

# **LAKE CONWAY WATER AND NAVIGATION CONTROL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**December 10, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. at the Orange County Facilities Management Training Room**

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Comments of the Chairman
- V. Orange County EPD Report
- VI. Marine Patrol Report
- VII. Advisory Board Member Report
- VIII. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report
- IX. Non - Agenda Items
- X. Meeting Adjourned

## **WHEN SPEAKING, PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS**

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**Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District  
Advisory Board Regular Meeting  
Orange County Facilities Management Training Room  
November 12, 2019**

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**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); Corporal Bim Lowers, OCSO; City Manager Bob Francis, City of Belle Isle; Chief Laura Houston, City of Belle Isle Police Department (BIPD); Sergeant Jeremy Millis, BIPD; Tony Carugno, City of Belle Isle Commissioner

**Residents:** Woody Johnson, Cindy Lance, Randy Holihan, Ward Davis, and Tanner Davis

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**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 October 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**Upon a motion by Micky Blackton, seconded by Bobby Lance, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved the October 8, 2019 meeting minutes.**

**III. Public Comment on Propositions before the Advisory Board**

Chair Guthrie received one public comment request from Chief Laura Houston, BIPD. Chief Houston stated the local law enforcement agencies work well together and the BIPD depends on the OCSO to be successful. The BIPD is committed to the residents of Belle Isle and they are there to serve the community, and that is the reason why Chief Houston requested to use the unused off-duty patrol hours from the OCSO Purchase Order (PO). Micky Blackton stated his intent is to determine how many on-duty versus off-duty hours the BIPD and OCSO agencies work on the lake. Chair Guthrie thanked Chief Houston for addressing the topic directly to diffuse any possible rumors, and she believes Mr. Blackton wants openness for the off-duty patrol services.

**IV. Comments of the Chair**

Chair Guthrie stated a date is set for meeting with the Orange County Attorney's Office to help assist the Advisory Board to address the residents' concerns they have heard over the past few months, i.e., navigation, unsafe boating and boating habits on the lake. The information will help determine if those items are topics of the Advisory Board and how they may address them.

**V. Orange County EPD Report**

The Lake Conway Stormwater Study will be presented on February 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the University of Florida Extension Office.

## **VI. Marine Patrol Report**

Chair Guthrie requested clarification from Mr. Blackton on what are his concerns with the off-duty patrol service. Mr. Blackton stated his concern is which agency can provide the best price, for the combined hours of on-duty and off-duty patrol hours on the lake. Sergeant Millis restated the BIPD's previous request; that if there are unused hours allocated to the OCSO that they are not able to use, the BIPD would request to use those unused patrol hours on the lake. Ms. Urbanik clarified the BIPD and OCSO each have a separate PO with specific hours they can use for the off-duty patrol. The unused hours cannot be interchanged between the two agencies. If the Advisory Board wants to increase hours on a specific PO, a Change Order would be needed for that individual PO. Sergeant Millis stated he is more looking for a long term increase in hours allotted to the BIPD.

Ms. Urbanik stated the Advisory Board has a schedule established for the days and hours the off-duty patrols the lake, and established a buffer of unused hours for unplanned events where more off-duty officers are needed on the lake. In the prior years, the OCSO was allotted 1,000 hours and the Advisory Board recommended 1,200 hours to establish this buffer. It has not been the Advisory Board's intent to use all of the hours allotted on the PO. Chair Guthrie stated she remembered a conversation with Corporal Lowers at a previous Advisory Board meeting where it was stated the schedule restriction is not conducive for efficient off-duty lake patrol. Discussion ensued. Ms. Urbanik stated the off-duty patrol is a service above and beyond what the local jurisdictions already provide. If the Advisory Board wants to remove the restriction, the scheduling assessment will still need to go through Corporal Lowers who is the designated scheduler of the Lake Conway off-duty patrol.

Chair Guthrie asked what percentage of the lake system the BIPD covers. Chief Houston stated they cover 100%. Chair Guthrie asked if the BIPD is not restricted to stay within the jurisdictional boundary of their shoreline. Chief Houston stated that in the City's interpretation of all of the Florida Statutes, the City has 100% coverage on the lake. Mr. Lance asked if Lake Gatlin was included in their coverage. Chief Houston stated the shoreline cannot be accessed; BIPD only has coverage within the water according to the Orange County Property Appraiser and the State. Ms. Urbanik stated the question of jurisdiction will be discussed at the upcoming meeting with the Orange County Attorney's Office.

**Mr. Blackton made a motion to request the net hours and cost for the off-duty and on-duty lake patrol for the BIPD and OCSO. No second, motion lost.**

Discussion ensued regarding the on-duty and off-duty services and budget provided by each law enforcement agency.

**Upon a motion by Bobby Lance, seconded by Gary Meloon, and carried by 3 members voting AYE by voice vote, and 1 member voting NAY by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved allotting 1,200 hours to the OCSO and 400 hours to the BIPD, for a total increase of 100 hours to the BIPD, and to remove the schedule restriction on the patrol.**

Corporal Lowers presented the marine patrol report. The schedule for the December boat parade was discussed.

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

- 8 vessel citations

- 36 vessel warnings
- 37 vessel inspections

## **VII. Advisory Board Member Report**

- Chair Francis Guthrie: Chair Guthrie inquired about the vacant position on the Advisory Board.
- Vice Chair Gary Meloon: Mr. Meloon stated a resident present at the meeting has attended almost every meeting and would be a good candidate for the vacant Advisory Board position.
- Bobby Lance: Mr. Lance is still seeing a lot of floating mats of eel grass floating up onto the west shoreline of the middle lobe. Mr. Lance requested the vacant Advisory Board position be filled.

**Upon a motion by Bobby Lance, seconded by Gary Meloon, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board recommended requesting the number of Advisory Board positions be increased from five to seven positions.**

- Micky Blackton: Mr. Blackton requested to revisit the Windsong Drive Canal dredging project after we receive the Lake Conway Stormwater Study recommendations.

## **VIII. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report**

No report presented.

## **IX. Non-Agenda Items**

None reported.

## **X. Meeting Adjourned**

Chair Guthrie adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

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Frances Guthrie, Chair

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Date

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Minutes prepared by Tara Urbanik

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Date