

**Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District
Advisory Board Regular Meeting
July 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
3165 McCrory Place, Suite 200
Orlando, FL 32803
Orange Blossom Conference Room and Webex**

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

Board Members Absent: Gary Meloon

Staff & Guests: Tara Urbanik² & Melissa Lavigne¹, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD); Mayra Uribe¹, District 3, Orange County Board of County Commissioners (BCC); City Manager Bob Francis¹, City of Belle Isle (COBI); Chief Laura Houston¹, Belle Isle Police Department (BIPD)

Residents: David Woods¹

¹ Denotes attended via Webex

² Denotes attended in-person at EPD office

I. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Vice Chair Frances Guthrie called the meeting of the Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District Advisory Board (Advisory Board) to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Approval of the June 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Micky Blackton, seconded by Elizabeth Nelson, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Gary Meloon being absent; the Advisory Board approved the June 9, 2020 meeting minutes.

III. Public Comment on Propositions before the Advisory Board

No comments.

IV. Comments of the Chair

No comment.

V. Orange County EPD Report

Advisory Board Meeting Time

The Advisory Board was given the option of changing the start time of the virtual Advisory Board meetings. A general consensus was 6:00 p.m. would be the earliest to start the meeting.

Annual Routine Services

Ms. Urbanik presented a spreadsheet with the proposed routine services for next fiscal year. A request for an increase in the gatekeeper daily rate from \$8.00 per hour to \$10.00 per hour was proposed. The Advisory Board agreed on increasing the gatekeeper daily rate.

Upon a motion by Bobby Lance, seconded by Micky Blackton, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Gary Meloon being absent; the Advisory Board approved up to \$334,679.00 for the annual routine services for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Lake Gatlin Alum Treatment Proposal Update

A previous lake study was conducted in 2002 to warrant the alum treatment in 2004. Ms. Urbanik has been in contact with the consultant to locate the last report, and she will request a smaller scope of service to accomplish a future alum treatment.

Lake Conway Stormwater Study Update

A discussion was held regarding the option to hold a virtual meeting for the Lake Conway Stormwater Study community meeting. Commissioner Uribe stated Governor DeSantis is extending the virtual meeting allowance on a month to month basis, and she would prefer to see the community meeting in person, but does not want to delay the meeting if current health safety conditions were to continue. A general consensus by the Advisory Board is to prefer an in-person meeting, but they are amenable to a virtual meeting if necessary.

Mr. Blackton inquired on the process to increase the Lake Conway MSTU (Multiple Service Taxing Unit) taxing district millage rate. Discussion ensued.

Upon a motion by Bobby Lance, seconded by Micky Blackton, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Gary Meloon being absent; the Advisory Board approved setting the community meeting for the Lake Conway Stormwater Study meeting during the October 13, 2020 regularly scheduled Advisory Board meeting, with the continued discussion on the MSTU millage rate.

Aquatic Plant Management

Ms. Urbanik stated the County is re-evaluating the *Lyngbya* spp. treatments on the Finger Canals. Periodic low dissolved oxygen (DO) levels in the canals have been reported to cause fish kills that affect smaller fish that are more sensitive to drops in DO.

The Lake Jessamine Advisory Board has approved a scope of services for a lake study, which will eventually result in an alum treatment that will indirectly have a positive effect on the Conway Chain of Lakes.

VI. Marine Patrol Report

Ms. Urbanik presented the marine patrol report. For the month of June 2020, the following activities were reported:

- 13 vessel citations
- 90 vessel warnings
- 32 vessel inspections

VII. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report

David Woods presented his water elevation report. The Conway Chain of Lakes received 12.43 inches of rain in the last month. The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is forecasting high rainfall for the next couple of months.

VIII. Advisory Board Member Report

- Vice Chair Frances Guthrie: No comment.
- Bobby Lance: Mr. Lance stated the off-duty patrol is doing a great job. He also has a concern of the accelerated shoreline erosion from wakeboats. Discussion ensued.
- Micky Blackton: No comment.
- Elizabeth Nelson: Dr. Nelson described the recent studies of the lake that reference possible septic and/or sewage leaking into the lake. She stated that medical professionals are finding that COVID-19 affects the gastrointestinal tract prior to affecting the respiratory tract, and it may be possible to track the next COVID-19 outbreak based on the data from sewage sampling, resulting in her concern that the lake may pose a health risk.

IX. Non-Agenda Items

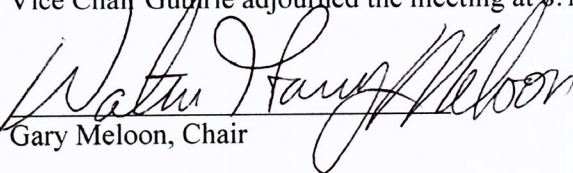
Commissioner Uribe stated she would keep the Advisory Board updated on Lake Conway concerns.

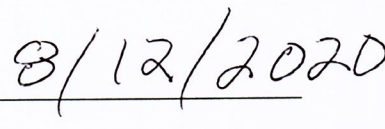
Discussion provided from chat feature in Webex meeting:

- From Melissa Lavigne to everyone: Let us check with the grant administrators on current program specifications.
- From Melissa Lavigne to everyone:
<https://www.ocfl.net/NeighborsHousing/NeighborhoodRevitalization/NeighborhoodGrants.aspx>
- From David Woods to everyone: I feel the virtual option would, likely, allow more people to submit questions.
- From Laura Houston to everyone: I am having audio trouble.
- From Laura Houston to everyone: The lakes were busy but marine units did an exceptional job keeping speeds down and sandbar under control.
- From Laura Houston to everyone: Thank you and sorry for audio problems.
- From David Woods to everyone: I forgot to mention the National Hurricane center has increased the number of named storms this year by one to 20. They are calling it an above average season. Five of those storms have already occurred.
- From Frances Guthrie to everyone: Thanks David.
- From Laura Houston to everyone: Thank you Mr. Lance.
- From Laura Houston to everyone: Mr. Francis lost connectivity.

X. Meeting Adjourned

Vice Chair Guthrie adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.


Gary Meloon, Chair


Date

Minutes prepared by Tara Urbanik

Date

APPROVED

By Tara Urbanik at 1:50 pm, Aug 12, 2020