

**Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District
Advisory Board Regular Meeting
Orange County Facilities Management Training Room
March 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); Chief Laura Houston, City of Belle Isle Police Department

Residents: John Hermann, Woody Johnson, Randy Holihan, and Jack Liberty

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 6:30 p.m.

II. Approval of the February 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Micky Blackton, seconded by Gary Meloon, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved the February 12, 2019 meeting minutes.

III. Public Comment on Propositions before the Advisory Board

Chair Guthrie received one public comment request. Jack Liberty, a resident, expressed a boating safety concern with the waterway navigation markers at the Perkins Boat Ramp. Discussion ensued, the waterway navigation markers will be discussed during the Marine Patrol Report.

IV. Comments of the Chair

No comments.

V. Orange County EPD Report

Aquatic Plant Management

It was discussed at the last meeting, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) had placed a pause on their Aquatic Plant Management Program (APM). During that time, the Windermere Water and Navigation Control District Advisory Board had the opportunity to discuss and approve a resolution that was sent to FWC for their consideration, to request the continuance of the State-funded aquatic plant management program. Since that time, the FWC had decided to resume their treatment program, but Ms. Urbanik offered the Advisory Board the same opportunity to provide their comments to FWC. Chair Guthrie stated the FWC was compiling data and public comments throughout the State to determine the best management plan. Discussion ensued, the discussion was tabled.

Gatlin Maintenance Requests

Ms. Urbanik assessed the stormwater pipe in question from the lake, and could not locate the alleged accumulated sediment. Another site visit will be conducted when the water level drops.

Ms. Urbanik requested assistance with contacting the adjacent property owner to Windsong Road canal. Micky Blackton stated he can assist.

VI. Advisory Board Member Report

- Chair Francis Guthrie: Chair Guthrie thanked Ms. Urbanik for sending example Lake Hydrologic and Nutrient Budget Study reports. Going through the reports, it appears that numerous water quality projects could be recommended, and it is wise that money is retained in reserves until the Lake Conway Stormwater Study is complete and the Advisory Board can review and prioritize the water quality project recommendations.
- Vice Chair Gary Meloon: No comment.
- Bobby Lance: Mr. Lance stated Ray Bagshaw, the Mayor of Edgewood, recently passed away and requested a sympathy email be sent from the Advisory Board.
- Micky Blackton: Mr. Blackton stated the lake looks great and the water is high.

VII. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report

No report was presented.

VIII. Marine Patrol Report

Activity on the lake increased towards the end of February and is consistently increasing into March. With the increase in activity, the Marine Patrol will now include an additional four hours in the evenings of Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. The waterway navigation markers at the Perkins boat ramp were discussed. The Advisory Board requested Ms. Urbanik propose a triangular configuration of the navigation signs, at the Perkins Boat Ramp, to the FWC.

IX. Non-Agenda Items

No items discussed.

X. Meeting Adjourned

Chair Guthrie adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.



Frances Guthrie, Chair

9 April 2019

Date



Minutes prepared by Tara Urbanik

4/9/19

Date