# Lake Jessamine Water Advisory Board Regular Meeting Cypress Grove Park – Grove House May 2, 2019

Board Members Present: Brett Barner (Chair), David Geller, Cynthia McCurry (Vice-Chair)

Board Members Absent: Carolyn Accola

**Staff Present:** Bryce Edwards, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD)

Others Present: Martha Wyatt

# I. Meeting Called to Order:

With a quorum present, Chair Brett Barner called the meeting of the Lake Jessamine Water Advisory Board (Advisory Board) to order at 5:10 p.m.

## II. Approval of the April 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes:

By consensus, with Carolyn Accola being absent; the Advisory Board approved the previous meeting minutes as presented.

## III. Public Comment on Propositions Before the Advisory Board:

There were no public comments.

## IV. Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Report:

#### **Aquatic Plant Management**

The most recent survey results were provided by Bryce Edwards. No areas required treatment and the *Hydrilla* remains well controlled.

#### **Annual Shoreline Planting**

Bryce Edwards reminded the Advisory Board that the shoreline planting would be occurring in June, and that postcards needed to be sent advertising the event soon. All present discussed what plants would be included in the event.

By consensus, with Carolyn Accola being absent, the Advisory Board directed Bryce Edwards to select the plants based on diversity and suitability for duck habitat.

# **Duck Boxes**

As requested, a plan to install duck boxes, paired with habitat restoration and annual maintenance, was presented. All present discussed what the cost of initial installation would be and what would be covered in annual maintenance.

By consensus, with Carolyn Accola being absent; the Advisory Board approved the installation of up to 20 cedar duck boxes with a budget not to exceed \$15,000 to be expended over the next 5 years. A total of \$3,000 was allocated annually in order to perform annual maintenance and to replace boxes as-needed. Each location will include the installation of the pole, duck box, predator guard, small signage, and plants that provide habitat for the ducks. The boxes will be maintained annually with a budget of \$90 per location by replacing wood shavings and adding native, beneficial plants until a healthy habitat establishes. The opportunity for duck box installations will be advertised by postcard to all lakefront residents.

V. Member Reports:

None

VI. Non-Agenda Items:

None

# VII. Meeting Adjournment:

Brett Barner adjourned the Lake Jessamine Water Advisory Board meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Brett Barner, Chairman

Date

Minutes Prepared By Bryce Edwards

Date