

**Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District
Advisory Board Regular Meeting
June 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
3165 McCrory Place, Suite 200
Orlando, FL 32803
Orange County Panther Training Room and Webex**

Board Members Present: Gary Meloon¹ (Chair), Frances Guthrie¹ (Vice Chair), Bobby Lance¹, Micky Blackton¹, and Elizabeth Nelson¹

Board Members Absent: None

Staff & Guests: Tara Urbanik², Melissa Lavigne², and Nidia Volpe², Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD); Mayor Nick Fouraker¹ and City Manager Bob Francis¹, City of Belle Isle (COBI); Chief Laura Houston¹, Belle Isle Police Department (BIPD)

Residents: David Woods¹, Alan Horn¹, Adam Branom¹, and Randy Holihan¹

¹ Denotes attended via WebEx

² Denotes attended in-person at EPD offices

I. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Chair Gary Meloon called the meeting of the Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District Advisory Board (Advisory Board) to order at 6:33 p.m.

II. Approval of the March 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Elizabeth Nelson, seconded by Bobby Lance, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved the March 10, 2020 meeting minutes.

III. Public Comment on Propositions before the Advisory Board

Chair Meloon received two public comment requests.

Adam Branom, a resident on the Barby Lane canal, requested an update regarding dredging of the canals. Ms. Urbanik stated the County is currently in the review phase of the draft final report, preparing it for completion. The routine assessment of the canals will resume after the water quality recommendations are reviewed and discussed. Alan Horn, a resident on Lake Gatlin, expressed his concern of the water quality on the lake. Mr. Blackton stated the review of Lake Gatlin water quality is a concern and will be reviewed.

IV. Comments of the Chair

No comment.

V. Orange County EPD Report

Ms. Urbanik has received the second draft report of the Lake Conway Stormwater Study, and will send the draft report to the Advisory Board. A project prioritization list is being created that will be shared with the Advisory Board. The list will show the existing and proposed water quality projects, with associated installation and maintenance cost estimates. These projects will also be displayed on an aerial map.

VI. Marine Patrol Report

The marine patrol report was discussed. For the month of May 2020, the following activities were reported:

- 9 vessel citations
- 32 vessel warnings
- 32 vessel inspections

VII. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report

David Woods presented his water elevation report. Water levels were low, but with the recent rains, the lake elevation has risen about a foot. Weather reports are predicting a higher than average hurricane season. Mr. Blackton noted the difference in water clarity, between the north and south side of the Lisa Waterway Canal. Ms. Urbanik will look into if the water coming from Lake Jessamine has the potential to flow north into Lake Gatlin. Mr. Blackton inquired about an alum treatment on Lake Gatlin. The Advisory Board agreed they are concerned that the water flow from Lake Gatlin is negatively affecting the water quality of the Conway Chain of Lakes.

Upon a motion by Bobby Lance, seconded by Elizabeth Nelson, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved conducting a study on Lake Gatlin to improve the lake water quality, to determine if an alum treatment is recommended on the lake, and how much would it cost.

Ms. Urbanik will acquire quotes for the study.

VIII. Advisory Board Member Report

- Chair Gary Meloon: No comment.
- Vice Chair Frances Guthrie: No comment.
- Bobby Lance: Mr. Lance stated the off-duty patrol is doing a great job.
- Micky Blackton: Mr. Blackton stated his concern with Lake Gatlin was already discussed.
- Elizabeth Nelson: No comment.

IX. Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Blackton provided a follow up to the March 10, 2020 Advisory Board meeting, regarding discussion on the Florida Statue 327 rule. Mr. Blackton believes a response was received from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) on wakes, shorelines, vessel speed limitations, in response to the concerns moved forward by the City of Belle Isle. There is no change to the previous rule.

Discussion provided from Chat feature in Webex meeting:

- From Nick Fouraker to everyone: It would be ideal to see if we can get grants for any of the projects. Tara- Do you have experience with where we can go to get grant money?
- From Tara Urbanik to everyone: We typically will try to get grant money for water quality projects. Yes, I can help with these grant proposals.
- From Alan Horn to everyone: I watched the canal from Lake Jessamine to Lake Conway. The flow from Jessamine was quite clear. Lake Gatlin then intersects with the canal just south of the Harbour Island Rd bridge. I would like to determine where the nutrient load is stemming from.
- From Bob Francis (privately): Point of order. What is the motion and who did the second prior to discussion. Please get back on script.
- From Alan Horn to everyone: Thank you everyone.

X. Meeting Adjourned

Chair Meloon adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Gary Meloon, Chair

Date

Minutes prepared by Tara Urbanik

Date