# Lake Rose Advisory Board Regular Meeting Orange County Library, Hiawassee Branch 7391 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32818 July 22, 2019

**Board Members Present:** Valerie Deneen, Chris Manley, Linda Zygmunt, Celia Santini, and Dennis Wells

**Board Members Absent: None** 

Staff and Guests: Nick Cooper, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD)

Residents: Minnie Evans, John Conley, Dan Herrington and Jason Jackowski

### I. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Valerie Deneeen called the meeting of the Lake Rose Advisory Board (Advisory Board) to order at 6:03 p.m.

### II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Upon a Motion by Chris Manley, seconded by Linda Zygmunt, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved the April 10, 2019 meeting minutes as submitted.

#### III. Public Comment

None

#### IV. EPD Report

- Nick Cooper updated the Advisory Board on the current MSTU balance which stands at \$59,729.20. Mr. Cooper reported no change to the reserve funds. He also informed the Advisory Board that the herbicide Journal Voucher was withdrawn from the account for the cost of herbicides used for treatment in Lake Rose. Discussion ensued. Mr. Cooper informed the members that he would look at the budget again in more detail, and update the Advisory Board to clear up any confusion.
- 2. Nick Cooper discussed the recent aquatic plant survey that took place on July 18, 2019. He informed the Advisory Board that the dominant submerged aquatic vegetation was eelgrass (*Vallisneria americana*), which was present around the majority of the shoreline. He stated that hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*) was present,

but in small quantities mixed within native vegetation. Mr. Cooper noted that there was a recent herbicide treatment completed for hydrilla that only included very small treatment blocks. Mr. Cooper also informed the Advisory Board that the deeper middle portions of the lake were completely devoid of aquatic plant growth. Discussion ensued. Mr. Cooper stated the next aquatic plant survey should take place in October 2019 and that Orange County Environmental Protection Division will continue to monitor the lake as usual.

3. Nick Cooper informed the Advisory Board that the grass carp barrier off Woodlawn Cemetery Road was damaged again. Mr. Cooper said the contractor notified him that the barrier would be fixed. A member of the public mentioned that the grass carp barrier was still damaged as he went to look at it a couple days back. Nick Cooper informed the Advisory Board that he would coordinate with the contractor to get the barrier fixed. Mr. Cooper also said the barrier was not damaged from increased flow or debris build up, but rather an individual damaged the barrier. Discussion ensued. Mr. Cooper informed the Advisory Board that 100 grass carp were stocked in Lake Rose on May 9, 2019. Fifty fish were stocked in the southern portion of the lake and 50 fish were stocked in the northern portion of the lake. Mr. Cooper stated that he personally participated in the fish stocking event. Discussion ensued.

Upon a Motion by Dennis Wells, seconded by Chris Manley, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board recommended having the grass carp permit amended to add 100 additional fish on the permit.

4. Mr. Cooper presented the Advisory Board with a shoreline planting project quote. Mr. Cooper explained the quote, which plants would be used, and how the planting would be structured. Discussion ensued. No action was taken on the planting project quote. Rather, the Advisory Board expressed desire to educate homeowners on the benefits of native plantings along their shorelines.

Upon a Motion by Chris Manley, seconded by Dennis Wells, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board would like to have an educational postcard created with the intent to educate lakefront homeowners on the benefits of native shoreline plants.

- 5. Mr. Cooper gave a brief update on the Hydrologic/Nutrient Budget Study that is taking place on the lake. He informed the Advisory Board that the study is roughly halfway through the fieldwork for the assessment and that some raw data has been received by EPD Water Sciences. Discussion ensued.
- 6. The Advisory Board voted on Vice Chair and Treasurer positions.

  Secretary

Upon a motion by Linda Zygmont, seconded by Chris Manly, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board voted for Dennis Wells to become Vice Chair and for Celia Santini to become Treasurer.

### V. Meeting Schedule

The next meeting for the Lake Rose MSTU Advisory Board will be scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2019 at Gotha Middle School, 9155 Gotha Rd, Windermere, FL 34786 at 6:00 p.m.

### VI. Member Reports

None

## VII. Non-Agenda Items

None

### VIII. Adjourn

The Advisory Board adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Valerie Deneen, Chair

Minutes prepared by Nick Cooper

Date

10/10/19

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