



CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL

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MEMORANDUM

From the Desk of Bob Francis, City Manager

To: Mayor and Council
Date: December 14, 2021
Re: Lake Conway Navigation Board Meeting

NOTE: This memo is to provide information only and is NOT an official record of the Lake Conway Navigation Board Meeting. Please refer to the Lake Conway Navigation Board adopted minutes for the official record.

Synopsis of the December 14, 2021 Lake Conway Navigation Board Meeting

- Public Comment:
 - a. Adam Branom: 6921 Barby Lane addressed the Board regarding dredging the canals and that the Nav Board (the County) has always paid for that and they should continue to pay for maintaining the canal. He also complimented OCSO and BIPD marine patrols for the work they are doing on the lake.
- Comments from the Chairman: Chair Nelson stated that she is happy to be on a good clean lake and mentioned that she feels badly for the manatees that are having trouble at other lakes.
- Marine Patrol Report:
 - a. Reports of OCSO and BIPD are attached.
 - b. OCSO went over the coverage for the boat parade. On Friday, 2 BIPD boats and 1 OCSO boat will support the parade. On Saturday and Sunday, both BIPD and OCSO will have two boats in support of the parade.
- Water Elevation Report: No report was given.
- EPD Report:
 - a. Lake Gatlin Alum Treatment Update: Ms. Urbanik stated that the 4th and final alum treatment will take place in late January.
 - b. Canal Sediment Analysis Update: Ms. Urbanik stated that the questions from stakeholders are still being looked at by the consultant, but she should have the final report by Thursday. The Board discussed past history of dredging and the order in which the canals were previously dredged. Board Member Lance suggested that they start the ball rolling and get a jump on the

dredging by starting to dredge the first canal. No formal action was taken, but Ms. Urbanik will investigate further.

- c. Lake Conway Stormwater Study Project Update: Ms. Urbanik stated that EPD and City of Belle Isle had a meeting to discuss the budget, and she recently sent the stormwater flow information on the Wallace project to the City for the City Engineers. Board Member Evertsen suggested that no canal dredging take place until they start the stormwater projects. He also stated that he wanted Orange County to do the work on the Wallace Project and not Belle Isle which the Board voted on at the previous meeting. Mr. Evertsen made a motion to not have Belle Isle do the work on the Wallace Project as was approved by the Board at a prior meeting. The motion passed 3-1 (Board Member Lance voted no. He stated that he believes the City could do the job quicker and for less money than the County). Mr. Evertsen also made a motion to have Orange County use its resources to do the feasibility study, design, and construction plans for the Wallace Project (#CON0460), Alsace/Monmart Project (#CON0270), and the Trentwood Project (#CON0290). Motion passed 3-1 (Board Member Lance voted no). Ms. Urbanik said she will try to get a scope of work by February 2022.
- Advisory Member Reports:
 - a. Board Member Guthrie stated that she supports the beautification and navigability of the lakes and canals and the Board has to prioritize its work due to limited resources.
 - b. Board Member Evertsen asked if there was any information from the FWC on pond weed or hydrilla. Ms. Urbanik gave an update. After some discussion, Mr. Evertsen asked if the Nav Board could create a letter to be sent to the FWC regarding the concerns over the weed issue. Ms. Urbanik stated that EPD is doing a study on the hydrilla issue and should have the report soon. In the meantime someone on the Board can draft a letter.
- Non-Agenda Items:
 - a. None
- The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Attachments

- Nav Board Agenda
- Minutes of November 8, 2021 Meeting
- BIPD & OCSO Marine Reports

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

**December 14, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.
Orange County Facilities Management Training Room**

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 Report
 - Lake Conway Stormwater Study Project Update
- VIII. Advisory Board Member Report
 - Chair Dr. Elizabeth Nelson
 - Vice Chair Frances Guthrie
 - Bobby Lance
 - Micky Blackton
 - John Evertsen
- IX. Non - Agenda Items
- X. Meeting Adjourned

WHEN SPEAKING, PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes states that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by a board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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Para mayor información en español, por favor llame al (407) 836-3111.

**Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District
Advisory Board Regular Meeting
November 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
Belle Isle City Hall, 1600 Nela Ave., Orlando, FL. and Webex**

Board Members Present: Dr. Elizabeth Nelson (Chair), Bobby Lance, Micky Blackton, and John Evertsen

Board Members Absent: Frances Guthrie (Vice Chair)

Staff & Guests: Tara Urbanik, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD); Kevin Sutton, Representing Mayra Uribe, District 3, Orange County Board of County Commissioners (BCC); Captain Bruce McMullen and Corporal Bim Lowers, Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO); City Manager Bob Francis and Mayor Nick Fouraker, City of Belle Isle (City); Chief Laura Houston, Belle Isle Police Department (BIPD), and David Woods

Residents: Randy Holihan, Karl Shuck, Cindy Lane, Annamaria Fiola, D. Altice, Tony Carugno, Adam Branom*, Ken Marks*, Beth Lowell, Randy Holihan, and Karl Shuck

*Denotes attended via Webex

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 6:32 p.m.

II. Approval of the October 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

III. Public Comment on Propositions before the Advisory Board

Chair Dr. Nelson received two public comment requests. Annamaria Fiola, a resident on the south lobe, stated her concerns of the amount of vegetation in the lake. Mayor Nick Fouraker, Belle Isle, thanked the Advisory Board for holding the November meeting at the Belle Isle City Hall, thanked the OCSO for attending, recognized the City Commissioners in attendance: Beth Lowell, Randy Holihan, Karl Shuck, Tony Carugno, and also welcomed Commissioner Uribe's husband, Kevin Sutton.

IV. Comments of the Chair

Chair Dr. Nelson stated she is pleased to hold the meeting at the Belle Isle City Hall, and that Orange County is revising their Fertilizer Ordinance. She also stated Lake Apopka has a significant hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*) concern, the number of acres increased from approximately 4500 acres in 2020, to approximately 14,000 acres in 2021, which shows how

rapidly hydrilla can spread, and hopes that the aquatic plant management agencies can be more proactive instead of reactive when addressing this concern.

V. Marine Patrol Report

Off-Duty Patrol Reports

Corporal Bim Lowers presented the Orange County off-duty marine patrol report. For the month of September 2021, the following activities were reported:

- 320 vessels observed on the lake
- 32 vessel stops
- 7 vessel citations
- 42 vessel warnings
- 21 vessel inspections
- 38 ramp checks
- 1 patrol assist/back up

The Christmas boat parade schedule was discussed.

City of Belle Isle Proposed Ordinance

City Manager Bob Francis, and City Commissioner Randy Holihan, attended a meeting at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) office in Tallahassee on Thursday November 4, 2021, and met with the FWC Law Enforcement Division to discuss including the following items within the City's proposed boating ordinance:

- Establish a speed limit on the lake
- Establish a safe boating distance between traveling vessels
- Request to remove the personal flotation device requirement for those training for tow sports, however, that specific rule is required by the United States Coast Guard.

The FWC will require substantial justification to demonstrate the items listed above are necessary to be included within a local ordinance.

Ms. Urbanik stated the current Orange County Chapter 8 Boats and Water Safety Ordinance is unenforceable. Orange County has been working on the Chapter 8 Ordinance for over a year, coordinating with multiple internal and external agencies. The County is taking a two-phased approach: Phase 1 will be to establish a swim area at Egret Island on the Butler Chain of Lakes. Phase 2 will be to remove all language preempted by the Florida State Statute, and to include the existing and proposed no wake zones into the revised ordinance.

VI. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report

David Wood's presented his water elevation report.

VII. Orange County EPD Report

Ms. Urbanik stated Orange County is phasing out the virtual portion of lake advisory board meetings. Moving forward, a Webex meeting will no longer be offered.

Canal Sedimentation Analysis Report

As requested by the Advisory Board, the Orange County Attorney's Office reviewed the request to determine if the responsibility of maintaining the canals for navigation falls on the property owner or the Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District. It is determined:

"The Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District (the "District") does not have the obligation to maintain dead-end canals within the District's boundaries, but the District does have the jurisdiction and authority to maintain and regulate dead-end canals within the District's boundaries. The laws establishing the Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District do not distinguish between dead-end canals and canals that connect the Conway Chain of Lakes."

Lake Conway Stormwater Study Project Update

Since portions of Matchett Road and East Wallace Road may be owned and maintained by the Orange County Public Works (PW), Mr. Francis requested assistance for coordination with PW for the drainage improvement of the existing roadways, Matchett Road and East Wallace Road, that is intended to be tied into the recommended project CON0460.

Ms. Urbanik will research what portions of Matchett Road and East Wallace Road are owned and/or maintained PW.

Upon a motion by John Evertsen, seconded by Micky Blackton, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Frances Guthrie being absent; the Advisory Board approved the District to fund the City of Belle Isle to conduct the engineering work to determine the size of the baffle box at Wallace Road field, associated with CON0460.

The City is not ready to propose the project associated with CON0370.

VIII. Advisory Board Member Report

- Chair Dr. Elizabeth Nelson: No comments.
- Bobby Lance: Mr. Lance requested to obtain additional wake-related signage from the Water Sports Industry Association, for private boat ramps around the Chain of Lakes.
- Micky Blackton: No comments
- John Evertsen: Mr. Evertsen stated if residents have concerns with aquatic plants on the Conway Chain, to contact the FWC and their State Representatives with their concerns.

IX. Non-Agenda Items

X. Meeting Adjourned

Chair Dr. Nelson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Nelson, Chair

Date

Minutes prepared by Tara Urbanik

Date



No Off Duty 7th due to inclement weather. Nothing significant to report.

	OCSO Lake Conway on duty stats						
	2021						
Month	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Patrol Hours	26	47.21	96.13	26.17	24.83		169.3
Boating Citations (U.B.C.)	1	9	11	3	1		25
Boating Warnings / Verbal	13	43	37	13	8		114
Boat Stops/Checks	14	54	43	26	12		149
Boats on Lakes	160	275	425	180	90		1,130