



CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FL

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MEMORANDUM

From the Desk of Bob Francis, City Manager

To: Mayor and Council
Date: October 8, 2019
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 October 8, 2019 Lake Conway Navigation Board Meeting

1. Public Comment: None
2. Comments from the Chairman: Chair Guthrie stated that the County is still working on filling the vacancy on the Board.
3. EPD Report:
 - a. Board Vacancy: Ms. Urbanik stated she will be contacting the Commissioner's Office to ask when the Board position may be filled.
 - b. Stormwater Study: Ms. Urbanik stated that the study may be done by December. They plan on having a public meeting to go over the study. Postcards will be sent to residents with information on the public meeting.
 - c. Ms. Urbanik stated that she compared the Aquatic Weed Control with the City and with Orange County's contract. She stated that the County cannot pick up the beach raking or herbicide treatment along the shore, but there was some treatment they might be able to pick up for the City near the Nela Bridge. She is also getting clarification on whether the outfalls could be treated under the county contract with Aquatic Weed Control. She and the City Manager will discuss this more.
 - d. The Board asked about the prolific growth of weeds in the lake. Ms. Urbanik stated that it is Illinois Pond Weed which is non-invasive and native to Florida. FWC will not allow any treatment of this weed, but Ms. Urbanik stated that once the water cools down, the weeds will die back.
 - e. Ms. Urbanik stated that she is working with Orange County Parks and Recreation to put informational kiosks at the county ramps.

4. Marine Patrol Report: Marine Patrol Lowers gave the monthly report (attached). He and Sgt. Westerberg of the Orange County Marine Unit explained that due to the possibility of “profiling” the OCSO will no longer separate PWC activity from vessels. When asked if BIPD will continue to report both, separately, Acting Deputy Chief Millis stated they would until he could have a discussion with Chief Houston. CPL Bowers stated that he will report what he is given. The Board recommended that BIPD also combine PWC reporting with Vessels.

The subject was raised again by Board Member Blackton regarding patrol hours and discussing that OCSO gets more hours because they reciprocate by giving the NAV Board "free" hours. Mr. Blackton also brought up that he has been opposed to BIPD even being involved in the water since BIPD began participating and didn't understand why BIPD was involved. He stated the OCSO has much more assets than BIPD and that if a cost study was done, then it would be less expensive to have OCSO do marine patrol. He suggested there could be a cost savings there and they would look at it during the next budget. Acting Deputy Chief Millis stated that BIPD also has a marine unit on the water every weekend that is paid for by the city. Ms. Urbanik handed out a report on the hours and cost of the OCSO patrol and BIPD patrol that the Nav Board pays for, but the Board wanted additional information.

Mr. Blackton made a motion, which passed, asking for an hour and cost comparison for both OCSO and BIPD for marine patrol to be discussed at the next board meeting.

During the discussion, Mr. Blackton stated that it is not the responsibility of the Nav Board to have, or pay for, a marine patrol on the lakes. He also stated that it is not the Nav Board responsibility to spray or dredge the canals off the lakes. Mr. Meloon disagreed with Mr. Blackton but no further action was taken.

5. Advisory Member Reports: None
6. Water Elevation Report: Mr. David Woods provided a synopsis of the water report. The chart is attached.
7. Non-Agenda Items: District 3 Commissioner Mayra Uribe Addressed the Board stating she is working with Representative Eskamani on a survey that tries to address some of the problems they are having on the lake. Once the results of the survey are in, she and Representative Eskamani will develop a plan they could take to the legislature and FWC.

Com. Uribe is also working with OC Parks and Recreation to have “No Loitering” signs posted at the county ramps. The Board also asked if signs could be placed at Warren park so boaters do not moor there.

She also announced that there will be a Kid's Fishing Day to be held at Warren Park on October 19th. Her office will be publishing a flyer with more information on the event.

8. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Attachments

- Nav Board Agenda
- Minutes of 9/18/19 Meeting
- BIPD & OCSO Marine Report
- Marine Patrol Hours comparison
- Lake Report (Chart)

**Lake Conway Water and Navigation Control District
Advisory Board Regular Meeting
Orange County Facilities Management Training Room
September 18, 2019**

Board Members Present: Frances Guthrie (Chair), Gary Meloon (Vice Chair), Bobby Lance, and Micky Blackton

Board Members Absent: None

Staff & Guests: Tara Urbanik, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD); Chief Aide Cortez Whatley, District 3, Orange County Board of County Commissioners (BCC); Sergeant Fred Westerberg, Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO); Corporal Bim Lowers, Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO); City Manager Bob Francis, City of Belle Isle; Sergeant Ivar Ruiz, City of Belle Isle Police Department

Residents: Woody Johnson and Cindy Lance

I. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Francis 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 August 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Micky Blackton, seconded by Gary Meloon, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved the August 13, 2019 meeting minutes.

III. Public Comment on Propositions before the Advisory Board

Chair Guthrie received two public comment requests. Bob Francis, City Manager of Belle Isle, requested to speak on three topics: The Fecal Coliform sampling parameter being removed from the State of Florida Water Quality Rule, the City of Belle Isle contract with Aquatic Weed Control contractor, and the off-duty patrol hours. Ms. Urbanik stated she would research and bring back to the Advisory Board, information regarding the Rule change, and will compare the lake management services paid for by the County and City, and discuss any possible duplication of aquatic plant management efforts on the Conway Chain of Lakes. Mr. Francis additionally requested if the Belle Isle Police Department (BIPD) can patrol the lake with the unused hours from the Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO). The off-duty patrol hours will be discussed during Marine Patrol Report. District 3 Commissioner's Chief Aide Whatley stated District 3 has been in contact with State Representative Eskamani's office regarding concerns regarding Lake Conway. It is understood that the County has limited enforcement authority on the lake. District 3 is planning on sending out a survey to the affected residents to receive their feedback to bring forward to the legislative session.

IV. Comments of the Chair

Chair Guthrie apologized she could not attend the August meeting, and she is still planning on meeting with the Orange County Attorney's Office.

V. Orange County EPD Report

Ms. Urbanik stated the Orange County Parks Department was receptive to placing additional educational signage at the Orange County public boat ramps, she will reach out to the Advisory Board members for their individual input.

VI. Marine Patrol Report

Corporal Lowers presented the marine patrol report. Sergeant Westerberg addressed the request to transfer the unused OCSO hours to the BIPD. The Advisory Board has placed a schedule limitation on the allotted hours the off-duty officers can patrol, and he would like to see the limitation relaxed to allow the County to patrol additional hours. Discussion ensued.

For the month of August the following activities were reported:

- 6 boating citations
- 26 Personal Water Craft (PWC) citations
- 40 boating warnings
- 53 PWC warnings
- 46 vessel inspections

VII. Advisory Board Member Report

- Chair Francis Guthrie: No comment.
- Vice Chair Gary Meloon: Mr. Meloon heard that a septic tank near his neighborhood was overflowing into the lake. Mr. Francis stated there was a property in that area that had a faulty tank, but the tank was already replaced.
- Bobby Lance: Mr. Lance inquired if a new Advisory Board member has been appointed yet and if the Advisory Board could return to a seven member Advisory Board to assist in a non-quorum situation. Ms. Urbanik stated the number of member seats are dictated by State Legislation and it is not likely they could have a seven member advisory board.
- Micky Blackton: No comment.

VIII. Lake Conway Water Elevation Report

No report was presented.

IX. Non-Agenda Items

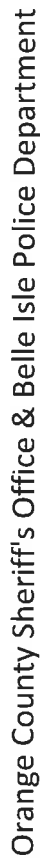
No items presented.

X. Meeting Adjourned

Chair Guthrie adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Frances Guthrie, Chair

Date



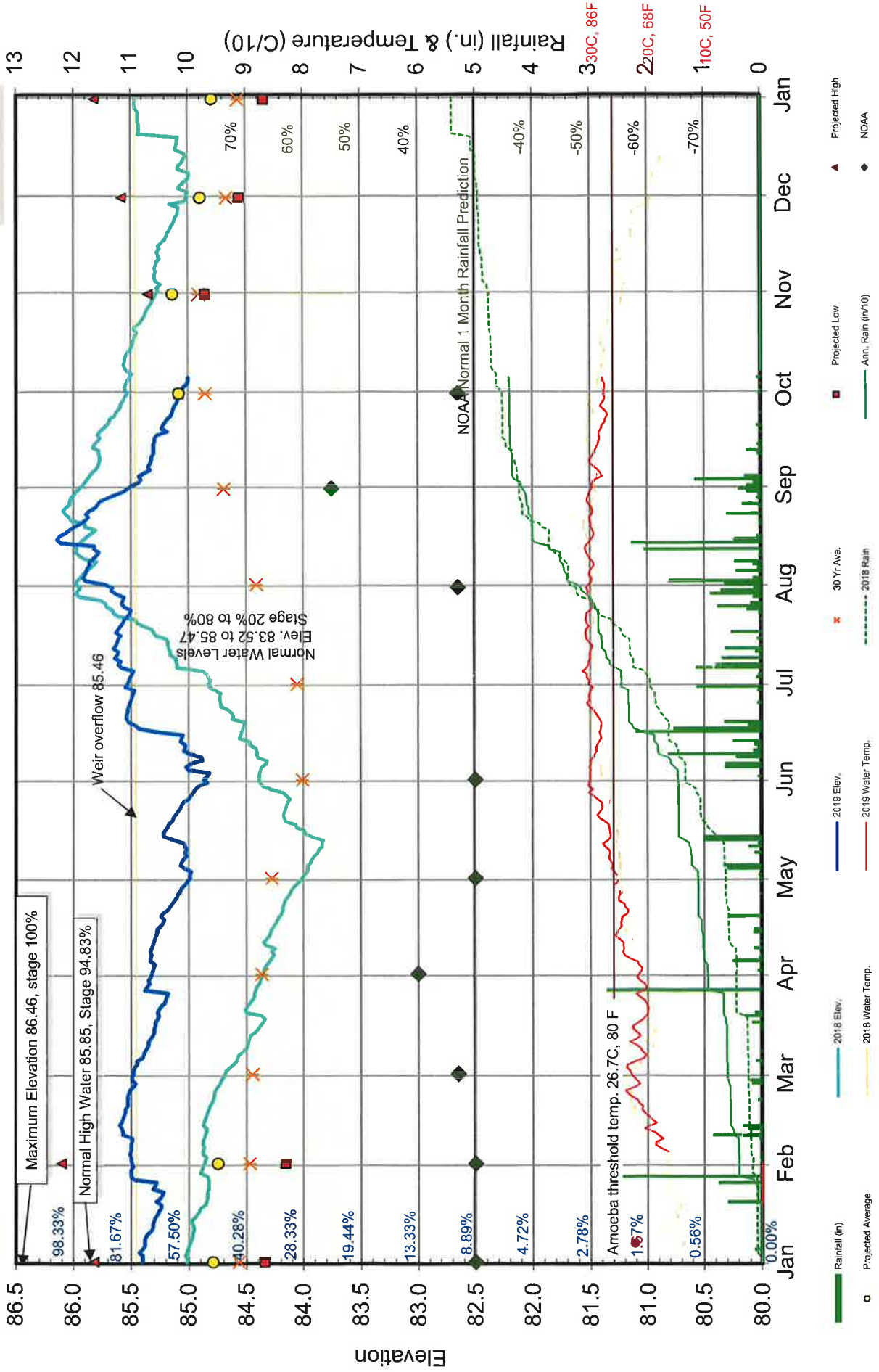
09/07 - Single boat accident on Big Lake Conway, passenger transported to ORMC. Operator cited for careless operation, stops, citations and warnings categorized as vessels.

Datum based on Hoffner Bridge
Gauge, OCBM L-1058-006

Lake Conway 2019 Elevations (NAVD 88)

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The Lake Conway Advisory Board Approved OCSO 1200 hours & BIPD 300 hours. Total of \$91,029.30 for FY 18/19 for Off Duty Patrol Services

Off Duty Lake Patrol Services \$50.00/hr

Equipment Charges \$6.00/hr

Admin Fees \$50.00/hr

FICA 7.65%

Line Item	FY 18/19 Hours on PO	Monthly Invoiced Hours for Off-Duty Patrol												FY 18/19 Hours Invoiced	FY 18/19 Total Cost
		Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19		
OC SO Patrol	1200	44	66	73.5	59.5	64	85	87.5	78	101	82	97	96	933.5	\$46,675.00
Equipment Charges	1200	44	66	73.5	59.5	64	85	87.5	78	101	82	97	96	933.5	\$5,601.00
Admin	24	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	23	\$1,150.00
FICA taxes	4681.8	172.1	260.1	288.79	235.2	252.45	332.78	342.34	306	393.98	321.3	378.68	374.85	3658.64	\$3,658.64
subtotal															\$57,084.64
BIPD Patrol	300	15	15	35	20	15	20	16.25	36.5	21	20	40	41	294.75	\$14,737.50
Equipment Charges	300	15	15	35	20	15	20	16.25	36.5	21	20	40	41	294.75	\$1,768.50
FICA taxes	1147.5	57.38	57.38	133.88	76.5	57.38	76.5	62.16	139.61	80.33	76.5	153	156.83	1127.45	\$1,127.45
subtotal															\$17,633.45
Totals	1500													1228.25	\$74,718.09

Cost comparison of off duty patrolled public access chain of lakes		
Chain	Surface acres	Total cost of off duty patrol Cost per acre
Conway Chain of Lakes	1,837	\$74,718 \$40.67/acre
Butler Chain of Lakes	5,040	\$131,667 \$26.12/acre