

**Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District
Advisory Board Regular Meeting
November 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
3165 McCrory Place, Suite 200
Orlando, FL 32803
Orange Blossom Conference Room and Webex**

Board Members Present: Dr. Elizabeth Nelson² (Chair), Frances Guthrie² (Vice Chair), Bobby Lance¹, Micky Blackton¹, and John Evertsen²

Board Members Absent:

Staff & Guests: Tara Urbanik², Melissa Lavigne¹, and Liz Johnson¹, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD); Mayra Uribe¹, District 3, Orange County Board of County Commissioners (BCC); City Mayor Nick Fouraker¹ & City Manager Bob Francis¹, City of Belle Isle (COBI); Chief Laura Houston¹, Belle Isle Police Department (BIPD), and David Woods¹

Residents: Adam Branom¹, Karl Shuck¹, Gary Meloon¹, Alan Horn¹, Randy Holihan¹, Rick Miller¹, and Walt Spiva¹

¹ Denotes attended via Webex

² Denotes attended in-person at EPD office

I. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Dr. Elizabeth Nelson called the meeting of the Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District Advisory Board (Advisory Board) to order at 6:33 p.m.

II. Approval of the October 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Frances Guthrie, seconded by Micky Blackton, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved the October 13, 2020 meeting minutes.

III. Public Comment on Propositions before the Advisory Board

Chair Dr. Nelson received four public comment requests.

Randy Holihan, a resident on the south lobe, expressed a continued concern with the abundance of Illinois Pondweed (*Potamogeton illinoensis*) on the south lobe of the Conway Chain.

Nick Fouraker, Belle Isle Mayor, thanked the Orange County Sheriff's Office for their assistance with keeping the waterway safe while a group was conducting a lake cleanup on paddleboards.

Bob Francis, Belle Isle Manager, inquired if the Advisory Board will address the email he sent regarding the October Advisory Board meeting. Ms. Urbanik stated she sent the Advisory Board her response email to Mr. Francis' email, and if there are comments, they can discuss during the Non-Agenda portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Uribe thanked the Advisory Board for their continued work, and looks forward to the continued discussions in a public forum, and thanked the marine patrol for their service.

IV. Comments of the Chair

Chair Dr. Nelson thanked Ms. Urbanik for the background information on Lake Conway topics, and thanked the Belle Isle Police Department for the informative ride along on the Lake.

V. Orange County EPD Report

Lake Gatlin Alum Treatment Proposal Update

The field assessment portion of the scope is complete. The laboratory analysis is scheduled for completion at the end of November 2020.

Canal Sedimentation Analysis

Once the scope is received, Ms. Urbanik will email a copy to the Advisory Board.

Lake Conway Stormwater Study Update

Ms. Urbanik provided a scope of continuing services in the event the Advisory Board requested to have Geosyntec present at future meetings, to help answer technical questions regarding the recent stormwater study. A list of action items was discussed, EPD will assist in the following:

- Obtain a quote from the three County term contractors for continuing services and canal sedimentation assessment.
- Create a list of the top three projects from the study's water quality improvement projects for the Advisory Board to consider.
- EPD will reach out to other local and state jurisdictions to determine what other water quality projects are currently in the planning phase around the Conway Chain, to determine if the County can partner on those projects.
- Obtain a quote for retrofitting the existing four baffle boxes with filtration media.

Upon a motion by Francis Guthrie, seconded by Micky Blackton, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved the County to obtain quotes to retrofit the four existing four baffle boxes with filtration media.

- Mr. Blackton additionally suggested placing filtration media within each curb inlet basket.
- EPD will coordinate with the Cities to request assistance alerting City residents on how fertilizer and pet waste can negatively impact the lake.

Micky Blackton left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Millage Rate Discussion

The Advisory Board collectively agreed they want to see the proposed cost for water quality projects and determine who are the other stakeholders who can possibly partner with the County, before the Advisory Board will suggest making a motion on the millage rate.

VI. Marine Patrol Report

Ms. Urbanik presented the marine patrol report. For the month of October 2020, the following activities were reported:

- 1 report written
- 336 vessels observed on the lake
- 5 vessel citations
- 35 vessel warnings
- 20 vessel inspections

Chief Houston inquired if the additional 100 hours approved for the BIPD in November 2019 was rectified in the current Purchase Order for off-duty patrol. Ms. Urbanik stated during the November 2019 meeting, the BIPD stated they had jurisdiction to patrol 100% of the Conway Lake of Lakes, however, Orange County did not agree this statement was accurate, and a motion to increase the hours was made shortly after. Based on the discrepancy of this information, an increase in hours was not issued. After discussing, the Advisory Board collectively agreed the motion was not made based off of the jurisdiction statement, and again requested the BIPD be increased by 100 hours.

Upon a motion by Francis Guthrie, seconded by Bobby Lance, and all members voting AYE 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.

VII. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report

David Woods presented his water elevation report.

VIII. Advisory Board Member Report

- Chair Dr. Elizabeth Nelson: No comment.
- Vice Chair Frances Guthrie: Vice Chair Guthrie wished those who served, a Happy Veteran's Day on November 11.
- Bobby Lance: No comment.
- John Evertsen: No comment.

IX. Non-Agenda Items

Discussion provided from chat feature in Webex meeting:

- From Bob (privately): Sorry I couldn't make it there in person.
- Tara Urbanik to Bob (privately): Not a problem, thank you for letting me know!
- From David Woods to everyone: I am experiencing horrible bandwidth problems. Both audio and video are hardly coming through. The screen share seems to be working.
- From Michael Blackton to everyone: How do i raise my hand?
- From Nick (privately): Very hard to hear John and Elizabeth.
- From Laura Houston to everyone: We cannot hear Dr. Nelson and Mr. Evertsen. Can you put microphone closer to them please?
- From Rick Miller (privately): Did you explain why MTSU is 4-5x next year?

- From Rick Miller (privately): MTSU admin
- Tara Urbanik to Rick Miller (privately): Hi Rick, I will reply by email tomorrow at the office, thanks!
- From Rick Miller (privately): Thank you!
- From David Woods to everyone: Millage is a percentage of property values. Typically, property values rise every year. There should be no need to increase the percentage taken away from landowners. It should be the charge of the board to work within the established budget.
- From Tara Urbanik to everyone: tara.urbanik@ocfl.net.

X. Meeting Adjourned

Chair Dr. Nelson adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Elizabeth Nelson, Chair

Date

Minutes prepared by Tara Urbanik

Date