

**Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District
Advisory Board Regular Meeting
Orange County Facilities Management Training Room
September 18, 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); Chief Aide Cortez Whatley, District 3, Orange County Board of County Commissioners (BCC); Sergeant Fred Westerberg, Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO); Corporal Bim Lowers, Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO); City Manager Bob Francis, City of Belle Isle; Sergeant Ivar Ruiz, City of Belle Isle Police Department

Residents: Woody Johnson and Cindy Lance

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 August 13, 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 August 13, 2019 meeting minutes.

III. Public Comment on Propositions before the Advisory Board

Chair Guthrie received two public comment requests. Bob Francis, City Manager of Belle Isle, requested to speak on three topics: (1) the fecal coliform sampling parameter being removed from the State of Florida Water Quality Rule, (2) the City of Belle Isle contract with Aquatic Weed Control, Inc., and (3) the off-duty patrol hours. Ms. Urbanik stated she would research and bring back to the Advisory Board information regarding the Rule change. She would also compare the lake management services performed for the County and City and discuss any possible duplication of aquatic plant management efforts on the Conway Chain of Lakes. Mr. Francis additionally requested if the Belle Isle Police Department (BIPD) could patrol the lake with any unused hours on the Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) purchase order. The off-duty patrol hours will be discussed during Marine Patrol Report. District 3 Commissioner's Chief Aide Whatley stated District 3 has been in contact with State Representative Eskamani's office regarding concerns on Lake Conway. It is understood that the County has limited enforcement authority on the lake. District 3 is planning on sending out a survey to the affected residents to receive their feedback to bring forward to the legislative session.

IV. Comments of the Chair

Chair Guthrie apologized she could not attend the August meeting, and she is still planning on meeting with the Orange County Attorney's Office.

V. Orange County EPD Report

Ms. Urbanik stated the Orange County Parks Department was receptive to placing additional boating safety signage at the Orange County public boat ramps. She will reach out to the Advisory Board members for their individual input to be discussed at the next meeting.

VI. Marine Patrol Report

Corporal Lowers presented the marine patrol report. Sergeant Westerberg addressed the request to transfer the unused hours on the OCSO purchase order to the BIPD and stated OCSO has the ability to fulfill the allotted hours if requested by the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board has placed a schedule limitation on the allotted hours the off-duty officers can patrol, and he would like to see the limitation relaxed to allow the OCSO to patrol additional hours. Discussion ensued; this item will be discussed at the next Advisory Board meeting.

For the month of August the following activities were reported:

- 6 boating citations
- 26 Personal Water Craft (PWC) citations
- 40 boating warnings
- 53 PWC warnings
- 46 vessel inspections

VII. Advisory Board Member Report

- Chair Francis Guthrie: No comment.
- Vice Chair Gary Meloon: Mr. Meloon heard that a septic tank near his neighborhood was overflowing into the lake. Mr. Francis stated there was a property in that area that had a faulty tank, but the tank was already replaced.
- Bobby Lance: Mr. Lance inquired if a new Advisory Board member has been appointed yet and if the Advisory Board could return to a seven member Advisory Board to assist in a non-quorum situation. Ms. Urbanik stated the number of member seats is dictated by State Legislation, and it is not likely they could have a seven member advisory board.
- Micky Blackton: No comment.

VIII. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report

No report was presented.

IX. Non-Agenda Items

No items presented.

X. Meeting Adjourned

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Chair Guthrie adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.



Frances Guthrie, Chair

10/8/2019

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Minutes prepared by Tara Urbanik

10/8/19

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