

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**of the**  
**LAKE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**  
**June 22, 2016**

The Regular Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Water Authority was held at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 in the Lake County Administration Building, County Commissioners Chambers at 315 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida.

**Members Present-District #**

**Staff Present**

Peggy Cox, Chairwoman (#1)  
Adam Dufresne, Vice Chair (At Large)  
Doug Bryant (#4)  
Charles Clark (#5)  
Carolyn Maimone, (#3)

Michael J. Perry, Executive Director  
Patricia Burgos, Environmental Prog. Mgr.  
Ron Hart, Water Res. Prog. Mgr.  
Sergio Duarte, Water Res. Proj. Mgr.  
Ben Garcia, GIS Manager  
Carole Barice, LCWA Attorney  
Linda Marino, Administrative Assistant  
Anna Ely, Recording Secretary

A list of others present that signed the attendance roster is filed in the permanent files of the Water Authority.

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. and everyone stood for a moment silence in support of the families and friends and victims of the recent shooting in Orlando, and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**VICE CHAIR DUFRESNE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAKE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2016 - REGULAR MEETING.** Ms. Maimone seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 5-0.**

**3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Mr. Perry gave the water level report and stated that Lake Apopka is currently at 65.35 feet which 2.9 feet below the regulatory level and .05 below minimum desirable. He stated that there has been no flow from Lake Apopka, through the Apopka-Beauclair Lock and Dam since May 17, 2016.

He stated that the Middle lakes/Superpond are averaging about a third of a foot below regulatory level and about half a foot above minimum desirable. He noted that Lake Griffin is .2 feet below the regulatory level and about .75 feet about minimum desirable.

He stated that the flow through the Burrell Lock and Dam and the Moss Bluff Lock and Dam are at minimum and have been for some time.

He reported that Lake Minnehaha is a little more than a third of a foot higher than it was this time last year. He stated that as of that morning, the water level is at 96.8 feet. He noted that the lake is about .8 above the bottom of the regulatory range.

He stated that at this time last year, the combined flow through Big and Little Creek was 2 cfs compared to the current flow of 49 cfs. He reported that the rainfall for May averaged 4.15 inches, which is about half an inch above the historic average for Clermont. He noted that the year-to-date rainfall is at 16.69 inches, which is 1.87 inches above normal, which is 113% of the expected average rainfall.

Mr. Perry reminded the Board that the upcoming Budget Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, 2016, which is the second Wednesday of the month. He stated that a time had not yet been set for the meeting, and asked what time they want to meet.

After discussion, the Board decided to move the meeting to Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 10am in the Lake County Water Authority conference room.

Mr. Perry also informed the Board that Ms. Burgos has been working with the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) regarding their request to place aquifer-monitoring wells at Scrub Point.

He stated that Ms. Burgos and Mr. Gugliotti met with representatives from SJRWMD at Scrub Point and looked at a couple of sites. He explained that initially SJRWMD would have to create a 100 foot x 100 work area, with the actual completed area for the well only taking up 9 feet by 9 feet for each one of the four wells.

He noted that staff will work up an agreement with SJRWMD and will bring it back to the Board in July or August.

Chairwoman Cox asked if the Water Authority would have to get permission from the Navy, and Mr. Perry replied that the National Parks Service holds the conservation easement and the Water Authority would have to go through them for permission. He noted that Attorney Barice would also need to have a look at any agreement made. He stated that Attorney Barice would be out of town for the July meeting, so it would most likely be August before this topic is brought back to the Board.

Mr. Perry also informed the Board that Ms. Burgos had done a wonderful job coordinating with a timber harvest company to harvest timber at Sawgrass Island Preserve. He noted that staff had only anticipated the revenue to be approximately \$4,000 but instead it netted \$18,462. He stated that the timber harvesting company did a professional job cleaning up the roads and trails and repairing the entrance road they had damaged.

Mr. Perry stated that he had received a call from Dennis Renfro from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) to inform him that they have been working with the Take Me Fishing Organization to create and advertise a Top 100 list of family friendly fishing spots in

Florida, and that Hickory Point is #21. He stated that staff needs to provide FWC with some high quality photos of Hickory Point for advertising.

Mr. Perry informed the Board that signs have been posted at the old office, but he has not received many calls as of yet. He stated that if there aren't any inquiries within the next couple of months, the Board can discuss what other action may need to be taken.

Ms. Maimone asked Mr. Perry to provide her with additional details about the building, so she can share it with commercial realtors.

Mr. Perry reported that he had spoken to Robert Chandler regarding the status of the proposed fieldhouse. He stated that one of the questions he had asked Mr. Chandler was how they came up with the dollar value of the economic impact of the proposed facility.

He stated that Mr. Chandler had informed him that the volleyball organization keeps record of how many teams and athletes attend the events and where they are from as well as how many spectators, etc. and then they use a special model that generates the economic impact. He explained that Mr. Chandler had stated that with the addition of the proposed fieldhouse, they would expect another 25 % to 50% more in revenue due to an increase in attendance.

Mr. Perry stated that he had also asked them where they are in the process, and Mr. Chandler had explained that while the building may have a slightly different footprint that originally proposed, they are still looking at a 4,000 square foot building. He pointed out the suggested location on a map of the courts. He stated that with the features they are planning, the projected costs are between 1.2 to 1.5 million dollars. He stated that the LCBCC has authorized them to spend up to \$200,000 to do a design and cost analysis.

He stated that during Mr. Chandler's presentation to the LCBCC, he had informed them that the Lake County Water Authority is being included in the process and that there will be more discussion with the Water Authority before they proceed with the final design. He noted that the lease between the LCBCC and the Lake County Water Authority would need to be revised and the Water Authority would have to approve the final design before they moved forward.

Mr. Perry stated that Mr. Chandler had informed the LCBCC that Commissioner Cadwell had met with some of the Water Authority Board Members and that Board Members had expressed their support to enter the design phase, but wanted to be in the process to insure compatibility.

Mr. Clark asked where the 1.2 to 1.5 million dollars would be coming from to build the fieldhouse and Mr. Perry explained that funding would come from the Tourist Development Council and possibly the LCBCC general revenue.

Mr. Clark asked where the Tourist Development Council would get the money, and Mr. Perry explained that it comes from tourist (hotel) taxes.

Chairwoman Cox stated that from what she read, LCBCC has decided to sell the old Welcome Center and use the funds toward the cost of the design phase. It was noted that the Welcome Center was initially paid for with taxpayers' money.

Mr. Clark asked how much private money was going to go into the project and Mr. Perry stated that there would probably be no private money going into the project.

It was noted that the Volleyball Association are not-for-profit groups and use the money they take in for marketing. Chairwoman Cox and Mr. Clark noted that it would be nice if the USA Volleyball Association would contribute to part of the cost and upkeep of the project.

Ms. Maimone stated that she is concerned about the trees, as the location they have designated for the Field House would require the removal of all the existing trees in that area. She stated that she would like for one of the requirement to be that any trees removed have to be replaced with trees in appropriate areas to provide shade.

Mr. Bryant asked if the footprint of the building fits into the area designated in the original lease and it was noted that the footprint almost fits, but how much area will be needed for stormwater and other building requirements is not known at this time.

Mr. Perry stated that the lease would have to be updated and revised, so any changes would be put into the revised lease. It was noted that there is not any room to put the proposed fieldhouse in any other location, due to the slope of the land.

Mr. Perry stated that the deadline for filing for the upcoming elections is noon on Friday. He stated that there has been some interest in the seats on the Board of Trustees for the Lake County Water Authority but District #2 and District #5 do not have any candidates at this time.

It was noted that District #2 is the seat left open by Mr. Oppelaar and is a two-year term to finish out Mr. Oppelaar's term and District #5 is Mr. Clark's district and is a four-year term.

Mr. Perry introduced the Water Authority's new intern John Cribbs from Lake Sumter State College. He stated that John will working with us for the summer and possibly into the fall.

#### **4. CONSENT ITEMS**

**MS. MAIMONE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.** Vice Chair Dufresne seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 5-0**

- a. Transfer Funds for NuRF Tank

**AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TRANSFER \$38,000 FROM 700-460 REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE TO 700-630 LAND IMPROVEMENTS.**

#### **5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. City of Leesburg Florida Energy and Aerospace Technology (FEAT) Park Update

Mike Rankin, Deputy City Manager for the City of Leesburg addressed the Board to give an update on the property that had been designated for the Florida Aerospace Technology Park (FEAT).

He stated the aerospace component is no longer viable and the City of Leesburg now envisions the property as a blue-collar industrial park with the opportunity of recruiting businesses that would bring jobs to Lake County.

He explained that they have discarded the concept of having a landing strip and are focusing on 650 acres that are not part of the spray fields. He noted that there is also additional land being used as a spray field that can be decommissioned and sold.

He explained that CoreSlab, an international company, has purchased 100 acres and their facility is under construction. He stated that once the facility is completed, they would produce architectural concrete items for ball stadiums, hotels, parking garages and hospitals, etc., which will bring approximately 100 new jobs to the area.

He also stated that the city is currently working with three other potential companies, which would include several hundred acres of the park and potentially bring 300 to 500 jobs to Lake County. He stated that financial impact is about 7-1 for business development, with every one dollar brought in generating approximately seven dollars in the community.

Mr. Bryant stated that while Mr. Rankin's focus is the creation of jobs, the Lake County Water Authority's job is the protection of aquatic resources. He noted that it looks like approximately a quarter of Lake Denham is included in the park area. He asked what their plans are for developing on or around Lake Denham.

Mr. Rankin stated that the environment is a factor and that of the whole 1600 acres, there is only about 800 acres that can be developed due to the preservation and restrictions of the watershed and other natural resources. He stated each piece of property would be developed around any environmental constraints and much thought has gone into the development in working with Lake County and the St. Johns River Water Management District.

Mr. Bryant asked Mr. Perry and Ms. Burgos if they had reviewed the development plan for the area and Mr. Perry stated that he has not had a chance to review the plan. He noted that there are reports of an Indian midden in that area, but he doesn't know if that has been proven.

Chairwoman Cox asked if there is a new plat or if they are developing as they go and Mr. Rankin stated that at this time, they are redrawing the lines and are carving out the areas as they go. He stated that the city would be creating a masterplan for the property.

Mr. Bryant noted that of the 1600 acres, there are 800 acres for development and 800 acres for conservation. He asked if there is a map showing the designation of those areas and Mr. Rankin stated that there are engineered maps designating the different areas.

Attorney Barice asked for copies of any documents they can share regarding easements, wetland designations, etc. Mr. Rankin stated that he would be glad to provide anything they have.

b. Lake Norris Property Appraisal

Ms. Burgos updated the Board regarding the Lake Norris Property.

Option 1) – She stated that there has been no change in Option 1 which was to consider a land trust as a partner that could fundraise acquisition dollars.

Option 2) – She stated that in regarding the Forever Florida Program, Parks and Open Space Grant is open for applications until August 30, 2016. She explained that the grant is funded through the Florida Communities Trust who will match up to 50%. She stated that the grant is based on a point system with a certain number of points being given for each requirement.

Option 3) – She stated that nothing else has been done regarding the National Park Service, pending the outcome of this meeting.

Option 4) – Working with a conservation buyer – Ms. Burgos stated that she has received an email from a foundation regarding interest in partnering on the acquisition.

Option 5) – She noted that the Felburn Foundation has not contacted her as of yet, so there is nothing new to report.

Chairwoman Cox verified that the St. Johns River Water Management District is partnering on the appraisal and Ms. Burgos stated that St. Johns agreed to pay 50% of the appraisal which costs \$776,000.

Chairwoman Cox asked about the National Parks Service and Ms. Burgos stated that she had not contacted her since the initial email, pending the outcome of this meeting.

Chairwoman Cox noted that the Green Bank also has a foundation that may be interested in partnering with the Water Authority, but they have not made any commitment.

Brian Richards, owner of the Lake Norris property, addressed the board. He thanked them for their interest in protecting the property. He stated that he sees the development in the area and wants to do what he can to protect the property, and would personally do what he can to help preserve it. He explained that if he were to sell the land to someone who would develop it, the new owners would be able to build up to six houses along the edge of Lake Norris, which would almost double the number of homes that are out there now.

Chairwoman Cox stated that personally she thinks it worth further investigation through next month during the budget process to see if there is any money available before the Board says no to the purchase.

Mr. Clark stated that since there is such a wide difference between the asking price and the impartial appraisal, and since it appears that no one is interested in pursuing the project, he would recommend just dropping the whole deal.

Mr. Bryant stated that the appraisal is not necessarily a take it or leave it amount, but rather a guide for starting discussion. He stated that because there is some interest from some of the

foundations, he feels it is worth pursuing another month. He stated that Mr. Richards is being very patient allowing the time needed to explore the situation and gaining the knowledge of the different foundations and what they are willing to invest, is worth the time it takes.

He stated that the value of the property hasn't changed since the appraisal and because it is nearly 100 acres wedged in between Lake Norris, Seminole State Forest and the Water Authority's Bear Track Preserve it is worth looking into because of its hydrologic value.

He stated that the only thing that has changed is that the St. Johns River Water Management District has decided that they would no longer participate or provide funding after the completion of the appraisal. He stated that there are several different options on the table and it is not going to cost us anymore at this time, he thinks they should pursue all the different options.

He stated that you do not have to buy everything, as sometimes you can create conservation easements that will meet the objective of protecting the land, yet still allowing someone to build a residence on the property.

Ms. Maimone stated that she has voiced her opinion several times regarding the project and stated that she still feels the same way and does not want to move forward with the purchase.

Vice Chair Dufresne stated that he is on the fence. He stated that he would like to look into the different foundation options and see what happens, as he would hate to see homes built there.

Mr. Bryant stated that he felt that staff should pursue the various options and report back to the Board at their next meeting.

**MR. BRYANT MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PURSUE THE VARIOUS OPTIONS AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AT NEXT MEETING.**

Vice Chair Dufresne seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 4-1, with Ms. Maimone in opposition.**

c. Lake Denham Muck Farm Nutrient Loading

Mr. Hart updated the Board regarding the Lake Denham Muck Farm. He stated that the Lake Denham Muck Farm is a 563-acre site consisting of six parcels and the issue that the Water Authority has regarding the farm is that it has an extremely high nutrient discharge that is leaving the site. He stated that it is estimated that the muck farm produces 1100 total pounds per year of total phosphorous per year that is leaving the site and entering Lake Denham.

Chairwoman Cox asked if the Lake Denham Nutrient Study had been completed and Mr. Hart stated that although they discussed doing a nutrient study of Lake Denham, the Board decided to do Trout Lake and Lake Yale first. He explained that staff is able to get the information needed from Lake Denham from a project by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Mr. Hart explained that when you look at the sources of nutrient loading coming into Lake Denham, you see that the muck farm is at 1100 total pounds, with the total loading for lake at 3300 pounds.

He explained that of all the loading coming into Lake Denham, the man-made controllable portion is 1647 pounds of total phosphorous. He stated that for lake to improve from 95 parts per billion, down to 50 parts per billion, we have to be able to take out 1000 total pounds of phosphorous each year. He stated that the only way that can happen would be to address the loading from the muck farm.

Mr. Hart stated that one way to do that would be to construct sufficient sized retention ponds on the muck farm to treat the water and reduce the loading. He explained that the cost of purchasing the land for the retention ponds and the earthwork that would be required would cost far greater than purchasing the entire site.

Ms. Maimone asked how purchasing the muck farm would stop the nutrient loading in the lake. Mr. Hart explained that the farm actively fertilizes the soil to grow their crops, and then to get rid of nematodes and insects, they will flood the soils, then they pump the water off, which sends the nutrients into the lake.

Chairwoman Cox asked what plants are being grown on the muck farm at this time and Mr. Hart replied that they grow palm trees, sod and whatever else is marketable at the time.

Chairwoman Cox asked if any of the discharge from the muck farm goes toward the Okahumpka Marsh and Mr. Hart explained that there is a basin boundary and a roadway that minimizes the flow toward the Withlacoochee. He stated that most of the discharge flows out into Lake Denham and toward Lake Harris.

Mr. Hart explained that the Lake Denham Muck Farm consists of six separate parcels that lie between Flat Island Preserve and the Okahumpka Marsh, which are owned by the Lake County Water Authority.

He explained that if the Water Authority were to acquire the property, management would be to allow the property to flood and leave it. He stated that as long as the water is contained on site, there would be no loading going into the lake from the site. He noted that the benefit of keeping the soil flooded is that the soils are no longer oxidizing. He explained that when the soil is dried and used for farming, it releases all the phosphorous that have been organically bound to the soil into the water.

Mr. Hart explained that by keeping the land flooded it reverses the process and puts the phosphorous back into the soil instead of letting it out of the soil and into the water system. Chairwoman Cox noted that it sounds like Lake Apopka, but on a smaller scale.

Ms. Maimone asked if there was a canal leading from the muck farm to Lake Denham or if there is a slow runoff of water across the land and Mr. Hart stated that a canal directly connects the muck farm to Lake Denham.

Ms. Maimone asked if the canal would be left in place and Mr. Hart explained that the canal would have to stay, as it is a navigation route and is used by campers and hikers. He stated that one of the owners of the muck farm also owns property to the north, and will want to continue to use the canal as access to Lake Denham.

Mr. Clark noted that when the muck farms along Lake Apopka were allowed to flood, it caused a massive bird kill and Mr. Hart explained that it was caused by high levels of the pesticide Toxaphene on the site. It was noted that the shallow water attracted wading birds to feed on the small organisms and fish and at that time, the dangers of the pesticide Toxaphene were not known.

Mr. Clark asked how the Water Authority would prevent that from happening with the Lake Denham Muck Farm. Mr. Hart explained that instead of a shallow fill, the muck farm would flood itself and become a lake with water being from five to eight feet deep. He noted that the level of the land is below the ground water table.

Mr. Clark noted since the Water Authority's goal is to get the maximum daily load down to the required level, if the Water Authority or someone else doesn't take care of the loading from the muck farm, there is no sense in doing anything else, as there is no other way to reach that goal.

Mr. Hart stated that they would still need to do anything else that could be done to improve the water quality, but with something being done about the muck farm, it will never get it to that goal.

Mr. Bryant asked how is it that we can have this much loading in this day and age, that causes problem downstream and if there was a top end amount that businesses like that are allowed to discharge.

Mr. Hart explained that land being used for agriculture have special exemptions and do not have to meet the same TMDL requirements.

Attorney Barice asked who is tasked with meeting the TMDLs and Mr. Hart explained that the State requires the jurisdictional bodies that approve a development to mitigate the impacts that will occur.

He stated that in this case, if the property were located in the unincorporated area of the County, it would be the County's responsibility, to mitigate for the load. He noted however, that since the property is agricultural, the County or Cities are not responsible, as agricultural property does not have to meet the TMDLs.

Mr. Hart noted that the Legislature would have to give DEP the authority to force agricultural properties meet the TMDLs and Vice Chair Dufresne stated that would open a can of worms if they were to do that.

**MS. MAIMONE MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO WORK WITH ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT TO SECURE APPRAISAL FOR THE LAKE DENHAM MUCK FARM.** Vice Chair Dufresne seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 5-0.**

Mr. Hart stated that he would recommend also working with Florida Communities Trust as well as other state programs using Florida Forever funds, to if the LCWA could potentially tap into those funds.

He also stated that he had spoken to Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission regarding the possibility of their agency participating in the funding and then allowing them to manage the site as a Fish Management Area.

He stated that there are many different options and staff wants to be able to explore them all and bring any information back to the Board.

d. Joe Branham Property Donation

Mr. Hart informed the Board that Joe Branham is looking to donate a forty-acre parcel on Lake Denham. He explained that the property is not adjacent to either of the Water Authority properties in that area. He stated that there are six parcels owned by Central Florida Investment Company that are between Mr. Branham's property and Water Authority property.

He stated that Ms. Maimone had suggested that if the Board has an interest in accepting Mr. Branham's donation, it might be worthwhile to see if Central Florida Investment Company might willing to donate their land. Chairwoman Cox noted that none of the property in the area, which includes Helena Run, is conducive to development.

Mr. Hart noted that the majority of the property owned by Central Florida Investment Company is wetlands, with some of the property being wholly located within the lake. He explained the property has very little value, with only a small portion of uplands that might have minimal timber value.

Mr. Bryant stated that due to its close proximity to Flat Island it would make sense move forward with this, as it might be an opportunity to protect a significant amount of shoreline along Lake Denham.

MS. MAIMONE MADE A MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH CONTACTING CENTRAL FLORIDA INVESTMENT COMPANY TO SEE IF THEY ARE WILLING TO DONATE THEIR PROPERTY, AND IF SO, TO MOVE FORWARD WITH ACCEPTING BOTH PARCELS. Vice Chair Dufresne seconded the motion.

Mr. Bryant stated that he assumed that she meant that she meant accepting the donation of any portion of the property owned by Central Florida Investment Company should they be interested. Chairwoman Cox stated they could see what they may be willing to offer.

Mr. Clark stated that it sounds like it should actually be two separate motions, with one being to contact Central Florida Investments and the second being to accept the donation of the properties involved.

The Board decided to wait and see what Central Florida Investment Company had to say regarding the donation of their property before making any decisions.

Ms. Maimone amended her original motion to only include Central Florida Investment Company.

**MS. MAIMONE MADE A MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH CONTACTING CENTRAL FLORIDA INVESTMENT COMPANY TO SEE IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN DONATING ANY PORTION OF THEIR PROPERTY.** Mr. Clark seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 5-0.**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

e. 2015 Annual Report

Mr. Perry stated that everyone had received a draft copy of the Annual Report for 2015 and Chairwoman Cox asked that Board Members review the report and get with Mr. Perry regarding any changes or corrections. She asked that it be brought back to the Board in July for approval.

**7. LEGAL STAFF REPORT**

Attorney Barice stated that she would be traveling during the July meeting but would be in contact through Skype and messages during the meeting.

She reported that she and Ms. Burgos are still working on the Wolf Branch Vacation Petition to resolve the access issue.

She also reported that she had received a draft copy of the Extreme Groves agreement from the attorney for Meritage Homes. She stated that there are a number of issues with the document, but before they can be addressed, she needs to see the attachments to the agreement. She stated that once they have received the exhibits, they would be able to discuss the issues.

**8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Clark noted that when the canals on Lake Griffin were dredged, the economic impact estimates ranged for zero dollars to one million dollars. He asked Mr. Perry what dollar amount had actually been submitted to the State and Mr. Perry explained that he did not know the amount, as he was not working for the Water Authority at that time.

Chairwoman Cox stated that in their quarterly report to the LCBCC, the Tourist Development Council had estimated the economic impact of the volleyball fieldhouse to be over a million dollars but when Robert Chandler gave the actual presentation, he had reported the estimated impact at \$750,000. Mr. Perry stated that he believed \$750,000 was the economic estimate without the fieldhouse, and the one million dollar estimate is the estimated economic impact if they build the fieldhouse. It was noted that they should take any mention of the economic impact for the proposed volleyball fieldhouse as just estimates.

Ms. Maimone informed the Board that she had received a phone call from Rachel Barnes, Legislative Assistant to Senator Kelli Stargel of District 15 regarding water levels in South Lake

County. She asked if anyone else had received a call, and the other Board members stated that they did not.

She explained that Randal Rainey would be meeting with Ms. Barnes and Senator Stargel regarding water levels in South Lake County and noted that Ms. Barnes had stated that Senator Stargel wanted to hear all sides of the issue.

Mr. Perry stated that he had tried to return her call and had left a message. Both Mr. Perry and Ms. Maimone stated that would try again to contact Senator Stargel the next day.

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

**10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. Staff Reports
- b. Monthly Financial Reports – May 2016

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

- Sabal Bluff Preserve, Golf Cart & Nature Hike, Friday, June 24, 2016 (9am to 11 am)
- Hickory Point Park, Family Fun Day Hike and Dip Netting, Saturday, July 9, 2016 (9 am to Noon)
- Board Meeting - Wednesday, July 27, 2016 (3:30 pm)  
BCC Chambers/Admin. Building
- Sawgrass Island Preserve Trailer Tour, Friday, August 5, 2016 (6 pm to 8:30 pm)
- Flat Island Preserve, Wildflower & Photo Hike, Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016 (8 am to 11 am)
- Hidden Waters Preserve, Nature Hike, Oct. 1, 2016 (9 am – Noon)
- Flat Island Preserve, Long 4-5 mile Hike, Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016 (9 am – Noon)
- Sawgrass Island Preserve, Long 4-5 mile Hike, Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016 (9 am – Noon)
- Lake Norris Conservation Area, Dog & Owner Hike, Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017 (9am – Noon)
- Wolf Branch Sink Preserve Open House, Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017 (8:30 am to 3:00 pm)
- Flat Island Preserve, Firefly & Bats, Friday, March 10, 2017 (6:30 pm to 8:30 pm)

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.