

**Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District
Advisory Board Regular Meeting
Orange County Facilities Management Training Room
January 14, 2020**

Board Members Present: Gary Meloon (Vice Chair), Bobby Lance, and Micky Blackton

Board Members Absent: Frances Guthrie (Chair)

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, OCSO; City Manager Bob Francis, City of Belle Isle (COBI); Chief Laura Houston, City of Belle Isle Police Department

Residents: Randy Holihan, Rick Wilson, Sue Wilson, Woody Johnson, Cindy Lance, James Partin, Andrew Dunigan, Beth Lowell, Tanner Davis, David Woods and Emily Waldy

I. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Gary Meloon called the meeting of the Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District Advisory Board (Advisory Board) to order at 6:36 p.m.

II. Approval of the December 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Micky Blackton, seconded by Bobby Lance, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Frances Guthrie being absent; the Advisory Board approved the December 10, 2019 meeting minutes.

III. Public Comment on Propositions before the Advisory Board

Vice Chair Meloon received one public comment request from a resident, Tanner Davis. Mr. Davis expressed his concern with the decibel level of music coming from a vessel's towered music speaker. He has a question if the decibel levels drifting across the lake are breaking the law and if anyone else has been affected by the level of noise on the lake. Sergeant Westerberg stated there are challenges with enforcing decibel levels on the lake. The OCSO has to witness the out of compliance decibel level in order to issue a warning or citation.

IV. Comments of the Chair

No comments.

V. Orange County EPD Report

Ms. Urbanik stated the Lake Conway Stormwater Study is not ready to be presented during the February Advisory Board meeting; she will provide another update after all County comments are considered. Ms. Urbanik also reminded the Advisory Board that the cost of routine services is approximately what the taxing district receives each year in revenue, and they may eventually want to consider raising the millage rate to pay for the recommendations from the study.

VI. Marine Patrol Report

Corporal Lowers presented the marine patrol report. For the month of December 2019, the following activities were reported:

- 7 vessel citations
- 18 vessel warnings
- 10 vessel inspections

VII. Advisory Board Member Report

- Vice Chair Gary Meloon: No comment.
- Bobby Lance: Mr. Lance inquired if anyone heard of dumping or a sewage leak into the south lobe on Lake Conway. Mr. Lance requested the law enforcement vessel education presentation given at the Pioneer Day Event on February 22 - 23, 2020.
- Micky Blackton: Mr. Blackton questioned why there are street sweeping services on Waterwitch Drive since the street is not curbed. Ms. Urbanik stated it may have been added years ago. With the Study recommendations, all existing routine services for water quality will be reviewed and assessed for maximum pollution reduction. Mr. Blackton asked if there was an update on the Lake Anderson Advisory Board funding request from year's prior. Mr. Lance asked what rate Lake Anderson residents contribute. Ms. Urbanik will research and provide the information.

VIII. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report

David Woods presented his water elevation report. This hurricane season forecast is leaning to a productive season.

IX. Non-Agenda Items

Commissioner Uribe provided an update on her meeting with EPD, the Orange County Attorney's Office and the Orange County Sheriff's Attorney's Office. The roles and jurisdictions of the Advisory Board are still being researched by the Orange County Attorney's Office. Commissioner Uribe stated she plans to appoint Dr. Elizabeth Nelson to the vacant Advisory Board seat at the Board of County Commissioner's (BCC) meeting on February 11, 2020. The Cross Lake Beach property purchase by the COBI will also be reviewed at the February 11, 2020 BCC meeting [the BCC Agenda Development Section has rescheduled the public hearing for February 25, 2020].

Rick Wilson, a resident, asked if taxing district funds can be used to purchase a decibel meter for the OCSO to help with the noise concern on the lake. Vice Chair Meloon stated it is unlikely funds can be used for that equipment. Mr. Blackton stated the Advisory Board can give recommendations on water quality projects.

Mr. Lance inquired to vote on the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

Upon a motion by Bobby Lance, seconded by Micky Blackton, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Frances Guthrie being absent; the Advisory Board approved Gary Meloon as Chair and Frances Guthrie as Vice-Chair.

X. Meeting Adjourned

Chair Meloon adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Gary Meloon
Gary Meloon, Chair

2/11/2020
Date

Tara Urbanik
Minutes prepared by Tara Urbanik

2/11/20
Date