# Butler Chain of Lakes Advisory Board Windermere Water and Navigation Control District Regular Meeting – Chain of Lakes Middle School Monday, February 27, 2017

Board Members Present: Ann Connolly, Ijaz Ahmed (Chair), Albert Gallof, Lloyd Woosley (Vice-Chair), Lee Chira

**Board Members Absent:** None

Staff & Guests: Lt. Jeff Hudson, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)

Law Enforcement Officer

David Hamstra, Pegasus Engineering

David Hansen, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD)

Residents: Lori Bradford

#### I. Call to Order:

With a quorum present, Chair Ijaz Ahmed called the meeting of the Butler Chain of Lakes Advisory Board (Advisory Board) to order at 5:35 p.m.

## II. Approval of the February 27, 2017 Meeting Agenda:

Upon a motion by Lloyd Woosley, seconded by Albert Gallof, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Lee Chira being absent; the Advisory Board approved the February 27, 2017 meeting agenda as presented.

### III. Approval of the January 23, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Upon a motion by Albert Gallof, seconded by Lloyd Woosley, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Lee Chira being absent; the Advisory Board approved the January 23, 2017 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Lee Chira entered the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

## IV. Public Comment on Propositions Before the Advisory Board:

Resident Lori Bradford was recognized and spoke about the importance of education relating to the lakes and water quality. She suggested reintroducing a newsletter to help get the word out about good shoreline maintenance and practices. Albert Gallof suggested that current publications such as The West Orange Times might be good

partners in helping with this task. Lloyd Woosley expressed that partnering with EPD's Environmental Permitting and Compliance section might be beneficial as well.

## V. Butler Marine Patrol Report:

Lt. Jeff Hudson reported the following activities for the month of January:

The Butler Patrol provided 68 hours of patrol time in January. They inspected 34 vessels and made contact with 91 users. They assisted 2 disabled vessels and issued 7 warnings. They assisted EPD with surveying the restricted zone signage on the chain.

No noise complaints were reported to the officers. The largest number of boats that were noticed on Bird Island at any given time by the officers was 12.

Lloyd Woosley asked Lt. Hudson if he felt the need to attend each monthly Advisory Board meeting. After some discussion, Lt. Hudson suggested that he would attend the meetings monthly during the summer months, May through Labor Day, and every other month for the rest of the year.

## VI. EPD Report:

### 1. Current Projects

Aquatic Plant Management: David Hansen outlined the completed and planned "full lake" herbicide treatments on Lakes Sheen, Tibet, Crescent and Wauseon Bay.

Wauseon Bay bathymetric survey: Mr. Hansen mentioned that the survey would be completed once Environmental Research and Design was under their term contract.

Sandy Shores Canal: Mr. Hansen reported that he was waiting for an opinion about possible reimbursement of dredging costs from the County Attorney's Office.

Lake Butler Sub-Basin 10 project: Mr. Hansen reported that he and David Hamstra had met with Public Works engineers and were in anticipation of information to move forward with this project.

Navigation marker survey: Mr. Hansen noted that the survey had been completed and that EPD staff would be meeting to begin developing a scope and bid package.

Egret Island Earth Day cleanup: Mr. Hansen announced that a storm drain marking event was to be scheduled on this day as well. He distributed a map to members outlining a number of possible locations within the Windermere area for the marking. The members suggested that the Bay Hill neighborhood would be a good candidate.

Ms. Lori Bradford raised the subject of personal liability at the actual clean up. She stated she was part owner of the island, and was concerned with having any liability in

the event of injury to a participant, etc., in the clean up. Mr. Hansen responded that they could continue discussion on this issue outside of the meeting.

## 2. Future Projects

Backyard Best Management Practices (BMPs): David Hansen mentioned that the application for the Backyard BMP initiative was being edited by staff and would be sent to the County Attorney and others for review.

Septic Tank Proclamation: Mr. Hansen shared possible language for a proclamation with the members.

Lee Chira had requested information from David Hansen on water samplers. Mr. Hansen forwarded several brochures/technical memos to Mr. Chira. Mr. Chira explained that his interest was based on the desire to know the quality of water flowing from the Bay Hill community into Lake Tibet. He requested that the Advisory Board consider a demonstration project to monitor this water over a period of time and seasons.

Upon a motion by Lloyd Woosley, seconded by Lee Chira, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved a demonstration project to explore the feasibility of Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus monitoring of runoff from the Bay Hill community to suggest Best Management Practices to reduce these inputs.

## 3. Meeting Schedule

The next meeting of the Advisory Board that was scheduled for March 20, 2017 will be moved to March 27, 2017 due to Spring Break.

#### VII. Member Reports:

### 1. Ann Connolly:

No report

## 2. Ijaz Ahmed:

Chair Ahmed raised a question about fertilizer use noting that he has never fertilized his personal lawn and it looks very healthy. Others explained that Florida soils are naturally high in phosphorus content and this content may be contributing to his healthy lawn.

#### 3. Lee Chira:

No report

## 4. Lloyd Woosley:

No report

### 5. Albert Gallof:

Suggested that the Advisory Board be vigilant as a group about any proposed development on the northwest corner of the Four Corners area.

## VIII. Non-Agenda Items:

Vice Chair Woosley suggested that the Advisory Board members consider a Town Hall meeting with an invitation to the District 1 Commissioner. He said that he felt it important to let residents know what this Advisory Board was doing and suggesting as far as projects and outreach and would give them a chance to voice their comments and opinions.

## IX. Meeting Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.