

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**of the**  
**LAKE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**  
**February 22, 2017**

The Regular Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Water Authority was held at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 in the Lake County Administration Building, County Commissioners Chambers at 315 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida.

**Members Present-District #**

Adam Dufresne, Chairman (At Large)  
Peggy Cox, (#1)  
Diana M. Mullins (#3)  
Doug Bryant (#4)

**Staff Present**

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  
Christina Rider, Executive Office Manager  
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 3:37 p.m. by Peggy Cox and everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Mr. Perry gave the water level report and stated that Lake Apopka is still hovering near the minimum desirable level. He explained that the regulatory schedule for Lake Apopka would normally have water levels coming down about March and stated that because the water levels is so low, it is unlikely that there will be any discharges until there is a lot more water in the lake.

He explained that the water level of the Middle Lakes/Superpond (Lake Eustis, Lake Harris and Lake Dora) is about halfway between minimum desirable and the regulatory schedule, so not in quite as bad of a condition as Lake Apopka, but still in a downward trend. He stated that condition on Lake Griffin is similar to the Superpond in that it is midway between minimum desirable and the regulatory schedule. He noted that the regulatory schedule for the Superpond and Lake Griffin would not start coming down until around the first part of June.

He stated that Lake Minnehaha, on the Clermont Chain, is in an upward trend with today's rain, compared to the downward trend it has had since Hurricane Matthew, although some of the depth could be related to wind in the area of the gauge. Ms. Cox stated that they are still getting a lot of rain in that area at this time.

He showed a graph of water levels over the last six months and pointed out that water levels have dropped approximately three-quarters of a foot since last October when Hurricane Matthew brought rainfall our way. He stated that the water level today is one-third of a foot lower than this time last year, and noted that water levels have been much lower in the past. He stated that lake levels are dependent upon rainfall, especially in south Lake County.

He stated that the combined flow from Big and Little Creek was at 3.5 cfs as of this morning, compared to a combined flow of 108 cfs at this time last year. He noted that unless we get some rain the lake levels are going to continue to decline.

He stated that the Cherry Lake structure has been closed since November 2016, in order to hold as much water in the system as possible.

Mr. Perry informed the Board that Chairman Dufresne and Ms. Mullin had attended Lake Legislative Days, which were held in Tallahassee February 15 and 16, 2017.

He also updated the Board on the condition of the road to Scrub Point Preserve and explained that originally the road was a sandy and very difficult to travel. He showed a current photograph of the road into Scrub Point and explained that as the St. Johns River Water Management District has been installing monitoring wells at the preserve, they (the District) had to improve the road in order to get their equipment to the site. He noted improvement of the road was done at no cost to the Water Authority.

He stated that the District brought in over 90 loads of rock to harden the road and the road is approximately 12 to 15 feet wide almost to the gate. He stated that once the District has finished installing the pads for the wells, there might be some rock left over, and we could request that they finish the road the rest of the way to the gate. He stated that the Water Authority sends their appreciation to the District for doing that.

Mr. Bryant asked about the location of the road and Mr. Perry explained that the road goes almost to the upper end of the 5-acre parcel, but doesn't go all the way to the gate.

Ms. Burgos pointed out the location of the smaller well on the 5-acre parcel and the location of the four larger wells. She stated that should the Water Authority put a site resident on the 5-acre parcel, the District would help with landscaping the site.

Mr. Bryant stated that should the Water Authority decide to open Scrub Point to the public, the newly improved road would provide access to the preserve.

Ms. Burgos stated that during construction of the well on the 5-acre parcel the District would be working on a 100-foot-by-100-foot area. She explained that once the well has been installed they would reduce the pad down to 20-foot-by-20-foot area, which will be permanent. She stated that she has asked that they put the rock that is removed on the road in order to bring it as close to the gate as possible.

Ms. Cox asked if most of the citrus trees are gone and Ms. Burgos explained that most of the citrus trees are gone or dying from Citrus Greening and the lease with Uncle Matt's was terminated last year.

Mr. Perry informed the Board that the St. Johns River Water Management District would be having a ribbon cutting tomorrow at 10:30 am for the new McDonald Canal Boat Ramp. Ms. Mullins stated that she was planning to attend and Mr. Perry stated that he would also be there.

Mr. Perry reminded the Board that the Celebration of Hickory Point's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary would be held this coming Saturday, following the conclusion of the fishing clinic. He stated that there would be a short ceremony around noon with a couple of Board Member speaking.

He stated that plans are to plant a tree in commemoration and to bury a time capsule near the flagpole. He stated that boat tours of Little Lake Harris are also planned.

He noted that Gail Goldberg is retiring and Saturday's Celebration of Hickory Point would her last day. He stated that Danielle Dougherty started training with Gail on February 13. He noted that Danielle would be taking over Gail's position when once she has retired.

Mr. Perry stated that in other staff news, Evan Bump, Field Ranger had started to work this week and replaces Marcia Robinson who left the Agency to return to work for the County.

He also informed the Board that both Tracy Hauserman and Ron Hart now have over 20 years with the Lake County Water Authority.

He stated that Brian Nagy and his Field Maintenance Staff have been busy sprucing up Hickory Point. He showed a photograph of the boardwalk through the wetland area and stated that staff had pressure washed and cleaned the boardwalk. (*Included in the backup document as an exhibit.*)

He stated that the Sheriff's Office would also be holding their Annual Fishing Tournament and Sheriff's Family Fun Day that day and noted that there would also be a USA Volleyball Tournament that day. He stated that someone from the Sheriff's Department would be directing traffic and directing those attending the Volleyball Tournament to the soccer overflow parking area.

Mr. Perry informed the Board that the next Citizen's Lakes Academy would be held on Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> at Venetian Gardens. He stated that the topic would be the Harris Chain and it would be an all-day class on a Saturday rather than being two weekday evenings and a Saturday morning.

Mr. Perry stated that Chairman Dufresne is requesting to hold a Board Workshop and is looking at March 7<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the workshop would run approximately 1 pm to 5 pm. The Board Members present were in agreement that the 9<sup>th</sup> would be the best day. Mr. Perry noted that he was putting together a list of topics.

Mr. Perry informed the Board that Lake County would most likely be back to address the Board at the March Board Meeting to discuss the proposed volleyball fieldhouse at Hickory Point.

He stated that Robert Chandler with Lake County Tourism had noted that one thing Board Members had been asking was what the Water Authority is getting for allowing the construction

of the volleyball fieldhouse. He asked if there is anything they could add to the construction part that might be of benefit to the Water Authority.

Mr. Perry stated that each Board member should have a list of about 10 suggested options at their table.

He stated that currently there are two meters coming into Hickory Point, one of which is a two-inch potable water line and the other is a six-inch line that we had to have in order to provide fire protection for the pavilion. He noted that it costs approximately \$3,000 for the six-inch meter. He stated that if the County could run a 2-inch line all the way to the pavilion for potable water, the six-inch line could be hooked into the re-use system and the Water Authority could eliminate the six-inch meter and save approximately \$3,000 per month.

Ms. Cox noted that another choice would be the fencing along SR 19, as Commissioner Campione has stated several times that the fencing along the road needs replacing. She stated that she felt the most important things on the list of suggestions were the water line and the fencing along SR 19.

Ms. Mullins pointed out that the water line would provide a long-term savings for the Water Authority, as it would eliminate approximately \$3,000 per month, which would be a substantial long-term savings.

Mr. Bryant stated that he doesn't remember the water line issue ever being discussed and Mr. Perry stated that it was discussed briefly when building the new office building, but decided it was too costly to replace the line at that time. He explained that the opportunity to have the County replace the line was something that came up after the County last spoke to the Board regarding the field house.

Mr. Bryant stated that he wouldn't mind seeing the replacement of trees in the park, or the planting of additional trees.

Ms. Cox noted that repairing the holes and drop offs at the end of the boat ramps is another item on the list but she felt that the replacement of the water line, replacement of the fence and new trees should be their main choices.

Ms. Cox updated the Board on the progress of the Sabal Trail Natural Gas Pipeline. She explained for those that are new to the Board that the pipeline originates in Alabama and runs through Alabama, Georgia and into Florida. She stated that it is running through the south west of Lake County and through the Green Swamp.

She stated that there was a lot of opposition to the pipeline, and there still is in some places. She noted that the Audubon Society tried to stop the route from going through Little Creek Basin and tried to get it routed along road and utility easement areas, but were unable to do so for Lake County. They were successful in getting it rerouted in other areas such as Dunnellon, where the Audubon Society owns property.

Ms. Cox explained that she and Mr. Hart had attended the first Federal Energy Regulatory Commission public meeting for the area approximately four years ago. She stated that they

voiced their concerns regarding going through Little Creek Basin and the Green Swamp because of the elevation and the flow of the water from the Green Swamp into the Clermont Chain.

Mr. Hart noted that this was happening at the same time as the Water Authority was replacing damaged culverts that were hindering the natural flow of water into the Chain.

Ms. Cox showed photographs of the pipeline and stated that she had recently visited the area and found that the pipeline is already in the ground in the areas of SR 33 and CR 474. She noted that the plans are to have the Sabal Trail Natural Gas Pipeline in full operation in June.

*Chairman Dufresne entered the meeting.*

Mr. Hart stated that he has called representatives of the pipeline and they have offered to take staff and Board members out to the site when we are ready.

Ms. Cox stated that some groups in north Florida are still in court fighting the location of the pipeline. She noted that none of the compressors in the system, which push the gas through the pipeline, are in Lake County. She stated that the nearest compressor is in Marion or Sumter County.

### **3. CONSENT ITEMS**

None

### **4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. Lake Apopka North Shore Reuse and Levee System

Postponed until the April meeting.

- b. Rep. Metz Proposed Bill Related to the Water Authority

Mr. Perry stated that each Board member should have a copy redraft F, which is the most current version of the proposed bill, and the same one presented at the local delegation meeting. He noted that all the Board members with the exception of Ms. Cox were at the delegation meeting that night.

He stated that he was pleased to see the reception that the Water Authority received from the audience and noted that everyone that got up to speak stated very positive and kind things about the Agency. He stated that he felt that the Water Authority has made a positive impact with the public and the public relayed that to the Delegation Members.

Mr. Perry explained that there had been changes made to the bill that the Board had not yet seen. He stated that he wanted to talk about the changes and get some input from the Board members about a couple of areas that he could relay to Representative Metz.

He pointed out that verbiage had been removed from the legislation anywhere it mentioned the Water Authority providing recreational facilities to attract tourist. He stated that Representative Metz wants the Water Authority completely out of the tourist business.

He noted that verbiage was added to clarify that Board Members needed to live in the jurisdictional district they are representing and noted that the section outlining the initial Board member election is no longer needed and would be eliminated.

He pointed out that on Pages 4 and 5, Representative Metz had removed the Water Authority's ability to use condemnation or eminent domain.

He noted that in the section stating that the Water Authority could acquire property by purchase, gift, or lease, or any other manner, Representative Metz had stricken the phrase "*or any other manner*". He explained that Attorney Barice was concerned that the removal of the phrase "*or any other manner*" might limit the Water Authority acquiring property to just purchase, gift or lease. He stated they are recommending to the Board that they request Representative Metz, to allow the phrase "*or any other manner*" to remain.

Ms. Cox asked how often the Water Authority has made use of its eminent domain abilities, and Mr. Perry stated that it was utilized many years ago when the structures along the Palatlahaha River were being built.

Ms. Cox asked if there was a reason given, why the Water Authority shouldn't have this power and Mr. Perry replied that Representative Metz had stated that he doesn't think Special Taxing Districts should have that kind of power.

Attorney Barice stated that there are legitimate reasons for eminent domain to remain, as it can be used as leverage to negotiate with land owners, who also get beneficial tax breaks. She stating that leaving it in there, doesn't mean they would use it. She noted that if you take out condemnation or eminent domain you can't get it back by any other manner.

Ms. Cox asked if there was a reason given, why the Water Authority shouldn't have this power and Mr. Perry replied that Representative Metz had stated that he doesn't think it is a Power Special Taxing District should have that kind of power.

Chairman Dufresne stated that he agrees with Attorney Barice. He explained that he had spoken with Representative Metz and is very adamant stated that Representative Metz was very adamant about removing the Water Authority's power of condemnation and eminent domain.

Mr. Bryant asked Attorney Barice if she thought that having a municipality or Lake County handle any condemnation or eminent domain on behalf of the Water Authority would be adequate replacement for having the power ourselves and Attorney Barice stated that she did not. She explained that just because the Water Authority could request that a municipality or Lake County handle the eminent domain, does not mean that they would be willing to.

Mr. Bryant stated that his recommendation to Representative Metz would be that he retains the current language regarding condemnation/imminent domain. He noted that if Representative

Metz is adamant in removing that language, the Water Authority should request that the phrase “or any other manner” is left in.

Mr. Perry also pointed out that on Page 6 the Water Authority’s ability to take State lands had also been stricken. He noted that on Page 7 that Attorney Barice has suggested that the Water Authority request to keep the phrase “*or otherwise*”.

Chairman Dufresne asked when the bill would be filed and Mr. Perry stated that it would be filed on March 7.

Mr. Perry stated that when talking to Representative Metz about the things that the Water Authority does that are not part of legislation it was noted that the Water Authority had taken on the responsibility of maintaining the navigability in the major chains of lakes. He explained that they had given him the language of the Board’s policy that has been in place since 2000, and stated that Representative Metz has included that verbiage as part of the legislation on Page 8.

Mr. Perry noted that during previous discussion, Mr. Bryant had questioned whether that was something the Board wanted to see as part of the legislation or if it would be better to keep it as a policy. He stated that if it becomes part of the legislation, it would mean that it is part of the law and the Water Authority’s responsibilities would be very specific without any leeway. He noted that if it remains as policy, the Board could make changes should they want.

Ms. Cox stated that one of the Water Authority’s purposes states “*for purposes of controlling and conserving freshwater resources of Lake County, improvement to streams, lakes and canals in the county*” and is a very broad statement and would cover the idea of improving navigation and making sure the water are navigable. She stated that is not sure that the legislation should specifically name the canals, and the publicly accessible portions of the Palatlahaha, etc.

Chairman Dufresne stated that if it came down to a problem as to who is in charge of waterway cleanup after a hurricane, etc., having it as part of the legislation would clearly put the Water Authority in charge.

Mr. Perry noted that Attorney Barice has pointed out some issues with leaving the exact verbiage of the policy in the proposed legislation. It was noted that “*substantial*” and “*significant*” could mean many things and Attorney Barice stated that the language is fraught with potential for litigation.

Mr. Bryant stated that the bottom line is that currently it is a policy with a lot of specific language, but they could make changes if it were to be needed. He stated that if the changes being suggested become part of the legislation we would have to go back to the legislature in order to request any changes.

Members of the Board suggested asking Representative Metz to delete lines 193 through 202 and leave it as a Board policy rather than part of the legislation. Mr. Perry stated that he understood their request and no motion was needed.

Ms. Cox that she was having trouble understanding line 237 on Page 10, that states “*the Board may promote recreation and tourism through Board resolutions, press releases, electronic*”

*communications and attendance at public events sponsored by other entities*” but may not expend public funds to promote recreation and tourism in the County by hosting or doing something on their own.

Chairman Dufresne stated Representative Metz doesn’t want the Water Authority to be able spend money to promote to themselves, such as having a billboard, making commercials, or putting advertisements in the newspaper saying that the Water Authority is having an event. He explained that the Water Authority could attend events being sponsored and promoted by other entities.

It was noted that putting an article to promote a hike or paddle in a community newspaper for which there is no cost is allowed, as well as promoting events on the Agency’s website or social media.

Mr. Bryant stated that he didn’t understand the part about hosting events without spending tax dollars. He stated that it is not possible to host an event without using tax dollars.

Mr. Perry noted that this section pertains to the promotion of recreation and tourism, and that doing an informational and educational event does not have the same restrictions.

It was noted that the Water Authority could not host an event such as Wings and Wildflowers at Hickory Point, but Lake County could, and the Water Authority could participate.

Attorney Barice suggest adding verbiage at Line 237 that states, *“The Board may promote the Agency’s mission, conservation and water protection, recreation and tourism through Board resolutions, press releases, electronic communications and attendance, but otherwise may not expend public funds to promote recreation and tourism”*. She explained that this would give the Water Authority the ability to promote their mission, conservation and water protection with a bit of leeway.

Mr. Perry noted that lines 209 through 213 pertaining to boat ramps back in had previously been stricken but Representative Metz was agreeable with putting that verbiage back in.

He also noted that since the Board had received their copy of the draft, representatives of the Disc Golf community had spoken to Representative Metz and he had added verbiage stating *“nothing in this act shall prohibit the continued use of the disc golf course at Hidden Waters Preserve”*. He explained that disc golf courses would not be allowed on any other preserve.

Mr. Perry noted that Attorney Barice has suggested that the phrase *“or otherwise dispose of property, deemed by the Water Authority to no longer be useful to the Water Authority mission”* to Line 267, where it states that the Water Authority can sell or donate land for parks, to Lake County.

Ms. Cox informed Chairman Dufresne that the Board had decided that the best date for the Chairman’s Retreat would be March 9, in the afternoon.

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

## **CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **c. Green Bank Foundation Donation for the 18-acre Lake Norris Acres Acquisition Building**

Ms. Burgos addressed the Board regarding the First Green Foundation's donation of \$50,000 toward the purchase of the 18-acre parcel at Lake Norris. She stated that the Foundation is requesting to name the property the First Green Foundation Park.

She stated that the First Green Foundation is willing to put up a sign at their own expense, and showed some examples of signage posted on other Water Authority properties acknowledging donation of land or funding. She stated that this is something that doesn't have to be decided immediately and can be discussed at a later date.

Ms. Cox noted that the sign being requested would be at the entrance to the Lake Norris Acres portion of the property. She asked if there was a sign at the entrance to Bear Track Preserve. Ms. Burgos stated that there is a sign at Bear Track Preserve.

Chairman Dufresne stated that he understands that the Water Authority cannot sell its naming rights and asked where the wording regarding First Green Foundation would be placed on the sign.

Attorney Barice explained that the draft agreement does not give First Green Foundation naming rights to the property, but states that the Water Authority agrees to place a sign on the property stating that the Water Authority acknowledges the Foundation's participation toward the purchase of the property.

She also noted that the #5 in the agreement calls for a conservation easement on the property, limiting it to passive recreation and #6 states that First Green Foundation can advertise their partnership in the acquisition of the property. She stated that First Green Foundation can promote the property all they want, but the agreement does not give them naming rights.

Ms. Cox noted that the agreement states that First Green Foundation can put sign acknowledging their participation and contribution,

Mr. Bryant thanked Robbie Gossett with First Green Foundation. He stated that he doesn't want to be in the position of giving out the naming rights as a mandatory condition of the donation. He asked that staff come back with a recommendation for the sign at next Board meeting.

Ms. Cox stated that the Board can vote to accept the donation and the draft agreement, and noted that the sign could be agreed upon in the future.

Mr. Bryant stated that he thinks the language in the agreement is open enough in the draft agreement and didn't feel anything needed to be changed.

Attorney Barice noted that there are some penciled comments to be erased, and the agreement would be ready to sign. Robbie Gossett with First Green Foundation stated that would be fine.

Ms. Burgos noted that a 4-foot-by-4-foot sign would be more appropriate in keeping with the other signs posted at Water Authority preserves.

**MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT GREEN BANK FOUNDATION'S DONATION AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FOR THE LAKE NORRIS ACRES 18-ACRE PARCEL, AND TO EXECUTE THE DONATION AGREEMENT.** Mr. Bryant seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 4 -0.**

*The Board took a short break at 5:33 and returned at 5:50 pm and the meeting was continued.*

d. Authorization to Temporarily Lower Water Levels at M-5 and M-6 During Construction

Mr. Hart stated that in December the Board gave the approval for Estep Construction to begin modification of M-5 and M-6. He stated that Estep ran into a problem because that the depth of the water in front of the dam is too deep to install the sheet pile correctly. He explained that alternatives to lowering the water level were investigated, but proved to be too costly.

He stated that Estep is requesting to temporarily lower the water level at the dam in order to install the sheet pile. He explained they are requesting a two-week period at each site to allow enough time, should there be any complications.

Mr. Hart stated that in preparation for lowering the water level in that area, staff sent notices to almost 200 property owners along the Palatlahaha and none have responded back with questions or complaints.

He explained that the reason the Board needs to give its approval is due to the fact that the system will be operating below the Board approved water level regulations.

**MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO LOWER LEVELS AT THE M-5 AND M-6 DAMS FOR A PERIOD OF 2 WEEKS AT EACH SITE SO THAT MODIFICATIONS TO THE STRUCTURES CAN BE PERFORMED.** Ms. Mullins seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 4 -0.**

e. Approval of Contract to Begin Design and Permitting on the Villa City Dam on the Palatlahaha River

Mr. Hart explained that the Villa City Dam is similar in structure to the other dams on the Palatlahaha, but has a much larger pool of water. He stated that staff is proposing to design a system that will operate without staff most of the time, especially during periods of low water.

He explained that staff needs to be able to maintain the ability to operate the structure during high flow times, so they are proposing an operable weir with lower top.

He noted that the dam has a roadway that crosses from one side to the other that is intended to allow traffic, as there is one property owner that owns property on both sides of the dam. He explained that the bottom of the roadway is crumbling and there is a possibility of it collapsing, so no vehicle traffic is allowed at this time. He stated that staff is hoping to include that repair in the modifications in order to be able to utilize it for traffic again.

Mr. Hart explained there are other structures that contribute to the water flowing through the Villa City Dam. He stated that one is the Hart Lake Culvert coming into the Villa City Dam structure, and another is the flow coming through Hart Lake and discharging north of the dam. He explained that engineers would have to work around those secondary flows.

He stated that the engineers have put together a proposal for designing the system, evaluating the roadway and creating the construction plans. He explained that the engineers would then submit the plans to the St. Johns River Water Management District for permitting.

**MR. BRYANT MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DREDGING AND MARINE CONSULTANTS FOR THE PALATLAKAHA RIVER VILLA CITY DAM MODIFICATIONS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.** Ms. Cox seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 4 -0.**

- f. Award RFP 2017-01 for Purchase and Installation of Two Single Vault Waterless or Low Water Turn-key Restrooms at Sawgrass Island Preserve

Ms. Burgos addressed the Board regarding the construction of restrooms at Sawgrass Island Preserve. She stated that the Board had previously given approval for the installation of restrooms. She noted that bids have been received and staff is ready to award the bid. She noted that currently there are restrooms at Bourlay Historic Nature Park, Crooked River Preserve and Flat Island Preserve.

She explained that plans call for two separate waterless restrooms. She stated that the one at the north entrance to the preserve will be completely waterless, but staff is hoping to have a sink and running water in the restroom at the southern entrance, as it is one near the site residence. She stated that it would still have a waterless toilet.

Ms. Burgos stated that in addition to giving approval to award the bid, the Board also needs to give approval for the transfer of the additional money needed from Budget Line Item 7220-460 Repair and Maintenance to Line Item 720-630 Site Improvement.

1. **MR. BRYANT MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH UBC PRECAST CONCRETE PRODUCTS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$52,980 FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TWO (2) WATERLESS OR LOW WATER TURN-KEY RESTROOMS AT SAWGRASS ISLAND PRESERVE. IF FOR SOME REASON STAFF CANNOT ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH UBC, STAFF REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION TO THEN ENTER INTO AN**

**AGREEMENT WITH WAGNER 3 VENTURES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$63,100.** Ms. Cox seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 4 -0.**

2. **MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TRANSFER \$14,100.00 FROM FY 2016-2017 BUDGET LINE ITEM 720-460 – REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE TO LINE ITEM 720-630 – SITE IMPROVEMENT TO COVER THE ADDITIONAL COST OF THE SAWGRASS ISLAND RESTROOM PROJECT.** Chairman Dufresne seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 4 -0.**

- g. Award Bid for Keyless Entry System at New Office

Mr. Garcia explained that the proposal is for a keyless access system for the new office building. He explained that due to the placement of the building there have been several members of the public coming through the employee and garage entrances even though there are signs.

He stated that the building was originally designed with a keyless access system in mind, and he explained that the system would provide security to the employees and the building. He noted that it would be programmable and would have remote access control in case of an emergency and there would be no need to re-key the lock in case of lost keys, etc.

**MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PROCEED WITH THE PURCHASE/INSTALLATION BY STAR SECURITY FOR THE DOOR ACCESS SYSTEM OF THE LCWA OFFICE BUILDING FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,149.** Mr. Bryant seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 4 -0.**

**5. LEGAL STAFF REPORT**

Attorney Barice stated that last month Vice Chair Farnier recommended that if ad valorem taxes have to be paid at the result of the volleyball fieldhouse lease agreement, Lake County would have to pay them. She stated that she had added a paragraph with that requirement to the draft lease agreement.

She also informed the Board that the Attorney General's office has filed an anti-trust action against the alum company. She reminded the Board and staff that all information and communication regarding General Chemical should to be retained.

**6. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Ms. Cox stated that Trout Lake Nature Center has started fund raising for the new Nature Center building they are planning to build. She informed Board Members that they would be getting invitations for Trout Lake Nature Center to discuss funding.

Chairman Dufresne reminded the Board that the Annual Kids Fishing Clinic would be held on Saturday from 9 am until 11:30 am and that the Hickory Point Park 25 Year Celebration would be held at noon at the Park.

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

None

**8. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- a. Staff Reports
- b. Monthly Financial Reports – January 2017

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

- Fruitland Park 5th grade at Hickory Point, Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017 (10 am to 1 pm)
- Freshwater Master Naturalist class at Hickory Point & Hidden Waters, Friday, Feb. 17, 2017 (9 am to 3 pm)
- Helena Run/Flat Island Preserve Paddling Adventure, Saturday, February 18, 2017 (9 am to Noon)
- Fruitland Park 5th grade at Hickory Point, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017 (10 am to 1 pm)
- Beverly Shores Elementary Career Day, Wednesday, Feb, 22, 2017 (9 am to 10:30 am)
- Mascotte Elementary K-5th STEM night, Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017 (6 pm to 8 pm)
- Hickory Point Park 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017
- Freshwater Master Naturalist class at NuRF & Lake Apopka, Friday, March 3, 2017 (9 am to 3 pm)
- Good Neighbor Event/National Invasive Species Awareness Week, Paisley Community Center & Library, Saturday, March 4, 2017 (9 am to 2 pm)
- Umatilla 1st grade at Hickory Point, Thursday, March 9, 2017 (9 am to 1 pm)
- Round Lake 5th grade at Gilbert Park, Friday, March 10, 2017 (9 am to 1 pm)
- Flat Island Preserve, Firefly & Bats, Friday, March 10, 2017 (6:30 pm to 8:30 pm)
- Blue Creek Paddling Adventure, Saturday, March 11, 2017 (9 am to Noon)
- Trout Lake Spring Break Campers at Hickory Point, Wednesday, March 15, 2017 (9 am to 3 pm)
- Citizens Lakes Academy - Harris Chain, Saturday, March 18, 2017 (9 am to 4 pm)
- Board Meeting - Wednesday, March 22, 2017 (3:30 pm)  
BCC Chambers/Admin. Building
- Tavares High School at NuRF, Thursday, March 23, 2017 (9 am to 12 pm)
- Umatilla 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Hickory Point, Friday, March 24, 2017 (9 am to 1 pm)
- Lake Envirothon at Hickory Point, Thursday, March 30, 2017 (9 am to 1 pm)
- Love-Our-Lakes Black Water Creek Clean-up, Saturday, April 1, 2017 (9 am to Noon)
- Black Water Creek Paddling Adventure, Friday, April 28, 2017 (9 am to Noon)
- Hickory Point Park Beginners Paddling Class, Saturday, May 20, 2017 (9 am to Noon)

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.