

**Lake Pickett Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
UCF Crew House – 18011 Lake Pickett Road
January 21, 2020**

Board Members Present: Alan Ashlock, David Evans, Dan Washburn, Beverly Young Haun

Board Members Absent: Bonnie Rimel

Staff: David Hansen, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD)

Guests: Becky Cramer (UCF), Debbie Parrish, Tim Wills

I. Call to Order

A quorum was present and Vice Chair David Evans called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. Approval of the July 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Dan Washburn, seconded by Alan Ashlock, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Bonnie Rimel being absent; the Advisory Board approved the July 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes as presented.

III. Public Comment on Propositions Before the Advisory Board

Debbie Parrish was recognized. She assured the other members that she had not requested to be removed from the Advisory Board and had sent e-mails to the District 5 Commissioner and Mayor expressing the same sentiment. She went on to say that she and her husband had been instrumental in the establishment of the Lake Pickett Municipal Services Taxing Unit. She also expressed an interest in maintaining the continuity of efforts made for and by the Advisory Board to maintain the quality of Lake Pickett.

David Evans made a motion for the Advisory Board to acknowledge the contributions and years of service Ms. Parrish had volunteered in service to the Lake Pickett Advisory Board. He also requested that Ms. Parrish be included on e-mails and other correspondence as the Advisory Board members would receive. He asked that there be two separate motions.

Upon a motion by Alan Ashlock, seconded by Dan Washburn, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Bonnie Rimel being absent; the Advisory Board formally acknowledged Debbie Parrish's years of service and contributions on the Advisory Board.

Upon a motion by Dan Washburn, seconded by Alan Ashlock, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Bonnie Rimel being absent; the Advisory Board approved to include Debbie Parrish on e-mails and other correspondence as the Advisory Board members would receive.

IV. EPD Report

Beverly Young Haun, the newest member of the Lake Pickett Advisory Board, arrived at 6:15 p.m. and was introduced to everyone.

1. Aquatic Plant Management Update:

David Hansen handed out copies of the most recent aquatic plant survey of Lake Pickett that took place in December 2019. He mentioned that the survey indicated that there was no significant hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*) or water hyacinth (*Eichornia crassipes*) present, and there appeared to be a diminished presence of panicgrasses (*Panicum* spp.) around the lake. He explained that panicgrasses included torpedograss (*Panicum repens*) and maidencane (*Panicum hemitomon*). He also suggested that the apparent reduction of panicgrasses could be part of a cycle or something else not yet determined.

Mr. Hansen handed out copies of the results of the Lake Vegetation Index (LVI) survey he had participated in with Seminole County staff in October 2019. He reported that the score was an improved 74 over the previous LVI survey (score: 70). He also handed out copies of a primer to the LVI survey protocol and results interpretation produced by FDEP.

2. Budget Update:

David Hansen reported that there was currently \$419,092 total in the MSTU budget. He also noted that the current annual revenue was \$156,240 and that there was \$224,995 in reserves.

Alan Ashlock asked if this money could be used elsewhere. David Hansen responded that it could only be spent on projects spelled out in the founding resolution for the MSTU.

3. New Business

David Hansen asked if the Advisory Board would be interested in sponsoring a planting event around the lake in the spring. He went on to suggest that postcards could be mailed out to residents to gauge interest in participating. Plants could be purchased from and installed by the County's contractor on the day of the resident's request. He went on to suggest that shoreline plantings were not only beneficial to the lake as a whole, but could be very attractive additions to a shoreline. He suggested that the Advisory Board could make a motion on an amount of funds they were comfortable with to start, and increase or decrease depending on resident's interest.

Alan Ashlock commented that he would not be comfortable spending money in this way. He said he felt that it would not be what the funds were originally intended for. He suggested that the MSTU funds be capped at 1.5 times the cost of a full lake hydrilla treatment and the millage rate be reduced. A brief discussion ensued about costs of herbicide as well as potential costs for any structural stormwater treatment that may be needed in the future. David Hansen reported that the annual lake management meeting between Orange and Seminole counties would be coming up in the near future. He said that the joint lake management plan would be updated including each County's financial responsibility. Alan Ashlock inquired as to how much Seminole County contributed and how that money was derived. David Hansen responded that those residents were charged a flat rate through a MSBU. Debbie Parrish added that in addition to the MSBU, Seminole County had a maintenance fee for certain discretionary activities.

Mr. Ashlock made a motion to discuss the possibility of capping the MSTU funds at 1.5 times the cost of a full lake treatment which was seconded by Beverly Haun. Dan Washburn suggested that it would be difficult to determine a cap amount with the varying costs of herbicide and not really knowing what may occur in the future. At the suggestion of David Evans, Mr. Ashlock tabled his motion for a later date.

V. Non-Agenda Items

There were no non-agenda items.

VI. Next Meeting Date

David Hansen reported that the next scheduled meeting for the Lake Pickett Advisory Board will be on April 7, 2020.

VII. Adjourn

There being no additional comments by Advisory Board members, Vice Chair David Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

David Evans, Vice Chair

Date

Minutes Prepared by David Hansen

Date