

**LAKE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**  
**(352) 324-6141**  
**REGULAR MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND AGENDA**

<p><b>October 26, 2016</b> <b>3:30 pm</b> <b>Lake County Administration Building</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor - County Commission Chambers</b> <b>315 West Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778</b></p>
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- 1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**
  
- Tab 1 **2. Approval of Minutes** - September 28, 2016 - Regular Meeting  
- September 28, 2016 - Final Budget Hearing
  
- 3. Executive Director Report**
  
- 4. Consent Items**
  - Tab 2 a. Approval of 2017 Board Calendar Linda Marino
  - Tab 3 b. Approval of Memorial Bench at Hickory Point Patricia Burgos
  
- 5. Discussion Items**
  - Tab 4 a. Benthic Invertebrate Report Ron Hart
  - Tab 5 b. Annual Report Presentations from Education Contractor and Contracted Naturalist Michael Perry
  - Tab 6 c. Annual Report Presentation from Trout Lake Nature Center Michael Perry
  - Tab 7 d. Approval to Award 2016-17 Mini-grants Maryann Krisovitch
  - Tab 8 e. Authorization to Release the Storm Grant Application Ron Hart
  - Tab 9 f. Offer of Purchase on Old Building Michael Perry
  - Tab 10 g. Participation in Litigation Regarding General Chemical Michael Perry
  - Tab 11 h. Harris Chain of Lakes Restoration Council Letter Michael Perry
  - Tab 12 i. Approval to Contract for Villa City Dam Modification Design Ron Hart
  - j. Executive Director Evaluation Chairman Cox
  
- 6. Public Comment (5:00 pm or as soon thereafter as possible)**
  
- 7. Legal Staff Report** Carole Barice
  
- 8. Board Member Comments**
  
- 9. Board Member Items for Future Agenda**
  
- 10. Information Items**
  - Tab 13 a. Staff Report
  - Tab 14 b. Monthly Financial Reports - September 2016
  
- 11. Announcement of Upcoming Meetings and Events**

- Harris Chain Power Squadron presentation, Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016 (7:00 pm)
- Water Wonders - Paisley Library, Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016 (4:30 pm)
- ELC Day in the Park, Venetian Gardens, Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016 (9am to 1pm)
- Minneola Elem Lakes Program, Lake Hiawatha Preserve, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016 (12:15pm)
- Flat Island Preserve, Long 4-5 mile Hike, Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016 (9 am – Noon)
- Hydrology & geology of Lake County presentation, Royal Highlands, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016 (10:00 am)
- Board Meeting - Wednesday, **November 16, 2016** (3:30 pm)  
BCC Chambers/Admin. Building
- Lake Sumter State College at NuRF, Friday, Nov. 18, 2016 (9am - 11am)
- Minneola Elementary 4th & 5th grade STEM night, Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016 (6 - 7:30 pm)
- Love Our Lakes clean up, Hickory Point & Wooton Park, Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016 (8:30am to noon)
- Sawgrass Island Preserve, Long 4-5 mile Hike, Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016 (9 am – Noon)
- Board Meeting - Wednesday, **December 14, 2016** (3:30 pm)  
BCC Chambers/Admin. Building
- Lake Norris Conservation Area, Dog & Owner Hike, Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017 (9am – Noon)
- Water Resource Jeopardy, 10am, Poinsettia Garden Club, Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017 (10:00am)
- Water Resource Jeopardy, 10am, Azalea Garden Club, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017 (10:00am)
- Wolf Branch Sink Preserve Open House, Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017 (8:30 am to 3:00 pm)
- Hickory Point Park 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017
- Freshwater Master Naturalist class at Hickory Point & Hidden Waters, Friday, Feb. 17, 2017 (9am – 3pm)
- Flat Island Preserve, Firefly & Bats, Friday, March 10, 2017 (6:30 pm to 8:30 pm)

## **12. Adjournment**



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Michael J. Perry, Executive Director • Neil Kelly, Secretary-Treasurer

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**TO:** Lake County Water Authority Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Linda Marino, Administrative Assistant  
**DATE:** October 13, 2016  
**SUBJECT:** Approval of 2017 Board Calendar

*Consent Item*

*Approval of 2017 Board Calendar*

The Uniform Special District Accountability Act of 1989 requires the Authority to file their meeting schedule with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners quarterly, semiannually, or annually. Traditionally the Water Authority has submitted an annual schedule to both the Clerk’s Office and the Board of County Commissioners. The regular meetings are on the fourth Wednesday except for November and December. The Board of County Commissioners Chambers will be reserved for all of these dates except the July 12, 2017, Budget Meeting.

November 16, 2016	July 12, 2017 (Budget Meeting)
December 14, 2016	July 26, 2017
January 25, 2017	August 23, 2017
February 22, 2017	September 13, 2017 (Tentative Budget)
March 22, 2017	September 27, 2017 (Final Budget & Regular)
April 26, 2017	October 25, 2017
May 24, 2017	November 15, 2017
June 28, 2017	December 13, 2017

**Executive Director Recommendation:**

Authorize staff to file the LCWA Board meeting schedule as presented.

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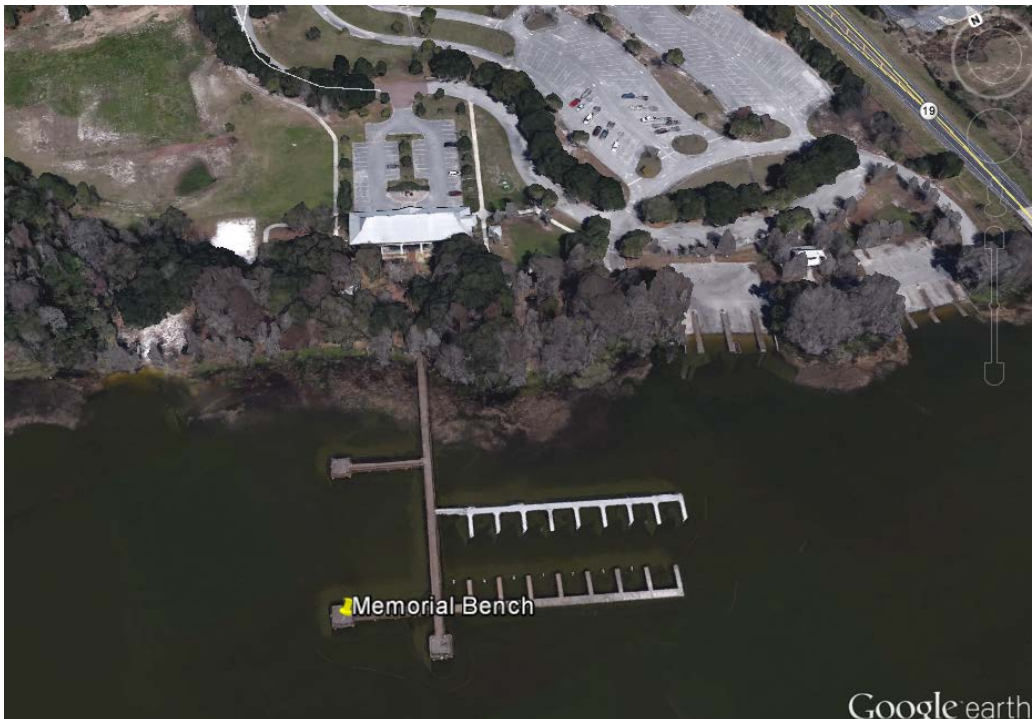
TO: Lake County Water Authority Board of Trustees
FROM: Patricia Burgos, Land Resources Director
DATE: October 13, 2016
SUBJECT: Hickory Point Memorial Bench

Discussion Item

Hickory Point Memorial Bench

Staff was approached over a year ago about installing a memorial bench at the Hickory Point Park fishing pier. Staff directed the interested person to send in a request and provided them with companies that could provide a bench similar to what is found at the park.

Recently Mrs. Kienke contacted staff again with the request and included with this memo is the correspondence received as part of the request to be presented to the Water Authority Board.



Executive Director's Recommendation:

Approve installation of the John Kienke memorial bench as per the requested color and location at Hickory Point Park.

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**TO:** Lake County Water Authority Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Ron Hart, Water Resources Director  
**DATE:** October 11, 2016  
**SUBJECT:** Benthic Invertebrate Report

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*Discussion Item*

*Benthic Invertebrate Report*

This past year, the Board entered a contract with Ms. Hanlon-Breuer to sample lakes Beauclair, Louisa, Minnehaha, and Minneola. Ms. Hanlon-Breuer will be presenting her annual report to the Board at this month’s meeting.

The Lake County Water Authority (LCWA) began a macroinvertebrate sampling program in 2005. The program provides staff with a means of assessing biological condition within the lakes. A specific indicator known as the Lake Condition Index (LCI) is a methodology that has been accepted by state and federal agencies as a tool to quantify ecosystem health and identify impairment in Florida lakes.

The following lakes are included in the sampling:

- Lake Beauclair (2 LCI sites)
- Lake Dora (3 LCI sites)
- Lake Griffin (2 LCI sites)
- Lake Eustis (2 LCI sites)
- Lake Harris (3 sites)
- Lake Yale (2 LCI sites)
- Lake Minneola (2 LCI sites)
- Lake Minnehaha (2 LCI sites)
- Lake Louisa (2 LCI sites)

**Executive Director’s Recommendation:**

This item is only for information purposes.

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**TO:** Lake County Water Authority Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Michael J. Perry, Executive Director  
**DATE:** October 13, 2016  
**SUBJECT:** Annual Report Presentations from Education Contractor  
and Contracted Naturalist

*Discussion Item*

*Annual Report Presentations from Education Contractor and Contracted Naturalist*

At the September Board meeting the Board approved continuing the contracts for Maryann Krisovitch, the Education Contractor, and Dr. Marc Crail, the Contracted Naturalist. Both Ms. Krisovitch and Dr. Crail will present year-end reports summarizing their activities for FY 2015-2016 and proposed activities for the upcoming year.

**Executive Director Recommendation:**

No action is necessary, for information purposes only.

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TO: Lake County Water Authority Board of Trustees
FROM: Michael J. Perry, Executive Director
DATE: October 13, 2016
SUBJECT: Annual Report Presentation from Trout Lake Nature Center

Discussion Item

Annual Report Presentation from Trout Lake Nature Center

The Board approved entering into a Memorandum of Understanding in FY 2015-2016 with the Trout Lake Nature Center for a \$17,500 grant to the Trout Lake Nature Center (TLNC) of which \$7,500 was to go toward funding their facilities, maintenance and personnel, \$2,000 for schools that the School Board would not otherwise fund to attend programs at TLNC, \$6,000 for transportation to the TLNC, and \$2,000 to provide in-school programs for schools that are not be able to travel to the TLNC.

Eileen Tramontana, Executive Director for the Trout Lake Nature Center will report on the FY 2015-2016 activities and upcoming events/activities.

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TO: Michael J. Perry, Executive Director
FROM: Maryann Krisovitch, Education Coordinator
DATE: October 10, 2016
SUBJECT: Approval to Award 2016-17 Mini-grants

Discussion Item

Approval to Award Education and Community Mini-grants

A mini-grant program was established over 13 years ago in an effort to continue supporting freshwater resource education and awareness within the community and schools. Since 2003, the LCWA Board has awarded over \$400,000 to educators and community groups around the county.

The Board gave its approval to advertise the 2016-17 education and community mini-grants, called "Drop-by-Drop: You Make a Difference!" pending the approval of the FY 2016-17 Budget. The Board has \$30,700 in its FY 2016-17 budget available to award.

By the October 3, 2016 deadline, staff had received 9 applications for consideration. A committee was formed to review the grants and make recommendations to the LCWA Board. The committee members met on October 10th to evaluate these 9 grant applications.

Education Mini-grants

These \$2,000 mini-grants were to assist Lake County educators in the public and private sector. Last fall, the Education Team met to review the guidelines for the education grants and recommended some changes. Middle and High School teachers were permitted to request funds for educational trips and/or funds materials. Materials requests must have a lesson plan included. Elementary teacher were given a list of pre-approved educational trip options to choose from including Hickory Point, Crooked River, Bourlay and other related sites. Stations are organized by the LCWA Education Team. Teachers that have been awarded a grant will purchase the items and then submit the receipts for reimbursement. This method is better for tracking and auditing purposes. The Board included \$20,000 in its FY 2016-17 budget for the education mini-grants.

Community Mini-grants

These \$2,000 mini-grants are for the benefit of community groups within Lake County and their efforts to promote freshwater resource education and boating safety education. These grants are also administered on a reimbursement basis once staff receives and verifies the

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purchase receipts. The Board included \$10,700 in its FY 2016-17 budget for the community mini-grants.

The attached spreadsheet lists the different schools and community groups that applied for FY 2016-17 grants. The table provides a brief description of the grant request, grade level, the amount requested, the amount awarded and any comments. Out of 7 teacher applications, 5 were requests for educational trips to LCWA properties or other closely related water resource locations such as Wekiva Springs Reserve and Lake Louisa State Park. Two materials requests were received and slightly adjusted to authorize specific water testing related kits. Of the \$6,942.26 requested for Education Mini-Grants, staff is recommending approving \$5,691.81. Of the \$3,999.60 requested for Community Mini-Grants, staff is recommending approving \$3,999.60. The total amount of mini-grants awarded would be \$9,691.41.

### **Executive Director's Recommendation**

Approve grant recipients and disbursement of the funds to the winners of the FY 2016-17 Education and Community "Drop-by-Drop: You Make A Difference!" mini-grant program totaling \$9,691.41.



TO: Lake County Water Authority Board of Trustees
FROM: Ron Hart, Water Resources Director
DATE: October 11, 2016
SUBJECT: Stormwater Project Review and Approval to Release 2016/2017 Grant

Discussion Item

Stormwater Project Review and Approval to Release 2016/2017 Grant

Project Review

The LCWA began the Stormwater Treatment Grant Program in 1996. In 2000, the Florida Legislature added the requirement to assist local governments in the treatment of stormwater runoff to the Water Authority's purposes within the enabling legislation.

To date, 52 projects at an LCWA cost of \$5,686,118 have been completed and are removing over 1,153 pounds of total phosphorus per year along with other pollutants.

2017 Stormwater Grant

The Board included \$900,000 in its FY 2016/17 budget to fund the 2016/2017 Stormwater Grant Program. Because the funding is already in place, water quality related stormwater projects approved by the Board have the ability to receive immediate funding.

Except for the dates and funding amount, the grant application remains almost unchanged from last year's. The only things added were a requirement to provide an estimate of the portion of the project related to water quality treatment.

Executive Director's Recommendation:

Authorize staff to release the 2016/2017 Stormwater Grant Application to the appropriate public agencies.

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**TO:** Lake County Water Authority Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Michael J. Perry, Executive Director  
**DATE:** October 13, 2016  
**SUBJECT:** Offer of Purchase on Old Building

*Discussion Item*

*Offer of Purchase on Old Building*

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, staff received an offer sheet from LifeStream to purchase the old building. It arrived after the agenda had been prepared and the agenda packets distributed. The offer had a date of acceptance that would expire September 30<sup>th</sup>.

As such staff distributed copies of the offer to the Board at its September 28, 2016 meeting and brought it up under the Executive Directors report. Several Board members were absent and staff was directed to ask LifeStream if they would consider extending the acceptance date of the contract through the October Water Authority Board meeting so that more Board members could participate in the discussion.

Staff contacted Jon Cherry from LifeStream and he had no issues with extending the date. As such, the contract is attached for the Boards review and discussion. The Board can accept, reject or counter the offer.

**Executive Director Recommendation:**

Provide direction to staff regarding the contract offer from LifeStream to purchase the old Water Authority office building.

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TO: Lake County Water Authority Board of Trustees
FROM: Michael J. Perry, Executive Director
DATE: October 13, 2016
SUBJECT: Participation in Litigation Regarding General Chemical

Discussion Item

Participation in Litigation Regarding General Chemical

During the Attorney Report portion of the September 2016 meeting, the Board heard from Attorney Barice that a Salem Law Group had contacted her regarding a possible lawsuit against General Chemical. Attorney Barice noted that she had conversations with Salem Law Group regarding attorney's fees and that the other firm may consider an arrangement to advance a portion of the cost of Attorney Barice's fees prior to any settlement. Ultimately attorney's fees would be subtracted from the settlement amount should they prevail.

The Board discussed this issue in the past and at that time was counseled to not be a Class Representative to the class action suit and that the Water Authority is already a member of a class action suit.

Trustee Clark asked that although he is not in favor of pursuing further litigation he asked that this issue be deferred until more Board members are present to discuss it. Chairman Cox asked Attorney Barice to put together a brief email for the Board, outlining what has been offered, so the Board can discuss the issue at an upcoming meeting. Trustee Maimone asked for an estimate of how much has been spent in attorney's fees discussing the issue up until now.

Executive Director Recommendation:

Direct Attorney Barice to not participate as a Class Representative in the class action suit against General Chemical with Salem Law Group or any other law firm.

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**TO:** Lake County Water Authority Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Michael J. Perry, Executive Director

**DATE:** October 13, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Harris Chain of Lakes Restoration Council Letter

*Discussion Item*

*Harris Chain of Lakes Restoration Council Letter*

The Chairman of the Lake County Water Authority received a letter (copy attached) from the Harris Chain of Lakes Chairman on August 29, 2016 letter regarding the Council seeking input from the agencies regarding their policy positions and what programs they expect to recommend to the Legislature in the next ten years.

Chairman Cox requested that the Water Authority Board be provided a copy of the letter and at the September Board meeting asked for the Board to provide comments to staff so that they could draft a response.

The draft response is attached for the Board’s review and comment.

**Executive Director’s Recommendation:**

Provide additional comments to staff or authorize the Executive Director to submit the response to Robert Johnson, Chairman, Harris Chain of Lakes Restoration Council.

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