Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District
Advisory Board Regular Meeting
January 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
3165 McCrory Place, Suite 200
Orlando, FL 32803
Orange Blossom Conference Room and Webex

Board Members Present: Dr. Elizabeth Nelson[2] (Chair), Frances Guthrie[1] (Vice Chair), Bobby Lance[1], Micky Blackton[2], and John Evertsen[2]

Board Members Absent: None

Staff & Guests: Tara Urbanik[2] and Melissa Lavigne[1], Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD); Ed Harris, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC); Corporal Bim Lowers[1], Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO); City Manager Bob Francis[1], City of Belle Isle (COBI); Sergeant Jeremy Millis[1], Belle Isle Police Department (BIPD), and David Woods[1]

Residents: Adam Branom[1] and Alan Horn[1]

[1] Denotes attended via Webex
[2] Denotes attended in-person at EPD office

I. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Dr. Elizabeth Nelson called the meeting of the Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District Advisory Board (Advisory Board) to order at 6:42 p.m.

II. Approval of the November 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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

III. Public Comment on Propositions before the Advisory Board

There was no public comment. An EPD conference room was made available to the public. No members of the public attended the meeting at the EPD conference room and no public comment cards were received (via email, mail, or fax) prior to the meeting.

IV. Comments of the Chair

Chair Dr. Nelson stated the advisory board has a busy agenda, and will have to work efficiently to cover all the topics.

V. Orange County EPD Report

<u>Aquatic Plant Management Update</u>

Ms. Urbanik stated the County had the opportunity to meet with Ed Harris, FWC, on the Conway Chain and review the aquatic plant concerns. Based on the inspection, Illinois pondweed (*Potamogeton illinoensis)* is not causing a navigation concern within the Chain of Lakes. Dense pondweed is growing close to the shoreline, and lakefront property owners can contact the County and FWC for permit information to clear an access corridor to access open water. Mr. Harris offered for anyone to contact him directly with specific FWC questions.

Advisory Board Project Prioritization List
Ms. Urbanik discussed the Advisory Board Project Prioritization List that was complete in April 2018. Discussion ensued. The results of the project prioritization will be presented at the next meeting.

Lake Gatlin Alum Treatment Proposal Update
The alum treatment proposal from Environmental Research and Design, Inc. was discussed.

Upon a motion by John Evertsen, seconded by Micky Blackton, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved the Lake Gatlin Alum Treatment Proposal at a maximum cost of $122,192.00.

Canal Sedimentation Analysis Scope
The three scopes for the Canal Sedimentation and Analysis were discussed.

Upon a motion by John Evertsen, seconded by Frances Guthrie, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved the Proposal for Lake Conway Canal Siltation Study, by Geosyntec Consultants, Inc., the lowest bidder, at a cost of $29,970.99.

John Evertsen requested Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. to include language in the final report of the estimated maximum depth of vessel draft for each canal.

Lake Conway Stormwater Study Project Update
Ms. Urbanik provided a list of current projects funded by the Lake Conway taxing district and proposed water quality projects. Discussion ensued. The Advisory Board requested to hold a special working meeting with the Advisory Board and the County, in the County Commissioner's Chambers, to go over the proposed list of water quality projects. Ms. Urbanik stated she will look into the request.

VI. Marine Patrol Report

Corporal Lowers presented the marine patrol report. For the month of December 2020, the following activities were reported:

- 315 vessels observed on the lake
- 2 vessel citations
- 15 vessel warnings
- 11 vessel inspections

VII. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report

David Woods presented his water elevation report.

VIII. Advisory Board Member Report

- Chair Dr. Elizabeth Nelson: No comment.
- Vice Chair Frances Guthrie: No comment.
- Bobby Lance: Mr. Lance received phone calls from residents concerning the abundance of pondweed, and Ms. Urbanik was able to handle the concerns.
- Micky Blackton: No comment
- John Evertsen: Mr. Evertsen requested the County follow up on a lakeshore violation.

IX. Non-Agenda Items

Discussion provided from chat feature in Webex meeting:

- From Tara Urbanik to everyone: Hi everyone, we're waiting on one nav board member. Thank you for your patience!
- From Alan (privately): I was out on the lakes 2 weeks ago and ran into many locations that clogged my propeller. Typically not far from shore.
- From Bob to everyone: With all of the questions that I get and I pass along to EPD, why wouldn't Public Education be higher?
- From Adam Branom to everyone: In regards to material in the canals, a significant amount comes from storm drains and runoff.
- From Bob to everyone: If you have more and better public outreach it may cut down on the cost of BMPs.
- From Alan to everyone: Thank you all for the alum treatment. So, when would you think the first treatment would be applied?
- From Bob to everyone: Don't you have four members there? Isn't that a quorum?
- From Frances Guthrie to everyone: Bob, we've been told that the board members who are attending virtually do not count towards quorum.
- From Bob to everyone: Sorry, that is correct.
- From Alan to everyone: How does Winter Park and Maitland get away with charging all users of the lakes?
- From Alan to everyone: Why couldn't Conway have a similar vessel registering?
- From Frances Guthrie to everyone: Alan, I'll point to your question when we get to open items on the agenda. (I think it has to do with being grandfathered into some rules).
- From Bob to everyone: That's FDOT.
- From Bobby Lance to everyone: Thank you Bob.

- From Tara Urbanik to everyone: If you have specific questions please email tara.urbanik@ocfl.net.
- From Bob to everyone: Sorry I have to go, Thank you for letting me comment.
- From Tara Urbanik to everyone: Thank you!

X. Meeting Adjourned

Chair Dr. Nelson adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Elizabeth Nelson, Chair — Date: 9 Feb 2021

Minutes prepared by Tara Urbanik — Date: 2/9/21