

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

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**Board Members Present:** Rabon Vause (Chairman), Bobby Lance (Vice-Chairman), Gary Meloon and Frances Guthrie

**Board Members Absent:** Micky Blackton

**Staff & Guests:** Tara Urbanik, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD); Corporal Bim Lowers, Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO); Chief Laura Houston, Belle Isle Police Department

**Residents:** David Woods, Cindy Lance and Randy Holihan

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**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 6:33 p.m.

**II. Approval of the October 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

**Upon a motion by Frances Guthrie, seconded by Bobby Lance, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Micky Blackton being absent; the Advisory Board approved the October 9, 2018 meeting minutes.**

**III. Public Comment on Propositions before the Advisory Board**

Chairman Vause received one request to speak during the public comment period.

Chief Laura Houston, from the Belle Isle Police Department (BIPD), spoke on behalf of Belle Isle City Manager, Bob Francis. The City of Belle Isle requests the Cross Lake Beach purchase request be placed on the agenda at a future Board of County Commissioner meeting. Chairman Vause stated the Advisory Board does not have a concern with the City purchasing the property.

**IV. Comments of the Chairman**

Chairman Vause stated the lake is going through a seasonal algal bloom and it is natural for this time of the year.

**V. Orange County EPD Report**

**Chair Script**

Ms. Urbanik presented a written script that is requested to be read by the Chairman after each meeting is called to order. The Advisory Board made suggestions to improve the script.

**Florida Uniform Waterway Marker Update**

Improvements to the regulatory navigation markers have begun; the contractor is starting on the Butler Chain of Lakes.

**Ferncreek Boat Ramp**

It has come to EPD's attention there are outstanding concerns with vehicles being parked at the boat ramp after dark, preventing the proper closure of the ramp gates. Discussion ensued on the possibility to fund an off-duty patrol officer at the ramp to assist the gate keeper with effectively closing the gate for the night. Corporal Lowers stated two hours is the minimum amount of time required for an off-duty patrol shift.

**Aquatic Plant Management Update**

During the County's most recent aquatic plant survey, *Hydrilla verticillata* was found in a few areas near the Randolph boat ramp and within the Hoffner canal. *Hygrophila polysperma* was found in the Lisa Waterway canal and near the Randolph boat ramp. An aquatic plant treatment will be scheduled in the upcoming weeks to control these invasive plants. Ms. Urbanik also received concerns from residents on floating mats of broken off eel grass located within the navigable portion of the canals. Discussion ensued.

**Upon a motion by Gary Meloon, seconded by Frances Gurthrie, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Micky Blackton being absent; the Advisory Board approved spending up to \$50,000.00 to remove the floating mats of broken eel grass from various canals on the Conway Chain.**

**Lakefront Homeowners Guide**

The Environmental Protection Division (EPD) created a lakefront homeowners guide to educate lakefront homeowners on how they can get the most out of being a responsible steward to their lake. A copy was distributed, discussion ensued.

**Upon a motion by Ray Vause, seconded by Bobby Lance, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Micky Blackton being absent; the Advisory Board approved to mail out the Lakefront Homeowners Guide to each lakefront homeowner on the Conway Chain.**

**VI. Advisory Board Member Report**

- Chairman Ray Vause: No comment.
- Vice Chairman Bobby Lance: No comment.
- Gary Meloon: Mr. Meloon stated Orange County was marking utilities along Matchett Road and Wallace Road, even though Commissioner Clarke requested the project be put on hold. With the redesigning of the Pine Castle area, the drainage basin for this area will be increased. Mr. Meloon is concerned with the stormwater redevelopment along Orange Avenue and concerned with the additional pollutant load being received by Lake Conway.
- Frances Guthrie: No comment.

**VII. Marine Patrol Report**

Corporal Lowers stated October was a difficult month for off-duty patrol scheduling due to the Orange County Sherriff's Office (OCSO) and the BIPD assisting the panhandle area for Hurricane Michael recovery efforts. The Conway Chain of Lakes boat parade was discussed; the BIPD and OCSO off-duty patrol will provide coverage for this event.

**VIII. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report**

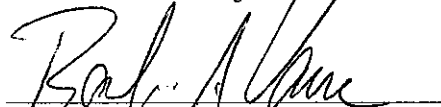
David Woods presented his Water Elevation Report. Mr. Woods described the rainfall over the summer in comparison to summer 2017, and the related effects from the El Nino weather pattern.

**IX. Non-Agenda Items**

No items.

**X. Meeting Adjourned**

Chairman Vause adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

  
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Rabon Vause, Chairman

December 11, 2018  
Date

  
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Minutes prepared by Tara Urbanik

12/11/18  
Date