

**Butler Chain of Lakes Advisory Board
Windermere Water and Navigation Control District
Regular Meeting – Chain of Lakes Middle School
Monday, June 19, 2017**

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

Board Members Absent: Lee Chira

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, Mayor Gary Bruhn (Windermere), Jay and Patti Williams, Bob McKinley

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 5:33 P.M.

II. Approval of the June 19, 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 June 19, 2017 meeting agenda as presented.

III. Approval of the May 15, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Upon a motion by Albert Gallof, seconded by Ann Connolly, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Lee Chira being absent; the Advisory Board approved the May 15, 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 May 2017:

The Butler Patrol provided 134 hours of patrol time in May. They inspected 88 vessels and made contact with 377 users. They assisted 10 disabled vessels and issued 38 warnings. They made 145 educational contacts.

Ann Connolly asked if the jet ski rentals were still operating. Lt. Hudson noted that they were operating as daily rentals. Mayor Bruhn mentioned that the advertised jet ski "meet-up" on Father's Day weekend was well controlled. He also introduced Windermere Councilman Bob McKinley as his new liaison to the Advisory Board.

VI. EPD Report:

1. Current Projects

David Hansen reported that the contractor was raising the "screen/grate" for organic materials in the Lake Down sub-basin 9 baffle box.

Mr. Hansen mentioned that he had given a presentation on the Lake Down Alum Facility at the Florida Lake Management Society's recent symposium. He also mentioned that the contract for operation and maintenance of the facility was almost complete.

Mr. Hansen introduced an upgraded proposal for the bathymetric survey of Wauseon Bay. A discussion ensued about the possibility of the use of alum sequestration of nutrients in the muck layer. Ann Connolly asked if anyone knew of alum use in other Outstanding Florida Waters. Mr. Hansen mentioned that the proposal included an evaluation of dredging the muck as opposed to alum use.

Upon a motion by Lloyd Woosley, seconded by Albert Gallof, and carried 3 - 1 with Ann Connolly voting NO by voice vote, and with Lee Chira being absent; the Advisory Board approved the proposal as presented.

Mr. Hansen reported that a Lake Vegetation Index (LVI) had been performed on Lake Butler on June 9. He mentioned that the current score indicated a decrease in biodiversity over a previous LVI performed in 2013.

Mr. Hansen mentioned that EPD's Water Sciences Section is contracting for the installation of water quality monitoring equipment at the Lake Down Alum Facility.

Mr. Hansen passed out a comprehensive budget spreadsheet. He requested that Advisory Board members e-mail specific questions to him and that he would pass those on to Fiscal staff for answers.

Mr. Hansen reported that he had received a "Safe Upland Line" document from the Division of State Lands for Egret Island. He also mentioned that a title search of the island indicated ownership by the Audubon Society and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (TIITF).

Mr. Hansen let the Advisory Board members know that the Sandy Shores Canal dredging would not be funded with MSTU funds because of numerous potential liability issues.

Mr. Hansen mentioned that he would be, in essence, starting over with the Lake Butler Sound Homeowner's Association regarding the Lake Butler sub-basin 10 water quality project.

After a brief discussion, the Advisory Board members decided to table an inventory of the private canals on the Chain of Lakes.

Mr. Hansen reported that a fish kill had occurred on Lake Butler over the last couple of days. It involved "shellcracker" and, at least, one other sunfish species. The fish were observed in the area between Egret Island and the east shore of the lake. An investigation is underway.

2. Meeting Schedule

The next meeting of the Advisory Board will be scheduled for July 17th, 2017 @ 5:30.

VII. Member Reports:

1. **Ann Connolly:** no report
2. **Ijaz Ahmed:** no report
3. **Lee Chira:** not present
4. **Lloyd Woosley:** no report
5. **Albert Gallof:** Requested that the residents be apprised of the reason(s) why the Sandy Shores Canal dredging will not be funded with MSTU funds

VIII. Non-Agenda Items:

None

IX. Meeting Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Ijaz Ahmed, Chair

Date

David Hansen, Minute Preparer

Date