

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mike Williams
Lake CityColumbia County
Chamber of
Commerce

Lee Pinchouck, Lake City Rotary

Ben Scott,
Columbia County
Board of
Commissioners

Joe Helfenberger, City of Lake City

James Montgomery Member At-Large

Joel Foreman Member-At-Large

Noah Valenstein, Suwannee River Water Management District

> Jordan Perez TIP Representative 386.752.3690

Mailing Address: 162 South Marion Ave. Lake City, FL 32025

The Ichetucknee
Partnership, Inc. is a
Florida registered
501(c)(3) non-profit
corporation.
Its purpose is to
promote the
environmental and
economic well being of
the Ichetucknee
springshed through
education and
outreach programs.

March 19, 2020

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to express our support of the Lake Montgomery Pier application.

As The Ichetucknee Partnership Board of Directors, we believe that efforts to revitalize Lake City's downtown business district and surrounding neighborhoods, while at the same time protecting, preserving and promoting the natural environment are critical to our vision for Lake City and Columbia County.

What is unique about our area is the abundance of natural assets such as our parks, rivers, springs and forests. To truly be strategic in our planning and future growth we must consider the whole of our ecosystem, which by receiving this type of technical assistance, we believe can be achieved.

For the reasons discussed above, we The Ichetucknee Partnership express our continued support of your efforts and stand ready to partner however is appropriate.

Sincerely,

Theresa M. Pinto, IOM Executive Director



October 6, 2020

Chris Wynn North Central Regional Director Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission 3377 E. U.S. Hwy. 90 Lake City, FL 32055

RE: Lake Montgomery Fishing Pier

Dear Mr. Wynn:

Columbia County Tourist Development supports the Lake Montgomery Fishing Pier application. The pier was an exceedingly popular fishing location for residents and tourists alike. Replacing the pier is essential in the Lake City revitalization process and a key quality of life component for the citizens of Columbia County. Given one of Tourist Development's main pillars is outdoor recreation, we offer unwavering support and encouragement for outdoor recreation product development and enhancements.

Thank you for your efforts to protect, preserve, and promote our areas natural resources.

Sincerely,

Paula Vann

Executive Director

Paula Vann

Columbia County Tourist Development



March 19, 2020

Board of Directors:

Mike Williams

Chair

Nutrien

Mike Stalvey Vice Chair Cal-Tech Testing

Lori Simpson Treasurer Columbia Bank

Members:

City of Lake City

Columbia County – Economic Development

Florida Gateway College

ICS Construction

Lake City Hotels Group

Lake City Medical Center

Odom, Moses & Company/ Raymond James

O'Neal Roofing

Shands Lake Shore Regional Medical

Southwest GA Oil Co.

— dba SunStop

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to express our support of the Lake Montgomery Pier application.

As Executive Director of the Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, we believe that efforts to revitalize Lake City's downtown business district and surrounding neighborhoods, while at the same time protecting, preserving and promoting the natural environment are critical to our vision for Lake City and Columbia County.

As in many smaller rural communities across this country, a vibrant downtown is a key element to development. What is unique about our area is the abundance of natural assets such as our parks, rivers, springs and forests. To truly be strategic in our planning and future growth we must consider the whole of our ecosystem, which by receiving this type of technical assistance, we believe can be achieved.

For the reasons discussed above, we the Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce express our continued support of your efforts and stand ready to partner however is appropriate.

Sincerely,

Theresa M. Pinto, IOM

Thursal Sint

Executive Director



Community 2 Unit Lake City, Florida

Girl Scout Troops 610, 2224 & 20100 234 SW Scott Place Lake City, FL 32024 386-965-5205

To: Chris Wynn, Regional Director, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission From: Dr. Patricia Bailey, Girl Scouts of the United States of America, Lake City Troop 610, 2224 & 20100 Leader

Date: March 29, 2020

Dear Mr. Wynn:

As a leader for a local group of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA), I am writing this letter of support for replacement of the fishing pier on Lake Montgomery. Fishing is a popular activity with my group of girls, and we are always looking for new opportunities in and around Lake City, Florida. We would greatly appreciate and support your efforts to have the fishing pier rebuilt on Lake Montgomery including any additional amenities such as a wildlife observation platform and improved lighting. Thank you for your continued efforts to search for and create new outdoor opportunities for our youth in the community!

Sincerely,

R.Bailey 80

Dr. Patricia Bailey, Girl Scouts of the United States of America, Lake City Troop 610, 2224 & 20100 Leader



Chamber Builders:

Anderson Columbia Co., Inc.

City of Lake City

Columbia Bank

Columbia County Board of Commissioners

Do It Yourself Lettering, Inc

Florida Power and Light

First Federal Bank of Florida

Florida Gateway College

HAECO

Lake City Medical Center

Lake City Reporter

Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.

North Central Florida Advertiser

North Florida Mega Industrial Park

Nutrien

Odom, Moses & Company/ Raymond James

Shands Lake Shore

S & S Food Stores

VyStar Credit Union

March 19, 2020

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to express our support of the Lake Montgomery Pier application.

As Executive Director of the Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, we believe that efforts to revitalize Lake City's downtown business district and surrounding neighborhoods, while at the same time protecting, preserving and promoting the natural environment are critical to our vision for Lake City and Columbia County.

As in many smaller rural communities across this country, a vibrant downtown is a key element to development. What is unique about our area is the abundance of natural assets such as our parks, rivers, springs and forests. To truly be strategic in our planning and future growth we must consider the whole of our ecosystem, which by receiving this type of technical assistance, we believe can be achieved.

For the reasons discussed above, we the Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce express our continued support of your efforts and stand ready to partner however is appropriate.

Sincerely,

Theresa M. Pinto, IOM

Thursal Vint

Executive Director

Wynn, Chris

From: Gracie Meloy <gracie.meloy@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 9:29 PM

To: Wynn, Chris

Subject: The Rebuilding of the Lake Montgomery Dock

[EXTERNAL SENDER] Use Caution opening links or attachments

I am writing in response to the dock at Lake Montgomery being rebuilt. I have lived in or around Lake City all my life. As a child I went to the dock at Lake Montgomery and fished or simply walked the length of it, taking in the wonders of nature. This was often a family outing as well. Now I live right next to the lake and I still love walking around there, getting exercise and peace of mind. However, without the dock there is less to do and less places to walk. I do not have the money or space for a boat so fishing is out of the question now too (I always caught and released). Even my husband said he went there as a kid after church to make memories. It saddens me that without the dock our kids will not be able to make the same kind of memories. It may not seem like a big deal to those who are not in Lake City. But to the small town, it is a big deal. I would love for the opportunity to reminisce as well as make new memories at Lake Montgomery. I request for myself, my husband, my future kids and many other people in Lake City and the surrounding areas, that the dock be rebuilt.