

**MINUTES  
LAKES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
HAINES CITY, FLORIDA**

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**February 13, 2018**

**4:00 PM**

**Commission Chambers**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Member Russ Yates called to order the Lakes Advisory Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 4:08 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers located at 620 E. Main St. Haines City, FL.

Board Members in attendance were: Russ Yates, Sheila Cotton, Michael Weaver, and Kurt Vahle.

Absent: Chair- Kristen Aanerud-Smith.

Staff in attendance were: Transportation Superintendent Ed Trail, Secretary Jill Cline, and Deputy City Clerk Erica Anderson.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board Member Sheila Cotton moved to approve the minutes from the 1.9.18 meeting with the exception of item 4. A. 8., to be amended. [For the record the minutes from the 1.9.18 meeting are correct and will not be amended]. Board Member Kurt Vahle seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no members of the public to come forward and speak with the board.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**4.A. BOARD PRIORITIES**

The board was informed that the Alum Project was approved by the City Commission.

Board Member Yates inquired whether the Alum treatment would affect the issues with Lake Henry.

Board Member Cotton inquired whether or not Lake Henry "happens" would the Alum treatment still go forward in Lake Eva.

Board Member Yates updated the board on the history of the previous engineer hired by the city for the dredging of Lake Eva and the cost.

The board requested an update from staff concerning the Lake Eva and Lake Henry project, also any future projects of Lake Tracy. The board was informed by staff that the dock for Lake Tracy is still being pursued. Also, there are unapproved plans for improvements of the Lakes within the Masterplan. Staff will produce a copy of the Masterplan at the next meeting for review.

#### **4.B. PROJECT UPDATES**

As previously discussed.

### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **5.A. CURRENT DONATIONS**

Chair Kristen Aanerud-Smith has received \$200 for donations.

#### **5.B. FACEBOOK PAGE**

Secretary Cline informed the board there would be a Lakes Advisory Board section for updates within the Public Works Dept. page on Facebook. The board should send any requests for posts to Secretary Cline.

#### **5.C. ADDITIONAL MEMBERS**

Board Member Cotton stated she is looking to have her neighbors possibly get involved and encouraged the rest of the board to reach out to people they may know. Discussion surrounded outreach methods of the board for recruiting members. A brief discussion ensued concerning alternate members and the voting privileges of alternates.

#### **5.D. LAKE EVA ALUM TREATMENT**

As previously discussed in item 4. a. Further discussion ensued amongst the board. Superintendent Trail stated, per Director Javed, the agreements concerning the Alum Treatment with FDEP and SWFMD are approved as of the last commission meeting and the consultant is working on the bid packets. The intent is to begin construction within the next few months.

Further discussion surrounded the Lake Eva Alum Treatment project, dredging, and the affects this would have on the Iron Man event.

Board Member Cotton made a motion to have staff apply for a permit for dredging. Board Member Weaver seconded the motion, all were in favor of having staff apply for a dredging permit for the city to do the work.

#### **5.E. SWFWMD WORKSHOP ON NORTHERN WINTER HAVEN CHAIN OF LAKES**

Superintendent Trail gave the board an update of the proceedings at the workshop.

#### **5.F. POLK COUNTY GRANTS WORKSHOP**

Public Works Director Addie Javed attended and spoke at the Polk County Grants Workshop on the Do's and Dont's and resources on Grant Writing. Secretary Cline stated she would send the board the information on the workshop.

#### **5.G. ROTARY CLUB STORMWATER PRESENTATION**

Director Javed will be attending and presenting at this meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. on the stormwater projects. This will take place at Southern Dunes. Secretary Clines stated she would send this information to the board.

**6. BOARD COMMENTS**

Board Member Vahle suggested the city inform it's residents to avoid the use of phosphate in their yards' near lakes and would like to see this put on the water bill. [This could be an initiative for staff during the month of April for Earth Day, April 22, 2018].

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Without any further discussion the Lakes Advisory Board Meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Linda Bourgeois  
City Clerk