosion. The results of the project prioritization will be presented at the next meeting.

VI. Marine Patrol Report

Mr. Blackton inquired how many on-duty hours were patrolled on Lake Conway by the Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO). Corporal Lowers explained the schedule for on-duty lake patrol is variable since there are so many other public lakes that are patrolled during the week, the

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majority of the patrol on Lake Conway is an off-duty status. Mr. Lance recollected from the March meeting, the Belle Isle Chief of Police stated the City has reduced resources for lake patrol and requested an update. BIPD Sergeant Ruiz stated the City only has one boat until they receive their new patrol vessel, and the City cannot have a reduced presence on the roads, currently manpower is a concern. Discussion ensued. Chairman Vause asked the residents in attendance, their experience of reckless boating activity on the lake. Corporal Lowers presented the marine patrol report. Advisory Board member Gary Meloon, graciously offered to give the BIPD two unmarked jet skis to supplement their patrol fleet.

VII. Advisory Board Member Report

- Chairman Ray Vause: No comment
- Vice Chairman Bobby Lance: No comment
- Micky Blackton: No comment
- Gary Meloon: No comment

VIII. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report

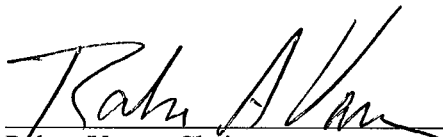
David Woods presented his Water Elevation report. The weather forecast is predicting a higher than average hurricane forecast this summer.

IX. Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Lance gave the Advisory Board an update on the history of the cypress plantings at Camelot by the Lake, stating they were required in lieu of an environmental fine. Ms. Maguire stated they have nine mooring buoys near the cypress tree plantings, and it is causing a liability for the Association as residents are trying to access their boats.

X. Meeting Adjourned

Chairman Vause adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.


Rabon Vause, Chairman

May 8, 2018
Date


Minutes prepared by Tara Urbanik

5/8/18
Date

