

**Butler Chain of Lakes Advisory Board
Windermere Water and Navigation Control District
Regular Meeting – Chain of Lakes Middle School
Monday, April 17, 2017**

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

Board Members Absent: Lee Chira

Staff & Guests: Lt. Jeff Hudson, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)
David Hansen, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD)

Residents: Lori Bradford, Alex Paredes

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 5:38 p.m.

II. Approval of the April 17, 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 April 17, 2017 meeting agenda as presented.

III. Approval of the March 27, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes:

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 March 27, 2017 regular meeting minutes as presented.

IV. Public Comment on Propositions Before the Advisory Board:

There was no public comment.

V. Butler Marine Patrol Report:

Lt. Jeff Hudson reported the following Butler Patrol activities for the month of March 2017:

The Butler Patrol provided 84 hours of patrol time in March. They inspected 30 vessels and made contact with 98 users. They assisted 4 disabled vessels and issued 24 warnings.

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 50. Lt. Hudson reported that there appears to be a new “twist” this year, with companies renting Personal Water Crafts (PWCs) and delivering them to public ramps. That has led to an increase in PWC traffic on the chain.

Lt. Hudson reported that the increase in PWC traffic has led to an increase in complaints regarding operators unfamiliar with the operation of the PWCs.

VI. EPD Report:

1. Current Projects

David Hansen reported that there would be some work done on the outfall into Lake Down from the new sub-basin 9 baffle box. The work would include a cleaning of the outfall pipe and a permanent easement would be sought for maintenance of the outfall ditch.

Mr. Hansen provided updates on the Backyard BMP initiative, the Sandy Shores canal, the pending canal survey and aquatic plant management herbicide costs.

Mr. Hansen reported on the recent site visit to Bay Hill by David Hamstra and him to look into possible locations from which to stage a water quality monitoring effort and also look into current street sweeping practices. He mentioned that water quality monitoring could further the County’s responsibilities under the Lake Okeechobee Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) and may be done as a joint effort with the Water Sciences Section in EPD. Street sweeping is currently being done by Orange County Public Works on streets with traditional (vertical) curbs at approximately six week intervals. Mr. Hansen suggested that to be considered a water quality Best Management Practice (BMP), the frequency should be increased to weekly, and it may be possible to include roads with “Miami” curbs. He and Mr. Hamstra will return to the site to do a more in depth survey.

Lloyd Woosley inquired as to why the Bay Hill Community was the subject of these efforts. Mr. Hansen responded that the sub-basins of Lake Tibet in which the community resides were basically next in line to explore for water quality improvement projects as outlined in the 2007 Butler Chain of Lakes Hydrologic/Nutrient Budgets and Management Plan (Environmental Research & Design, Inc.).

2. Meeting Schedule

The next meeting of the Advisory Board will be scheduled for May 15th, 2017.

VII. Member Reports:

1. **Ann Connolly:** Mentioned that a lot of vegetation clearing was occurring in the outfall ditch mentioned above.
2. **Ijaz Ahmed:** Requested an update on the budget from someone actually involved in the process.
3. **Lee Chira:** Absent
4. **Lloyd Woosley:** Asked about any work towards a 319 Grant.
5. **Albert Gallof:** No report

VIII. Non-Agenda Items:

Mr. Alex Paredes mentioned three concerns he has as a resident of Fish Lake:

- A local road that may be discharging into Fish Pocket Canal.
- Siting of a lift station at a new development that he believes may be too close to the lake.
- The growth of eel grass in the Fish-Pocket canal in combination with the low water levels is starting to make the canal less navigable.

IX. Meeting Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Ijaz Ahmed, Chair

Date

David Hansen, Minute Preparer

Date