

**Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District
Advisory Board Regular Meeting
Orange County Facilities Management Training Room
May 14, 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); Commissioner Mayra Uribe, District 3, Orange County Board of County Commissioners (BCC); Corporal Bim Lowers, Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO); Sergeant Jeremy Millis, City of Belle Isle Police Department; Mayor Nick Fouraker, City of Belle Isle; City Manager Bob Francis, City of Belle Isle

Residents: Woody Johnson, Randy Holihan, Ward Davis, John Hermann, Alice Huhn, Cindy Lance, Clete Huhn, and Zander Clem

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 6:32 p.m.

II. Approval of the April 9, 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 April 9, 2019 meeting minutes.

III. Public Comment on Propositions before the Advisory Board

Chair Guthrie received one public comment request. Alice Huhn, a resident, expressed a concern with wake boats repetitively traveling within the area of the lake between the two lobes of Little Lake Conway known as the Narrows. Ms. Huhn read and handed out a written letter to the Advisory Board. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Urbanik stated she spoke with Larry Meddock, from the Water Sports Industry Association (WSIA), about the concern. WSIA recently held a meeting with their Central Florida wake sport constituents, to remind them of the WSIA suggested etiquettes while out on the lake. Mr. Meddock relayed the meeting was informative and well received by the riders/boat drivers. WSIA is confident it left a positive impression on their constituents. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Uribe stated she would approach the Orange County Attorney's Office for guidance on the residents' concerns.

IV. Comments of the Chair

Chair Guthrie thanked Ms. Urbanik and Christian Visscher, from Orange County EPD, for taking her out onto the lake to discuss some of the challenges associated with managing the Conway Chain of Lakes.

V. Orange County EPD Report

Instructions for Resigning Advisory Board Members

Tara Urbanik relayed that if an Advisory Board member wishes to resign, a brief letter or email stating the intent to resign with an effective date should be given to Ms. Urbanik or other EPD liaison, who will then forward the notification to the Environmental Protection Division (EPD), the Office of Agenda Development, and the District 3 Commissioner's Office.

VI. Marine Patrol Report

Corporal Lowers expressed his sympathies to the challenges of the boating concerns in the Narrows. The Marine Patrol is taking the appropriate actions within their purview to monitor for boating safety. For the Sheriff's Office Dive Team training, a dive was conducted within the Chain of Lakes. During the training, the Dive Team also picked up submerged garbage along the way within the Hoffner canal, Randolph boat ramp, and Gatlin canal.

Corporal Lowers described a boating accident that occurred within the lake.

For the month of April the following activities were reported:

- 5 boating citations
- 36 Personal Water Craft (PWC) citations
- 35 boating warnings
- 45 PWC warnings
- 1 Boating Under the Influence arrest on a PWC

VII. Advisory Board Member Report

- Chair Francis Guthrie: No comment.
- Vice Chair Gary Meloon: No comment.
- Bobby Lance: During a recent storm, garbage cans and pieces of wooden boards floated down to a stormdrain near Flowertree Road and blocked the opening causing the road to flood. He removed the blockage from the drain.
- Micky Blackton: Mr. Blackton inquired about placing a trash collecting apparatus at the open concrete swale entering the lake, at the end of Windsong Road.

VIII. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report

No report was presented.

IX. Non-Agenda Items

Mayor Fouraker, stated a resident has a concern with the navigation markers at Warren Park kayak launch, and requested information on marker location.

Mayor Fouraker is planning to schedule a cleanup event on the lake in the near future.

Ms. Urbanik reminded the Advisory Board the Girl Scouts' stormdrain labeling event is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2019.

X. Meeting Adjourned

Chair Guthrie adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.



Frances Guthrie, Chair



Date



Minutes prepared by Tara Urbanik



Date