

**Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District
Advisory Board Regular Meeting
Orange County Facilities Management Training Room
February 12, 2019**

Board Members Present: Frances Guthrie (Chair), Gary Meloon (Vice Chair), Bobby Lance, and Micky Blackton

Board Members Absent: None

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

Residents: Cindy Lance, Marvin Rumie, Casey Rials, Anass Anouch, Woody Johnson, John Sharp, Randy Holihan, and Jennifer McDaniel

I. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Francis Guthrie called the meeting of the Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District Advisory Board (Advisory Board) to order at 6:31 p.m.

II. Approval of the January 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Bobby Lance, seconded by Micky Blackton, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved the January 8, 2019 meeting minutes.

III. Public Comment on Propositions before the Advisory Board

Chair Guthrie received two public comment requests. Bob Francis, City Manager of Belle Isle, requested to speak on the millage rate topic, but requested to wait until the item was presented during the Orange County EPD Report. Mr. Francis stated he received compliments from Belle Isle residents regarding the new navigation markers on the lake, but requested reflectors be placed on the signs for safety. Ms. Urbanik responded that the newly installed pilings have two bands of reflective tape to aid in visibility. Mr. Francis stated two new stormwater inlet structures on Jade Circle were installed and requested they be assessed for curb inlet basket installation. Jennifer McDaniel, a resident, was in attendance with her daughter, who is representing the Girl Scouts. Ms. McDaniel's daughter stated they are volunteering with Orange County on April 13th at Gilbert Park in Belle Isle, to install the remaining stormdrain markers within the Lake Conway drainage basin.

IV. Comments of the Chair

Chair Guthrie stated she attended the recent public meeting at the City of Kissimmee regarding the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) aquatic plant herbicide treatment program, and had the opportunity to listen to a variety of public comments from the affected stakeholders. Discussion ensued.

V. Orange County EPD Report

Gatlin Maintenance Requests

Ms. Urbanik assessed the stormwater pipe in question from the lakefront, but will need to assess the alleged accumulated sediment from the water.

Ms. Urbanik received a request to remove a fallen tree within the Lake Gatlin canal located near Windsong Road. A request to dredge the canal was discussed by a resident in attendance. Discussion ensued.

Millage Rate

In 2015, the Advisory Board agreed to temporarily suspend major projects on the lake to help accrue additional funds into reserves. The intent was to use the extra funds for future water quality improvement projects that will result from the outcome of the Lake Conway Stormwater Study. Ms. Urbanik provided a handout of a seven year budget report of the Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District annual revenue and expenditures. Based on the budget, the majority of the revenue accrued each year is spent annually on routine services, resulting in an insignificant amount of funds being set aside in reserves. Ms. Urbanik stated if the Advisory Board wished to raise the millage rate by 20%, an estimated additional \$82,000.00 could be collected into reserves. The Advisory Board wished to wait for the Stormwater Study recommendations before they voted on modifying a future millage rate.

VI. Marine Patrol Report

Activity on the lake is still decreased. Corporal Bim also discussed the new lake patrol report.

VII. Advisory Board Member Report

- Chair Francis Guthrie: Chair Guthrie requested information on the Advisory Board opening.
- Vice Chair Gary Meloon: Vice Chair Meloon stated the stormwater structure on the Cornerstone property has been pumped out and there are no longer turbid discharges. The Stormwater Division project on Matchett Road has been placed on hold; an update was requested.
- Bobby Lance: The lake water is finally going over the overflow weir and the water clarity is clear.
- Micky Blackton: Mr. Blackton stated there is a green slime on the surface of the lake. Discussion ensued. The consensus was that the green substance is pollen.

VIII. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report

No report was presented.

IX. Non-Agenda Items

No items discussed.


X. Meeting Adjourned

Chair Guthrie adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.



Frances Guthrie, Chair

March 12, 2019
Date



Minutes prepared by Tara Urbanik

3/12/19
Date