

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
of the  
LAKE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY  
March 25, 2020**

The Regular Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Water Authority was held at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 by way of Online/Zoom Meeting.

**Members Present-District #**

Amy Stone, Chairman (#5)  
Carolyn Maimone, Vice Chair (#3)  
Trampis BonJorn (#2)  
Peggy Cox (#1)  
Keith Farner (At-Large)  
Butch Hendrick (#4)  
Courtney Stokes (At-Large)

**Staff Present**

Ron Hart, Executive Director  
Jason Danaher, Water Resources Director  
Biago Gugliotti, Land Resources Director  
Ben Garcia, Office/IT Manager  
Anna Ely, Recording Secretary  
Kevin Stone, Attorney

A list of others present at the meeting is part filed in the permanent files of the Water Authority.

**1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. and everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**KEVIN STONE, ATTORNEY STATED THAT A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAKE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 2020 - BOARD WORKSHOP WAS MADE AND APPROVED BY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE.**

Motion approved 6-0. Peggy Cox was not in attendance at this time.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

No Executive Report this month.

**5. CONSENT ITEMS**

**VICE CHAIR MAIMONE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.** Mr. BonJorn seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6-0. Ms. Cox was not in attendance at this time.

Tab 2 a. NuRF Gearbox Repair Cost Jason Danaher

No action needed.

Tab 3 b. Renewal of Alum Contract for NuRF Jason Danaher

**AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RENEW THE LIQUID ALUMINUM SULFATE CONTRACT WITH CHEMTRADE CHEMICALS US, LLC FOR AN ADDITIONAL 12 MONTHS AT A COST OF \$265/DRY TON.**

*Ms. Cox joined the meeting.*

**6. REGULAR AGENDA**

Tab 4 a. Award 2020 Stormwater Grants Jason Danaher

**1. City of Mt. Dora - Lake Gertrude Stormwater Drainage Improvement**

**VICE CHAIR MAIMONE MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A 50% COST SHARE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MT. DORA FOR THEIR LAKE GERTRUDE STORMWATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$67,500.** Mr. Farner seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 7-0.**

**2. City of Umatilla - Trowell Ave. Stormwater Improvement**

**VICE CHAIR MAIMONE MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A 100% COST SHARE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF UMATILLA FOR THE TROWELL AVENUE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.** Mr. BonJorn seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 7-0.**

**3. City of Umatilla – Umatilla Boulevard Stormwater Improvement**

**VICE CHAIR MAIMONE MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A 100% COST SHARE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF UMATILLA FOR THE UMATILLA BOULEVARD STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000.** Mr. BonJorn seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 7-0.**

**4. City of Fruitland Park - Mirror Lake Baffle Boxes**

**MR. BONJORN MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A 100% COST SHARE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK FOR THE MIRROR LAKE BAFFLE BOX PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000.** Ms. Cox seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 7-0.**

**5. Town of Lady Lake – Stormwater Master Plan**

**VICE CHAIR MAIMONE MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A 100% COST SHARE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF LADY LAKE FOR A STORMWATER MASTER PLAN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$65,000.** Mr. BonJorn seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 7-0.**

Tab 5                    b. Lake Minneola Investigative Algal Sampling Update                    Jason Danaher

No action needed.

Tab 6                    c. Hickory Point Project Updates                    Ron Hart

**1. VICE CHAIR MAIMONE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TRANSFER \$40,000 FROM WATER RESOURCES (710-460) TO HICKORY POINT (400-460).** Ms. Cox seconded the motion.

It was stated by several Board Members that the operation and upkeep of Hickory Point is something they need to discuss when working on the next year's budget. They also complimented staff on the work they have done at the park so far.

Mr. Farner stated that he feels that they should hire contractors to handle heavy and long jobs such as replacing boards on the dock, etc.

**Motion approved 7-0.**

**2. MR. BONJORN MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TRANSFER \$27,000 FROM WATER RESOURCES (710-460) TO HICKORY POINT (400-640).** Vice Chair Maimone seconded the motion.

Mr. Farner suggested spending a bit more money to get a large truck that could be used for hauling brush to the dump versus staff burning it in a burn pile.

Mr. Hart stated that he had spoken to staff about what type of vehicle was needed the most at this time, if they were to replace the damaged truck and all were in agreement that another small 4-wheel drive crew cab pickup would be the most needed vehicle at this time.

He noted that they could look at purchasing a larger vehicle in the future as the current dump truck is also in poor condition and will need to be replaced. Chairman Stone suggested looking at putting that in the upcoming budget.

**Motion approved 7-0.**

3. **MR. BONJORN MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE A SMALL 4-WHEEL DRIVE CREW CAB PICKUP UTILIZING THE STATE PURCHASING CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,000.** Ms. Stokes seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 7-0.**

Tab 7            d. Authorize Hickory Point's Entrance Tower Renovation Proposal            Ron Hart

**VICE CHAIR MAIMONE MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TRANSFER \$17,000 FROM WATER RESOURCES (710-340) TO HICKORY POINT (400-310).** Mr. BonJorn seconded the motion.

Mr. Hendrick stated that he was okay with spending the \$10,000 but didn't think they needed to spend an extra \$7,000 for construction oversight when the project would have to have permits and the job would require inspections from the Building Department which should provide all the oversight needed. Mr. BonJorn agreed with Mr. Hendrick.

After some discussion it was agreed that they didn't need to spend the additional \$7,000 for oversight and took a vote on the original motion.

**Motion failed 0-7.**

**VICE CHAIR MAIMONE MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TRANSFER \$10,000 FROM WATER RESOURCES (710-340) TO HICKORY POINT (400-310).** Mr. Hendrick seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 7-0.**

1. **VICE CHAIR MAIMONE MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE PROPOSAL BY BESH'S FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE RENOVATION OF THE HICKORY POINT ENTRANCE TOWER FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.** Mr. BonJorn seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 7-0.**

VICE CHAIR MAIMONE MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DAWSON EXCAVATION, LLC AFTER STAFF NEGOTIATES A BETTER PRICE WITH DAWSON EXCAVATION, LLC AT COST LESS THAN \$695/LOAD AND AT A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$120,000.

**Motion died due to lack of second.**

## **6. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

Attorney Stone stated that over the next couple of weeks there will likely be some best practices policies adopted statewide put in place for how to conduct this type of meeting.

He also noted that due to the the Federal Families First and Coronavirus Act medical there are new policies which will effect our HR practices and we may be dealing with employee leave and reimbursement of payroll taxes.

## **7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Hendrick asked Mr. Hart to look into our list of qualified vendors and look into getting local companies. He stated that he also wanted to have Mr. Hart and Dr. Danaher to get with Attorney Stone and move forward with moving the operations of the NuRF to an outside company.

He asked that privatization of the NuRF be put on the next month's agenda.

Ms. Stokes and Ms. Cox noted that holding the meeting via video conferencing worked out well.

Mr. BonJorn stated that he's hoping to get some results back with the testing of Lake Minneola and hopes that the Water Authority continues to have support in figuring out the issue and getting if fixed.

Chairman Stone stated that she is happy with how staff has come together and is knocking out so big projects. She stated that they are really coalescing and coming together with the new leadership, which is what she hoped would happen. She congratulated Mr. Hart and the team and stated that she really appreciated it a lot.

Mr. Farner stated that he knows Hickory Point is closed but asked if there is any way that the boat ramps could be opened to the public. It was noted that it was done to keep people from congregating and the boat ramps and park, and to also keep staff safe.

Chairman Stone stated that by keeping everything open our staff would be responsible for keeping everything clean at a much higher level.

It was noted that the boat docks can't be separated from the park and there is nothing that would prevent people from using the restrooms and kids playing on the playground and possibly exposing themselves and staff to the virus.

Chairman Stone noted that while the park is closed, staff is taking advantage of that and getting projects at the park completed.

**8. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

Mr. BonJorn asked staff to look into what can be done to address the runoff from Division Street.

Mr. Farner suggested doing a cost analysis regarding how much it costs to have staff monitor a burn pit versus taking brush to the landfill.

**9. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. Staff Reports
- b. Monthly Financial Reports – February 2020

**10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

- Board Meeting - Wednesday, April 22, 2020 (3:30 pm) Online/Zoom Meeting

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm