

# **LAKE CONWAY WATER AND NAVIGATION CONTROL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**June 13, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. at the Orange County Facilities Management Training Room**

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Approval of the May Minutes
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Comments of the Chairman
- V. Marine Patrol Report
- VI. Orange County EPD Report
- VII. Advisory Board Member Report
  - Chairman Ray Vause
  - Vice Chairman Bobby Lance
  - Jay Herrington
  - Micky Blackton
  - Alvin Luther
  - Gary Meloon
- VIII. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report
- IX. Non- Agenda Items
- X. Meeting Adjourned

## **WHEN SPEAKING, PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS**

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**Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District Advisory Board**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Orange County Facilities Management Training Room**  
**April 11, 2017**

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**Board Members Present:** Rabon Vause (Chairman), Bobby Lance (Vice-Chairman), Micky Blackton, Jay Herrington, Gary Meloon and Alvin Luther

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff & Guests:** Tara Urbanik, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD); Mercedes Fonseca & Marya Labrador, Aides to Commissioner Pete Clarke, Orange County Board of County Commissioners (BCC); Tony Cotter, Orange County Attorney's Office (OCAO); Captain Debra Doub, Lieutenant Dennis Ela, Sergeant Fred Westerberg & Corporal Bim Lowers, Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO); Chief Laura Houston & Officer Tren Trendafilov, City of Belle Isle Police Department; City Manager Bob Francis & Mayor Lydia Pisano, City of Belle Isle

**Residents:** Chuck Moorefield, Horton Johnson, Cindy Lance, Craig Heringhaus, Nancy Weinsier, David Woods, Nelson Wright, Erik Lindborg

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**I. Call to Order:**

With a quorum present, Rabon (Ray) Vause called the meeting of the Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District Advisory Board (Advisory Board) to order at 6:32 pm.

**II. Approval of the March 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

**Upon a motion by Micky Blackton, seconded by Gary Meloon, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, the Advisory Board approved the March 14, 2017 minutes as presented.**

**III. Public Comment on Propositions before the Advisory Board**

Chairman Vause received two requests during the Public Comments period. Craig Heringhaus requested an update on the Willoughby Canal assessment as discussed in the March meeting. Ms. Urbanik stated she assessed the canal and found the water levels are very low and the native vegetation is abundant in the canal, but was able to navigate throughout the canal. Mr. Heringhaus stated there are debris and rocks from drainage work located at the end of Willoughby Road that is causing a concern. Ms. Urbanik stated she will ask the Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) to assess the canal for navigability and contact the City of Belle Isle for the rip rap concern.

Mayor Lydia Pisano thanked the Advisory Board for their efforts. She stated they have a new City Manager, and invited the Advisory Board to the upcoming City Manager meet & greet. Mayor Pisano also stated there is a great concern for the ongoing reckless driving of the jet ski group that frequents the Conway Chain of Lakes. Mayor Pisano requested the Advisory Board to contact the Constitution Rewrite Commission, to request law enforcement officers to re-establish regulatory jurisdiction over sovereign waterways. Corporal Lowers reminded the Advisory Board that Law Enforcement Officers have to see an unlawful act in order to take appropriate action. Chief Houston stated they currently have Officers in training that will eventually be patrolling the lake, and the City Police Department Patrol phone number is 407-947-1680. Gary Meloon stated since his business is a Seadoo dealer, he can donate two jet ski units into each law enforcement agency for a one year period to assist with patrolling the Conway Chain.

**IV. Comments of the Chairman**

No comments provided.

**V. Orange County Attorney's Office Report**

Mr. Tony Cotter presented information on the Sunshine Law requirements and offered updated Sunshine Law training to the Advisory Board. Mr. Cotter also presented information on the 1957 creation of the Lake Conway taxing district and which neighboring jurisdictions it includes. Mr. Cotter described the roles and responsibilities of the Advisory Board. Mr. Cotter offered to answer questions, further discussion ensued. Additionally, Ms. Urbanik discussed the many recent accomplishments of the taxing district. There are 4 baffle boxes and 116 Curb Inlet Baskets installed around the Conway Chain of Lakes. In the past year, they have removed 110.6 tons and 49,074 pounds, respectively, of trash, debris, leaves and sediment from entering into the Conway Chain. Discussion ensued regarding the ongoing stormwater study. Ms. Urbanik will submit an article to the Conway News regarding the ongoing study and information on the seepage meters.

**VI. Marine Patrol Report**

Corporal Lowers presented the Off Duty Patrol Report. The recent changes in the safety inspection rules, information on the safety decal, and information on the obsolete Orange County speed limit ordinance were presented, discussion ensued.

**VII. Orange County EPD Report**

**Navigation Markers**

The bid paperwork has been presented to the Procurement Office and EPD is working on finalizing proposed changes. Additionally, EPD has applied for a grant through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to assist funding the navigation marker improvements.

**Slalom Course**

EPD was notified of an unpermitted slalom course that is located on the east lobe of Little Lake Conway. The slalom course has been posted for a 30 day timeframe to allow the owners to obtain a permit for the course or remove the buoys. Mr. Meloon stated he knows the owner and will get in touch with her regarding the permitting or removal of the buoys.

**Stormdrain Markers**

Ms. Urbanik presented the graphic for the new stormdrain markers discussed in March.

**Upon a motion by Bobby Lance, seconded by Gary Meloon, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, the Advisory Board approved purchasing up to 500 stormdrain markers.**

**VIII. Advisory Board Member Report**

- Chairman Ray Vause- Thanked everyone for attending, with a special thanks to the Law Enforcement Agencies.
- Vice Chairman Bobby Lance- Stated it is great to see the partnership between the City of Belle Isle and Edgewood, and the County, and he is looking forward to working together for a safer and cleaner lake, and wants to keep it that way for future generations.

- Jay Herrington- Stated he wants to reiterate Mr. Lance's message, and he hopes everyone understands the impact that is coming to Lake Conway: population, growth and new developments, resulting in the importance that we do our work today to preserve for tomorrow.
- Micky Blackton- Stated thanks to Law Enforcement Agencies for the job they do, he stated he knows it is not rewarding, but they keep it safer and he appreciates it, and it's nice to see the City of Belle Isle present at the meeting.
- Alvin Luther- Agrees with all the previous comments, with special thanks to the Law Enforcement Agencies. Stated it is nice to have residents here to listen what they discuss and what they can do. Lake Conway is one of the best lakes in central Florida and he hopes they can keep it that way.
- Gary Meloon- Stated thank you to the Mayor, City Manager & the Law Enforcement Agencies. Stated it's good to see a larger amount of residents present than they have in the past. He has been a resident of Lake Conway and has lived on it for 55 years and he likes what he sees with the Advisory Board related projects, and the involvement of the citizens.

**IX. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report**

David Woods presented his water elevation report. Mr. Woods advised EPD has a baseline study available for the canal depths.

**X. Non- Agenda Items**

Chairman Vause stated he went to the Mt. Dora Arts Festival and they had watershed protection coloring book handouts, and thought it would be a good idea for next year's Pioneer Day.

Mayor Pisano stated there is a lake cleanup on April 29<sup>th</sup>, and invited the residents and the Advisory Board to attend and to stop by City Hall for hamburgers and hotdogs. They are also collecting household chemicals, electronics and batteries during the event.

Mr. Lance thanked David Woods for providing his report each month.

**XI. Meeting Adjourned**

Ray Vause adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

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Rabon Vause, Chairman

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Minutes prepared by Tara Urbanik

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