

# **LAKE CONWAY WATER AND NAVIGATION CONTROL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**April 13, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. via Webex Meeting**

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Comments of the Chairman
- V. Marine Patrol Report
- VI. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report
- VII. Orange County EPD Report
  - Lake Gatlin Alum Treatment Update
  - Canal Sedimentation Analysis Scope Update
  - City of Belle Isle Pet Waste Stations
  - Lake Conway Stormwater Study Project Update
- VIII. Advisory Board Member Report
- IX. Non - Agenda Items
- X. Meeting Adjourned

## **WHEN SPEAKING, PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS**

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**Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District  
Advisory Board Regular Meeting  
February 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.  
3165 McCrory Place, Suite 200  
Orlando, FL 32803  
Orange Blossom Conference Room and Webex**

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**Board Members Present:** Dr. Elizabeth Nelson<sup>2</sup> (Chair), Frances Guthrie<sup>2</sup> (Vice Chair), Bobby Lance<sup>1</sup>, Micky Blackton<sup>1</sup>, and John Evertsen<sup>2</sup>

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff & Guests:** Tara Urbanik<sup>2</sup> and Melissa Lavigne<sup>1</sup>, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD); Corporal Bim Lowers<sup>1</sup>, Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO); City Manager Bob Francis<sup>1</sup>, City of Belle Isle (COBI); Chief Laura Houston<sup>1</sup>, Belle Isle Police Department (BIPD), and David Woods<sup>1</sup>

**Residents:** Candy and Charles Bosworth<sup>1</sup>, and Alan Horn<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Denotes attended via Webex

<sup>2</sup> Denotes attended in-person at EPD office

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**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 6:30 p.m.

**II. Approval of the January 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Upon a motion by Frances Guthrie, seconded by Micky Blackton, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved the January 12, 2021 meeting minutes.**

**III. Public Comment on Propositions before the Advisory Board**

Chair Dr. Nelson received one public comment request. Candy Bosworth, a new resident on the Overlake canal, expressed her concern with the growing presence of duckweed (*Lemna valdiviana*) on the surface of the water. Ms. Bosworth also stated the canal has excess muck on the bottom of the canal, noted its negative impact to water quality, and inquired about a possible dredging project for the canal.

**IV. Comments of the Chair**

Chair Dr. Nelson stated she read an article in the newspaper and was glad to see Seminole County recently approved a tax to assist in water quality projects on their lakes.

The BIPD requested the Marine Patrol Report section of the agenda be relocated after Comments of the Chair section. Mr. Evertsen also requested the Lake Conway Water Elevation Report section be relocated to after the Marine Patrol Report section.

**Upon a motion by Frances Guthrie, seconded by Bobby Lance, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved the proposed new agenda format.**

#### **V. Marine Patrol Report**

Corporal Lowers presented the marine patrol report. For the month of January 2021, the following activities were reported:

- 281 vessels observed on the lake
- 3 vessel citations
- 18 vessel warnings
- 13 vessel inspections

Chief Houston stated she has received complaints regarding the noise levels of jet skis.

#### **VI. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report**

David Woods presented his water elevation report.

#### **VII. Orange County EPD Report**

##### **Advisory Board Project Prioritization List**

Ms. Urbanik provided the results of the Advisory Board Project Prioritization List.

Water Quality Best Management Practices (BMPs) ranked number 1, Hydrologic/Nutrient Studies & Water Quality Project Recommendations, and Aquatic Plant Management & Canal Maintenance tied at number 2, Uniform Waterway Markers, and Off-Duty Patrol Services tied at number 3, Public Education/Public Engagement ranked number 4.

##### **Lake Gatlin Alum Treatment Proposal Update**

Ms. Urbanik inquired if the Advisory Board desires a cost share grant for the Lake Gatlin alum treatment. The St. Johns River Water Management District (WMD) grant application deadline is February 19, 2021, but if chosen for award, funding would not be available until August 2021. Ms. Urbanik spoke with a representative from the WMD who stated the proposed alum treatment project may not score well enough to receive grant funding priority, since there is no pollution source control in conjunction with the alum treatment.

**Upon a motion by Micky Blackton, seconded by Bobby Lance, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board unanimously agreed to proceed with the alum treatment, and to not apply for the cost share grant.**

##### **Canal Sedimentation Analysis Scope**

Ms. Urbanik has submitted the paperwork to secure funding for the Lake Conway Canal Siltation Study proposal, and is waiting on the final approval to issue the notice to proceed.

#### **Lake Conway Stormwater Study Project Update**

Ms. Urbanik stated the County is waiting on the baffle box plans from the City of Belle Isle. Mr. Francis stated he does not have the nutrient removal figures for the baffle box boxes. Ms. Urbanik will speak with the City's engineer to see if the City's proposed plans can accommodate the recommended information from Geosyntec's study.

The County Commissioner's chambers are currently not open to the public. In lieu of meeting in the chambers, Ms. Urbanik suggested holding a special workshop during the regularly scheduled advisory board meeting date and time to go over the proposed list of water quality projects. The Advisory Board reiterated the importance of conducting the canal assessment. Discussion ensued. Ms. Guthrie inquired if the Advisory Board can work together at the next meeting to discuss, and to move forward with a motion of approval for the baffle box on Barby Lane, with a proposed cost share with the City of Belle Isle. Discussion ensued. The Advisory Board requested the District 3 Commissioner's Office be notified of their desire for the County to initiate and conduct more public education on pollution prevention to the County waterbodies.

#### **VIII. Advisory Board Member Report**

- Chair Dr. Elizabeth Nelson: No comment.
- Vice Chair Frances Guthrie: Ms. Guthrie thanked Mr. and Mrs. Bosworth for their interest in the meeting and hopes they attend in the future.
- Bobby Lance: Mr. Lance presented a picture of a device that prevents aquatic vegetation from affecting vessel's inboard or outboard motor.
- Micky Blackton: No comment.
- John Evertsen: Mr. Evertsen requested the possibility of retrofitting existing baffle boxes. Ms. Urbanik is already working on this request and is waiting plans from the baffle box manufacturers. Mr. Evertsen also requested for the County to consider vacuum assisted street sweepers for the next street sweeping contract.

#### **IX. Non-Agenda Items**

Discussion provided from chat feature in Webex meeting:

- From Tara Urbanik to everyone: Good evening, the meeting will be starting shortly after 6:30. Thank you!
- From Tara Urbanik to everyone: I apologize, our video isn't working so well!
- From Alan to everyone: Background blur is on.
- From Alan to everyone: Turn off background blur.
- From Alan to everyone: Go to Audio/Video menu.
- from Alan to everyone: There you go.

- From David Woods (privately): I do have Lake information when it comes to my time.
- To David Woods (privately): Thank you.
- From Bob to everyone: I think the Board is being a little short-sighted by rating public education and outreach so low. The more the public is educated the less illicit discharges may occur.
- From Alan to everyone: Good example, there is only one resident currently paying attention to this meeting. Even the new residents are no longer listening.
- From Bob to everyone: Sorry but I have to leave the meeting.
- From Tara Urbanik to everyone: Bob, thank you! I'll be in touch.

**X. Meeting Adjourned**

Chair Dr. Nelson adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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Elizabeth Nelson, Chair

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Date

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Minutes prepared by Tara Urbanik

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Date