

Lake Pickett Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
UCF Crew House – 18011 Lake Pickett Road
April 9, 2019

Board Members Present: Debbie Parrish (Chair), Dan Washburn, Alan Ashlock, David Evans, Bonnie Rimel

Board Members Absent: None

Staff: David Hansen, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD)
Gloria Eby, Joey Cordell, and Thomas Calhoun, Seminole County

Guests: Becky Cramer, UCF
Scott Forrest, Seminole County Liaison
Ann Moore, Disston Moore

I. Call to Order

A quorum was present and Chair Debbie Parrish called the meeting to order at 3:08 P.M.

II. Approval of the January 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Alan Ashlock, seconded by Bonnie Rimel, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, the Advisory Board approved the January 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes as presented.

III. Public Comment on Propositions Before the Advisory Board

There was no public comment.

IV. Chair Script

Posted next to sign-in sheet

V. EPD Report

1. Aquatic Plant Management Update:

David Hansen noted that the last quarterly vegetation survey had been conducted January 1 - 11, 2019. He noted that at that time, there was no significant hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*) or water hyacinth (*Eichornia crassipes*) observed. Mr. Hansen noted that there appeared to be less maidencane (*Panicum hemitomon*) and water lillies (*Nuphar lutea*) than observed during previous surveys.

2. Budget Update:

David Hansen reported on the latest budget figures for the Lake Pickett MSTU, as of April 8, 2019. The current total is \$311,539 with estimated annual revenue of \$93,207. A total of \$109,327 is held in reserves.

VI. New Business

1) David Hansen introduced Ms. Ann Moore. He mentioned that Ms. Moore's contact information had been given to him by Janet Klemm of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in Tallahassee as someone to help explain the Outstanding Florida Water (OFW) designation process from the non-agency perspective. Ms. Moore introduced her son, Disston, to the attendees.

Ms. Moore began by relaying the three "Ps": polite, persistence pays off. She mentioned that these "Ps" were instrumental in helping to obtain the Outstanding Florida Water (OFW) designation for Lake Disston in Volusia County where she lives. She continued by following an outline she had prepared to emphasize steps that she and others had taken to achieve the Lake Disston OFW designation. Beginning with a local Lake Watch program, efforts and research included historical information, bird surveys, archaeological inquiries and water quality data. Members of environmental and political groups were solicited to write letters of support for the designation. After several attempts over three years, Ms. Moore concluded, the OFW designation was given to Lake Disston in 2000.

Debbie Parrish asked for suggestions on how best to proceed to begin the OFW designation process for Lake Pickett. Alan Ashlock suggested that not everyone was interested in the designation. He asked about the potential downfalls of the designation. A brief discussion ensued among the Advisory Board members about current and future development plans around the lake and what effect, if any, there could be on water quality in the lake. Dave Evans expressed concern that development was being singled out as the main cause for concern with regard to water quality. Mr. Ashlock asked if the OFW designation would bring about regulations similar to those in the Wekiva Springs area. Gloria Eby suggested that with regulations already in place, OFW designation notwithstanding, water quality degradation in any water body could lead to state-imposed, taxpayer-funded efforts to restore that water quality. It was generally agreed among members that the water quality in Lake Pickett was worth preserving. Bonnie Rimel suggested that attention should be focused on the Home Owner Associations (HOAs) around the lake to build consensus towards submitting an application and supporting materials for OFW designation. It was decided to approach the HOAs to distribute information from Florida Statutes regarding the Outstanding Florida Waters designation. The general thought was to give out the facts rather than interpreted materials so individuals could make up their own minds about the designation.

2) Gloria Eby gave an overview of the joint management plan between Seminole and Orange Counties for Lake Pickett. She introduced Scott Forrest as the new Seminole County liaison. Thomas Calhoun introduced several shoreline planting events for the

upcoming year. He said that he would share some dates with David Hansen for possible joint events.

VII. Non-Agenda Items

Debbie Parrish mentioned that she has been observing a number of small clams washing up on her shore and asked if anyone else had been experiencing any of the same. Several possible explanations were discussed including localized predation by sunfish.

VIII. Next Meeting Date

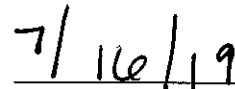
David Hansen reported that the next scheduled meeting for the Lake Pickett Advisory Board will be on July 16, 2019. He suggested that the Advisory Board may want to get together before then to compare notes on any progress towards informing HOA membership about the OFW designation process.

IX. Adjourn


There being no additional comments by Advisory Board members, Chair Debbie Parrish adjourned the meeting at 5:30 P.M.



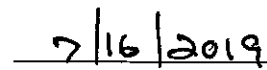
Debra Parrish, Chair



Date



Minutes Prepared by David Hansen



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