

**Butler Chain of Lakes Advisory Board  
Windermere Water and Navigation Control District  
Regular Meeting – Chain of Lakes Middle School  
Monday, May 15, 2017**

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**Board Members Present:** Ijaz Ahmed (Chair), Albert Gallof, Lee Chira

**Board Members Absent:** Ann Connolly, Lloyd Woosley (Vice Chair)

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

**Guests:** Lori Bradford, Alex Paredes, Mike Jones, Mayor Gary Bruhn (Windermere), Kaye Gerding, Paul Gerding, Jackie Masterski, Rick Taylor

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**Due to the lack of a quorum and the number of individuals that were present to speak, Chair Ijaz Ahmed opened Public Comment to begin the meeting. The following individuals had filled out Speaker's forms and were recognized in the following order: Mayor Gary Bruhn of Windermere, Mike Jones, Paul Gerding and Jackie Masterski. Their subject focused mainly on Egret (a.k.a. Bird) Island with comments and concerns about activities involving the island and surrounding waters.**

**Mayor Gary Bruhn:** Mayor Bruhn addressed the meeting attendees and showed a recording of a recent local news story airing about Egret Island. He also recounted the number of bags of trash removed from Egret Island during the April 22, 2017 Earth Day event. He suggested ways to curtail littering and other undesirable activities around the island through proper signage, stepped-up law enforcement and, possibly, designation as a Critical Wildlife Area (CWA).

Jeff Hudson gave a brief explanation of current law enforcement capabilities. He also elaborated on the significance of a CWA designation and potential creation of buffer zones.

**Lee Chira entered the meeting at 6:00 P.M.**

Rick Taylor, a resident on Lake Sheen, mentioned that he had a web page with 700 followers which mentions Bird Island. He assured the attendees that he carries trash bags on his boat and he and his friends take any trash away from the island.

**Mike Jones:** Mr. Jones reiterated the fact that Egret Island has been designated as a Bird Sanctuary. He also suggested that the island needs to be better protected.

**Paul Gerding:** Mr. Gerding had buffer zone and idle speed questions which he directed to Jeff Hudson.

**Jackie Masterski:** Ms. Materski asked a question about placing signage. David Hansen explained that a survey would have to be conducted to determine the Normal High Water Elevation to correctly place signage. She also questioned the legality of the increasing jet-ski rentals. Jeff Hudson mentioned livery-type businesses.

Mr. Alex Paredes asked about a noise ordinance to prevent stress on wildlife. It was not generally known if an ordinance like this existed. He also asked if there was any to control the density of use on the lakes. Jeff Hudson mentioned that the public boat ramp at Keene's Point will close when a limit is reached and that the use of the private ramp at The Orange County Sportsman's Association was limited to members. Also, the Windermere ramp at Fernwood Park requires a key for access.

Albert Gallof offered the support of the Advisory Board and Orange County Sportsman's Association to help work on the issues surrounding Egret Island as presented by the speakers. Ijaz Ahmed also offered support and to help work on the issues.

**The Public Comment portion of the meeting was closed by Chair Ijaz Ahmed.**

**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 6:45 P.M.

**II. Approval of the May 15, 2017 Meeting Agenda:**

**Upon a motion by Lee Chira, seconded by Albert Gallof, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Ann Connolly and Lloyd Woosley being absent; the Advisory Board approved the May 15, 2017 meeting agenda as presented.**

**III. Approval of the April 17, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes:**

**Upon a motion by Albert Gallof, seconded by Lee Chira, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Lloyd Woosley and Ann Connolly being absent; the Advisory Board approved the April 17, 2017 regular meeting minutes as presented.**

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

Presented above

**V. Butler Marine Patrol Report:**

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

The Butler Patrol provided 182 hours of patrol time in April. They inspected 72 vessels and made contact with 506 users. They assisted 8 disabled vessels and issued 52 warnings.

One noise complaint was reported to the officers. The largest number of boats that were noticed on Bird Island at any given time by the officers was 65.

## **VI. EPD Report:**

### **1. Current Projects**

David Hamstra gave a brief presentation on the mapping of the stormwater drainage and outfall from the Bay Hill area. He explained that a 500+ acre drainage basin drained through a single outfall to Lake Tibet. A water sample taken from this outfall on a previous site visit by Mr. Hamstra, Lee Chira and David Hansen was analyzed for Total Nitrogen (TN) and Total Phosphorus (TP) and indicated a level of 0.464 mg/l of TP from the day collected. Lee Chira mentioned that he had spoken to the current owners of Bay Hill about the possibility of doing long-term water quality monitoring at the site.

Mr. Hamstra also requested the Advisory Board's approval of an amendment to extend his current contract to be able to provide engineering services for, at least, another year.

**Upon a motion by Lee Chira, seconded by Albert Gallof, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Lloyd Woosley and Ann Connolly being absent; the Advisory Board approved requesting an additional three (3) year renewal of Mr. Hamstra's contract with the ability to extend an additional two (2) years at the current cost.**

David Hansen gave an overview of costs and results of the hydrilla treatments on Lakes Tibet, Sheen and Wauseon Bay. He also advised the members of upcoming treatments on Lakes Chase, Isleworth and Blanche.

Mr. Hansen mentioned that 209 tons of sediment had been removed from the outfall pipe for the Lake Down sub-basin 9 baffle box. He also noted that a Work Request had been submitted to begin acquisition of a drainage easement to allow maintenance of the outfall ditch.

Mr. Hansen let members know that he was requesting an update of a five (5) year budget spreadsheet for their review.

Discussion returned to ways to assist in curbing some of the activities and noise at Egret Island. Lee Chira suggested funding for an individual to hand out educational materials about the island as a bird sanctuary and to utilize a decibel meter to augment enforcement of the County's noise ordinance, on a trial basis, during summer weekends and holidays.

**Upon a motion by Lee Chira, seconded by Ijaz Ahmed, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Lloyd Woosley and Ann Connolly being**

absent; the Advisory Board authorized the expenditure to begin a program to have an individual or individuals stationed on Egret Island and/or boat ramps to distribute educational materials about Egret Island during the summer months and holidays. The individual(s) would have access to a decibel meter to augment enforcement of the County's noise ordinance.

**2. Meeting Schedule**

The next meeting of the Advisory Board will be scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**VII. Member Reports:**


1. **Ann Connolly:** not present
2. **Ijaz Ahmed:** no report
3. **Lee Chira:** no report
4. **Lloyd Woosley:** not present
5. **Albert Gallof:** Requested that the Advisory Board and staff keep moving forward on the Sandy Shores Canal dredging

**VIII. Non-Agenda Items:**

None

**IX. Meeting Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

  
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Ijaz Ahmed, Chair

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David Hansen, Minute Preparer

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