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Farner Assumes Helm of Lake County Water Authority Board

The Lake County Water Authority elected long-time resident Keith A. Farner as its new board chairman. Farner, a member of the seven-member board since 2008, has also been an active member of the Harris Chain of Lakes Restoration Council for the past eight years. He assumes the chairmanship from Nancy Fullerton, who declined a second term to allow other board members to gain chairmanship experience & lead the agency. Carolyn M. Dillon, a local Realtor[®] was elected vice-chairman.

As a board member, Farner was instrumental in the planning and construction of the Nutrient Reduction Facility (NuRF), the Water Authority's \$7 million water-quality improvement project on the Apopka-Beauclair Canal. As the NuRF approaches its one-year anniversary, Farner will lead an agency focused on the success of the facility and on forging new partnerships.

"We have a wonderful board and a wonderful staff," said Farner. "Since Larry Everly, Sr. became chairman of the board, it has been focused on moving ahead with projects to restore our lakes. If we get these lakes back in balance, ecotourism, the economy and the overall quality of life here will improve for those who live on the lakes and everyone in our community. We want to put the taxpayer dollars to good use and get these lakes cleaned up."

One project, scheduled for permitting this year, is a dredging project to clean built-up sediment from Lake Beauclair. "Combined with the results we're getting with NuRF, we can see some major improvements on the entire chain of lakes within the next two years. We may be able to swim in our own lakes, again. That's a major, major turning point for the restoration efforts on our chain of lakes."

"The election of Chairman Farner and Vice-Chairman Dillon occurs at an exciting time for the agency," said Michael J. Perry, LCWA Executive Director. "I am excited to work with our new chairman and vice-chairman to put projects in the ground that have direct water-quality benefits."

Farner, a 44-year resident of Lake County, has worked with the Lake County Sheriff's Office for the past 18 years as a Corrections' Officer. He has been married to Betsy for 22 years and has three children.

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