

**Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District
Advisory Board Regular Meeting
Orange County Facilities Management Training Room
June 11, 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); Sergeant Fred Westerberg, Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO); Deputy Adam Popp, Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO); Lieutenant Naomii Tye, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC); Sergeant Jeremy Millis, City of Belle Isle Police Department (BIPD); City Manager Bob Francis, City of Belle Isle

Residents: John Hermann, Alice Huhn, Ward Davis, Randy Holihan, Richard Gallagher, and Jennifer Brown

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 May 14, 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 May 14, 2019 meeting minutes.

III. Public Comment on Propositions before the Advisory Board

Chair Guthrie received two public comment requests. Alice Huhn, a resident, ceded her public comment time of one minute to Ward Davis, also a resident. Mr. Davis wished to discuss which government agency has jurisdiction over multiple topics of interest related to the Conway Chain of Lakes. Mr. Davis read and handed out an information packet to the Advisory Board. Chair Guthrie stated this topic can be discussed after we have heard comments from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

Upon a motion by Bobby Lance, seconded by Gary Meloon, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved rearranging the agenda to hear from Law Enforcement regarding the public comment.

Lieutenant Naomii Tye, Sergeant Fred Westerberg, and Deputy Adam Popp discussed the items presented during public comment and which government entity would have jurisdiction, as follows:

1. Topic: Ban commercial activities and professional wake boarders on the lake. Response: There are no known bans for commercial activities on Florida Waters of the State. This topic would fall under Legislative review.
2. Topic: Enforcement of speeding, noise pollution and careless boating. Response: Law enforcement is enforcing the laws currently written into law.

3. Topic: Establish a no wake zone at the narrow connector between the east and west lobes of Little Lake Conway. Response: This activity is reviewed by the FWC for public safety. Permits are not issued for shoreline or dock protection. Additionally, there are no speed restrictions on the lake. Mr. Ward inquired if Orange County's noise ordinance can apply to activities on the lake. Lieutenant Tye confirmed it does not apply to vessel activities on the lake.
4. Topic: Enact a user fee at the boat ramps. Response: User fees at boat ramps are not under FWC's jurisdiction. This would fall to the local jurisdiction.
5. Topic: Create a 100 foot setback from all boat docks and lakeshore. Response: The current Florida Administrative Code outlines the intent of this topic in Rule 68D-23.101.
6. Topic: Close the Ferncreek and Randolph ramp at sunset and open at sunrise. Response: The Ferncreek boat ramp is already opened and closed each day.
7. Topic: Establish a boat ramp on big Lake Conway. Response: Boat ramp access to the lake would be reviewed by Orange County.
8. Topic: Prohibit duck hunting on Lake Conway. Response: This item is reviewed by another division within FWC.

Mr. Meloon stated he had previously met with Commissioner Uribe who requested he speak on her behalf for this topic. He stated she is looking into the topics mentioned during the May 2019 Lake Conway Advisory Board meeting, and she is planning to speak with EPD staff, the Orange County Attorney's Office, the Sheriff's Office, Senator Linda Stewart and State Representative Anna Eskamani to discuss options available at the County level. Discussion ensued. Sergeant Westerberg stated the Florida Statute does not cover shoreline protection from wave activity and lakefront homeowners should anticipate wave activity on their property.

IV. Comments of the Chair

No comments.

V. Orange County EPD Report

Fertilizer Ordinance Reminder

The Orange County ordinance for fertilizer application restrictions are now in effect from June 1 to September 30. The ordinance restricts fertilizer containing nitrogen or phosphorus that is applied in Orange County, unless there's compliance with obtaining the proper certifications by Orange County.

Stormwater Study Update

The Stormwater Study contractor completed the sampling portion of the Study. The seepage meters have been removed from the lake bottom.

VI. Marine Patrol Report

Deputy Popp stated the activity on the lake was not as busy as it has been in the previous year.

For the month of May the following activities were reported:

- 9 boating citations
- 23 Personal Water Craft (PWC) citations
- 25 boating warnings
- 34 PWC warnings

VII. Advisory Board Member Report

- Chair Francis Guthrie: The Advisory Board still has a vacant position if anyone is interested in the position.
- Vice Chair Gary Meloon: Inquired who to contact if they see lawn companies' blow leaves into the street. Ms. Urbanik provided the Orange County 311 hotline contact information.
- Bobby Lance: The OCSO, BIPD and FWC officers are doing an excellent job on the lake. Mr. Lance has received comments from residents that the navigation signs at Warren Park are difficult to see. Ms. Urbanik stated the contractor intentionally angled the signage for better visibility while running north and south along the shoreline. The lake cleanup on Saturday, June 8, 2019 was successful.
- Micky Blackton: Motorized vessels are still tying up to the No Motorized Vessel sign at the Warren Park kayak launch.

VIII. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report


Mr. Woods presented his Water Elevation Report and announced that hurricane season has officially started. Mr. Woods requested volunteer assistance to gather water level readings in the upcoming month.

IX. Non-Agenda Items

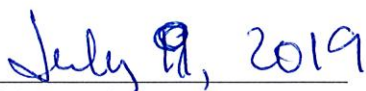
The Advisory Board discussed the items noted during public comment. Ms. Urbanik stated that the District 3 Commissioner is aware of the main concerns, and Orange County EPD plans to meet with the Commissioner and will bring the items forward for discussion.

X. Meeting Adjourned

Chair Guthrie adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.




Frances Guthrie, Chair



Date



Minutes prepared by Tara Urbanik



Date