

**Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District
Advisory Board Regular Meeting
Orange County Facilities Management Training Room
October 8, 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); Mayra Uribe, 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; Mayor Nick Fouraker, City of Belle Isle; Sergeant Jeremy Millis, City of Belle Isle Police Department

Residents: Woody Johnson, Randy Holihan, David Woods 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 6:31 p.m.

II. Approval of the September 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Gary Meloon, seconded by Bobby Lance, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved the September 18, 2019 meeting minutes.

III. Public Comment on Propositions before the Advisory Board

No public comments.

IV. Comments of the Chair

Chair Guthrie requested an update on the vacant Advisory Board position, and requested an update on when the Stormwater Study report will be presented to the Advisory Board. Ms. Urbanik will report back during the next meeting.

V. Orange County EPD Report

Ms. Urbanik reviewed the City of Belle Isle's (City) contract with Aquatic Weed Control, Inc. (AWC), and found there was duplication of aquatic plant management effort for managing navigation through the Nela Avenue bridge. Ms. Urbanik stated the County will continue to survey and maintain this area for navigation, and the City will no longer need to monitor this area. Mr. Francis agreed with the removal of that service from the City's contract with AWC.

Ms. Urbanik stated she would like to propose to the Orange County Parks Department (Parks) to place an informational kiosk at the Ferncreek and Randolph boat ramps, where the Advisory Board

can include pertinent information, in lieu of the one boating safety sign the Advisory Board is currently requesting.

VI. Marine Patrol Report

Corporal Lowers presented the marine patrol report. The future reports will no longer distinguish between vessel types, but will notate all water vessel types simply as vessels. The Belle Isle Police Department (BIPD) will also report their statistics as only vessels. Mr. Blackton inquired how many on-duty hours are provided on the lake for each agency, and noted the Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSO) can provide more services than the BIPD since the OCSO has helicopters, a dive team, etc. Ms. Urbanik will work with the BIPD and OCSO to determine how many on-duty hours are patrolled on the Conway Chain of Lakes. Ms. Urbanik stated the off-duty patrol is intended to supplement what the law enforcement agencies already provide during on-duty detail. Discussion ensued.

Upon a motion by Micky Blackton, seconded by Bobby Lance, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board requested both agencies, BIPD and OCSO, report the amount of hours provided for on-duty and off-duty patrols on the Conway Chain of Lakes.

Mr. Lance requested a breakdown of the patrol report to show a trend on vessel activities over the past year.

For the month of September, the following activities were reported:

- 2 boating accidents, but one accident did not meet the State requirement to qualify to report the vessel accident
- 26 boating citations
- 4 Personal Water Craft (PWC) citations
- 62 boating warnings
- 0 PWC warnings
- 36 vessel inspections

VII. Advisory Board Member Report

- Chair Francis Guthrie: Chair Guthrie invited Commissioner Uribe to speak during Non-Agenda Items.
- Vice Chair Gary Meloon: No comment.
- Bobby Lance: A few residents had concerns about the Illinois pondweed (*Potamogeton illinoensis*) located in the south lobe.
- Micky Blackton: No comment.

VIII. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report

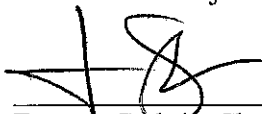
David Woods presented his water elevation report. The weather has been variable causing the lake water levels to rise and fall intermittently.

IX. Non-Agenda Items

Commissioner Uribe stated she and State Representative Anna Eskamani circulated a survey, regarding concerns on the lake, and requested the public to respond to the survey. Additionally, a meeting will be set up with Parks and Recreation Division and EPD to address loitering concerns at the Randolph Avenue boat ramp. Commissioner Uribe is also planning on setting up a meeting with the Orange County Attorney's Office, EPD and a couple of the Advisory Board members to discuss concerns brought forward to the Advisory Board.

X. Meeting Adjourned

Chair Guthrie adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.



Frances Guthrie, Chair

Nov 12, 2019

Date



Minutes prepared by Tara Urbanik

11/12/19

Date