

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
of the
LAKE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
March 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, March 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)
Keith A. Farner, (At Large)
Peggy Cox, Chairwoman (#1)
Diana M. Mullins (#3)
Doug Bryant (#4)
Amy Stone (#5)

Staff Present

Michael J. Perry, Executive Director
Patricia Burgos, Environmental Prog. Mgr.
Ron Hart, Water Res. Prog. Mgr.
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 3:30 p.m. and everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MS. MULLINS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAKE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY, MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING. Ms. Stone seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6-0.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Perry gave the water level report and stated that conditions are dry and Lake Apopka has fallen below minimum desirable levels. He noted that there has been very little rain since the beginning of the year.

He stated that the story for the Middle Lakes/Superpond (Lake Eustis, Lake Harris and Lake Dora) is similar to that of Lake Apopka, although not quite as severe. He noted that the lakes are approximately halfway between minimum desirable and the regulatory schedule and stated that water levels are still declining.

He informed the Board that St. John River Water Management District is going to be doing some work on the Moss Bluff Lock and Dam, and in order to accommodate that, they have to draw Lake Griffin down to minimum desirable. He explained that they have procured permission

from the Corp of Engineers, and they anticipate that by early to mid-April, Lake Griffin will be at minimum desirable. He stated that the discharge through Moss Bluff is at 115 to 117 cfs (cubic feet per second) at this time. He explained that the hope is that the lake will fill during the upcoming rainy season. He noted that SJRWMD is also holding some water in the Emeralda Marsh to help restore the water level in Lake Griffin should it be needed.

He reported that rainfall for Lake County is about .75 inch below historic average, having received only 85% of the average yearly rainfall at this time.

He stated that the Clermont Chain of Lakes is really showing the effects of the drier weather, with Lake Minnehaha's water level being at 96.45 ft. msl (mean sea level), which is about a foot lower than it was in October after Hurricane Matthew.

He noted that the water flowing into the Chain from Big Creek and Little Creek affects water levels on the Clermont Chain. He stated that the combined flow from Big and Little Creeks is about 2.5 cfs. He explained that we are headed into the dry season with lakes that are already significantly lower, and that he expects that by next month's Board meeting, that the water level may fall below 96.4 feet msl. He noted that Cherry Lake Dam has been closed since November of 2016 due to the low water conditions.

Mr. Perry reported that the sale of the Water Authority's old office building closed on Friday and stated that after closing costs, etc. the sale netted \$241,410. He noted that a Tavares theater group had purchased the building.

He also noted that last month staff had obtained permission from the Board to lower the water levels temporarily at M5 and M6, in order to facilitate the modifications being done to the structures. He explained that there have been some issues in driving the sheet piles and it is going to take a couple of extra weeks. He stated that they are hoping to restore the water levels sometime next week.

Mr. Perry stated that the Chairman's Board Retreat was a success, with lots of good discussions and Board involvement. He suggested having another one in about six months.

He also stated that the Harris Chain Lakes Academy, which was scheduled for last weekend, had been cancelled due to low response.

He noted that he has provided each of them with a copy of Lake County's proposed fertilizer ordinance and that Ms. Cox had also provided them with a copy of Seminole County's ordinance. He explained that Lake County's proposed ordinance would be presented to the Lake County Board of County Commissioners on April 4, with public hearings sometime after that date. He stated that this topic would likely be on the Water Authority's agenda for discussion, next month.

Ms. Cox explained that the fertilizer ordinance is in response to a new State regulation that requires all counties in Florida to have such an ordinance. She stated that neighboring counties are being encouraged to have similar ordinances in order for lawn care companies can work from county to county and easily comply with the regulations.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

MR. BRYANT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Ms. Cox seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6-0.

- a. Budget Transfer for Hickory Point Replacement Docks

AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TRANSFER \$28,450 FROM BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER 9898710-830460 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS TO 9898400-830630 SITE IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERLY CATEGORIZE THE FUNDS FOR REPLACING THE THREE HICKORY POINT FLOATING DOCKS.

- b. Approval to Surplus Quad Cab

AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SURPLUS THE DODGE DAKOTA QUAD CAB, INVENTORY ITEM #248.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. FY 2015-2016 Audit

Ms. Rider introduced Pat Sykes-Ramos of Greenlee, Kurras, Rice, Brown and Garner.

Ms. Sykes-Ramos reported the audit received a clean opinion and there were no comments. She stated that the Lake County Water Authority and Lake County Clerk's office have a great internal control system. She noted that there were no accounting or rule changes this year and noted that the Agency has sufficient cash for future plans and didn't go over budget on any item.

She also noted that this is the last year on the current contract with Greenlee, Kurras, Rice, Brown and Garner, and that the Water Authority needs to do an RFP to start the process of choosing an auditor for next year.

MR. BRYANT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FY 2015-2016 AUDIT FROM GREENLEE KURRAS RICE BROWN AND GARNER. Ms. Mullins seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6-0.

- b. Draft Agreement with Lake County BCC Regarding Volleyball Fieldhouse at Hickory Point

Mr. Perry stated that this is a continuation of the discussion on how to proceed or not to proceed with the building of a Volleyball Fieldhouse at Hickory Point.

He stated that one of the things that the Board had requested was to include a statement that Lake County would pay the actual cost for the installation of the water meter as well as their portion of water and sewer costs. He noted that this has been included on **Page 3** of the agreement. He

stated there were also a few other things that he and Attorney Barice wanted to discuss with the Board.

He stated that the first item is on **Page 2 in Paragraph 8**, and calls for a payment of \$5,000 per year for rent, and an additional payment of the actual cost of water and sewer service, but nowhere is there an option to reconsider the amount should there be large expenses due to the presence of the volleyball complex.

Attorney Barice stated that she felt there needs to be additional verbiage stating that we can revisit the lease. She explained that she felt they needed to add a provision for major repairs or upgrades due to the additional use of the park, or if we were to incur any unanticipated expenses.

Vice Chair Farner asked if the lease is specifically for a volleyball facility, and asked if something happened to the volleyball whether the building could be used for some other type of business.

Robert Chandler addressed the Board and stated that if they no longer wanted to operate as a volleyball complex, they would have to terminate the lease.

Attorney Barice noted that on **Page 2, Paragraph 7**, there is a statement regarding early termination of the volleyball complex, but that she felt that the language needed to be clearer.

Vice Chair Farner stated that he would be happier if the language is clearer. He stated that it is the Board's responsibility to look after the interests of the Water Authority and the property.

Attorney Barice noted that there is also a provision that everything be removed from the property and the property restored to its original condition, or the Water Authority could choose to request that everything remain.

Mr. Chandler stated that on **Page 12, Paragraph 16d**, it states, "provided that the Lake County Water Authority shall have the option of requiring the improvements remain in place".

Mr. Perry noted that on **Page 4, Paragraph h**, the language needs to be cleaned up, as the concern is that if the last part of the statement remains as it is, the County would only be responsible when the Soccer group has requested use of the Fieldhouse. He stated that they would be using the same wording, but shuffling the order so that it meets the intent.

Attorney Barice explained that the way it is worded the County would only be responsible for the restrooms if the Soccer group were to use the pavilion and not at any other time.

Mr. Perry noted that language had been added on **Page 8**, insuring that the Lake County Water Authority would not be responsible for any property taxes that might be due as a result of the volleyball facility. He stated that together the County and the Water Authority would fight the imposition of taxes and if they were not successful, someone other than the Water Authority would be responsible for payment of the taxes. He thanked Mr. Chandler for the inclusion of that provision in the agreement.

Mr. Perry pointed out the Water Authority address was incorrect and Mr. Chandler noted that it would be corrected.

Mr. Perry stated that the next topic was a little bit more complicated. He pointed out the language on **Pages 11 and 12** and stated that it spells out how the Water Authority would pay back the County for costs associated with construction of the Fieldhouse, should the Water Authority decide to terminate the agreement before the end of the ten-year lease period. He explained that the original agreement only pertained to the volleyball courts, but the updated agreement now includes the proposed fieldhouse. He stated that there are two separate schedules, one for the courts and one for the fieldhouse.

Attorney Barice stated that she felt the penalty provision was cost prohibitive and the Board should take a good look at it. She stated that the Water Authority has not asked Lake County to build a two million dollar fieldhouse, and if for some reason the Water Authority needed to terminate the agreement, they wouldn't be able to afford it.

Ms. Cox stated that she didn't have a problem with the agreement as it is and Ms. Stone stated that she didn't think it is unreasonable.

Mr. Bryant stated that he felt it was a bit of a tradeoff, that at the end of ten years if the Water Authority were to terminate the agreement, it would acquire a nice building.

Vice Chair Farner asked about probable cause to terminate and Attorney Barice explained that there is a cure period and a breach of agreement clause in the agreement.

Mr. Perry stated that the last topic is related to the boundary of the leased area. He noted that the Board had asked that there be an actual survey done of the proposed area and although the County had submitted a survey, there was nothing to reference it to on the map.

He stated that since that time, Ben Garcia has worked with the surveying company and put the points on a map. He stated that they should have a copy of the map at their stations. He explained that once it was on paper, the area looked larger than needed. He stated that he had then spoken to Mr. Chandler, who had suggested a smaller footprint.

Mr. Perry stated that while they don't have the final footprint at this time, they are really close. He pointed out some additional changes and stated that with the Board's permission, he and Ben Garcia and Robert Chandler would work together to refine the boundary line. He explained that once they boundary line is decided on, the area would be surveyed and there would be a surveyed line and legal description in the agreement. He stated that the area would probably be about 4 acres.

He noted that they had discussed changes to the lease amount on **Pages 2 and 3, Paragraph 8**, as well as cleaning up the language regarding the payback schedule on **Pages 11 and 12**.

Mr. Chandler suggested that a simpler way might be to add a separate provision stating that the Water Authority and Lake County would negotiate and possibly split the cost of large projects, instead of changing the lease amount of \$5,000.

Attorney Barice stated that the provision should be a bit more definitive as to what type of projects and how costs would be divided.

Mr. Chandler noted that it could be negotiated on a case by case basis, as not all projects are going to be 50/50, as some will be more heavily weighted toward the Water Authority and others more weighted toward Lake County.

Vice Chair Farner questioned why the Water Authority and Lake County should be splitting any expenses. He asked what type of expenses they talking about, and why the Water Authority should be burdened with any expense regarding the volleyball fieldhouse.

Ms. Cox noted that they were talking about improvements to the property and infrastructure, such as roads, and not to the volleyball fieldhouse.

Vice Chair Farner stated he agreed with Attorney Barice and that he felt they should clarify the language.

Mr. Chandler stated that Lake County has no opposition to that whatsoever. He explained that they are talking about larger infrastructure projects that would affect the entire Hickory Point Park.

Mr. Bryant stated that he thought they were talking about two different things, unanticipated costs versus anticipated costs such as parking lot improvements. He stated that he felt anticipated costs could be negotiated on a project-by-project basis. He noted that the unanticipated items such as acts of nature, floods, etc. needs to have some type of verbiage stating that costs will be negotiated and the cost prorated between the two entities.

Mr. Chandler stated that the fear would be resolving the percentages each entity would pay should there be a disagreement, as he doesn't want to be in danger of being in breach of contract.

Ms. Cox stated the Water Authority insures Hickory Point, and she assumes that Lake County is planning to insure the building and Mr. Chandler replied that the building would be insured. Ms. Cox noted that the insurance policies should cover any damage from a natural occurrence.

Attorney Barice stated that she is thinking of things not covered by insurance, such as potable water lines and the aging infrastructure. She stated that as long as it stated that they could revisit the fees if the Water Authority has unanticipated costs that are attributive to the presence of the volleyball complex. She stated that in revisiting the lease fees there would also be a whole system of mediation and voluntary resolution that could be utilized.

Ms. Cox stated that on **Page 9**, it talks about conflict resolution should there be disagreements, or questions regarding interpretations involving the operation of the facility.

Attorney Barice stated that the Water Authority would have no recourse, unless it is stated specifically in **Paragraph 8**, that the lease fee amount can be revisited should there be unanticipated costs that are attributed to the volleyball complex. She stated that she felt that it was important that this be included in the agreement. She explained by having that provision in the agreement, if there should be a problem, the dispute resolution process could then be utilized.

Mr. Perry stated that he would recommend that they proceed with the resolution of the lease fee language, clarify the language on **Page 4** related to soccer and volleyball relationship, and work on the final resolution of the survey and property line. He stated the Board could choose to allow the agreement to move forward with the exception of those items and once those items have been resolved, it would be brought back to the Board for final approval.

Mr. Bryant stated that he doesn't have a problem with language suggested by Attorney Barice regarding unanticipated issues that are attributable to the volleyball complex. He stated that he didn't feel that Lake County or USA Volleyball had anything to fear by the addition of that provision.

Chairman Dufresne requested that Attorney Barice, Mr. Perry and Robert Chandler get together to clean up the language and make any final changes to the agreement. He requested that the completed agreement with survey be put on the next Board meeting agenda so that Lake County can move forward with their plans.

b. Draft Final Report for Apopka Beauclair Canal Nutrient Study

Mr. Hart explained that staff has been concerned about the discharge from the two agricultural canals that are flowing into the Apopka-Beauclair Canal, downstream of the NuRF and how it is affecting the water quality in Lake Beauclair.

He introduced Lance Lumbard, with Amec, and stated that for the last six months Mr. Lumbard has been collecting data on the nutrient loading entering the Apopka-Beauclair Canal from those canals.

Mr. Lumbard addressed the Board and stated that the objectives of the study were to identify the flow and pollutant contribution from the base flow and stormwater runoff, in order to determine the significance of the base-flow and stormwater runoff coming from the two ditches. He noted that along with that, they were to develop alternatives for dealing with the nutrient loading.

He gave a PowerPoint presentation and showed a map of the monitoring locations. He pointed out the base-flow monitoring locations at the end of the ditches and the locations where stormwater runoff was measured. He stated that the data coming from the base flow was much more significant than he thought it would be and pointed out the areas around the Lake Jem Sod Farm and Duda Road.

He showed a chart of the base flow chart from all the outfalls and talked about the increase in outfall during big rain events. He noted that the staging pond on the Lake Jem Sod Farm also discharges to the canal.

He talked about the cumulative loading of phosphorous and nitrogen and presented five different alternatives to treating the stormwater runoff before it enters the Apopka-Beauclair Canal.

Alternative 1 – Diversion to NuRF proposes construction of two diversion weirs to direct discharge through the ABC South ditch into a staging pond where it can be pumped to the inlet of the NuRF for treatment.

Mr. Lumbard explained that a weir would be placed just south of the Lake Jem Sod Farm staging pond outfall and another would be placed near the end of the ABC South ditch. He stated that additional modeling would need to be conducted to determine the amount of flow that must be bypassed following significant rain events and to assure there are no upstream flooding impacts.

Chairman Dufresne asked if NuRF would be able to handle it and Mr. Lumbard stated that if NuRF is working at capacity, then it is best to concentrate on Lake Apopka, but if NuRF was not working at capacity then it would be advantageous.

***Alternative 2 – ABC South Treatment Pond** would involve the construction of an 8-acre treatment pond south of the study basin on available SJRWMD land (Figure 6-2).*

He stated that this option would involve a similar set of weir structures as Alternative 1 but would not require additional electrical or mechanical infrastructure since water would be returned downstream of the ABC Lock & Dam. He noted that a 48-inch culvert would need to be installed to cross under CR 48.

***Alternative 3 – ABC North Treatment Pond** proposes the construction of a 9-acre treatment pond on private land near the ABC North ditch outfall downstream of the Lake Jem Sod Farm discharge (Figure 6-3).*

Mr. Lumbard explained that this would involve a similar set of weir structures as Alternatives 1 and 2, but the north weir would be relocated downstream of the Lake Jem Sod Farm discharge structure. Relocating the north weir would provide the opportunity to capture and treat discharge from the Lake Jem Sod Farm.

***Alternative 4 – ABC North Treatment Pond with Alum** involves additional alum injection equipment to enhance pollutant removal at the Alternative 3 treatment pond.*

***Alternative 5 – Diversion to Mine Pit** involves the use of the existing mine cut on the Lake Jem Sod Farm property as a treatment pond. Similar to the other alternatives, two diversion weirs would be constructed within the rim ditch to move water through the treatment pond.*

Mr. Lumbard explained that TP reduction provided by the alternatives ranges from 1,156 to 2,137 lbs. per year, with removal efficiency between \$20 and \$161 per pound. He stated that TN reduction by the alternatives ranges between 2,650 and 6,828 lbs. per year, with removal efficiency between \$6 and \$71 per pound.

He stated that while all alternatives are relatively inexpensive compared to other stormwater projects, **Alternative 5** represents the highest ranked alternative based on cost per pound of both TP and TN load reduction. He noted that load reduction performance could be enhanced with the addition of an alum injection system if desired.

Ms. Cox questioned as to whether the Board was being asked to pick an alternative and Mr. Hart explained that this presentation was just for their information. He stated that the information from the study would be used to determine future projects.

Mr. Bryant stated that Alternative 5 looks to be the most attractive, and noted that he assumed they would be looking at the cost of land acquisition in order to evaluate each individual project.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

The Board took a short break at 5:21 pm. They returned at 5:40 pm and the meeting was continued.

Ms. Cox left the meeting.

b. 2016 Stormwater Grant Funding Recommendations

Mr. Hart stated that the response to the 2016 Stormwater Grants was lackluster with the Water Authority only receiving two grant requests.

1. City of Clermont's Victory Pointe Stormwater

Mr. Hart explained that this is the second funding request for this project. He stated that the initial grant had been awarded last year under the name West Lake Stormwater Facility. He showed a map and pointed out the area of West Lake and stated that West Lake is a wetland area that is dominated by cattails and primrose willow.

He explained that the City's plan was to convert the wetland area to a stormwater treatment facility, so they could treat the water in the central business district as well as a portion of the downtown district and the rest of the West Lake development.

He stated that this year they have expanded the basin area and reconfigured the interconnections between the basin and the stormwater ponds in their request. He noted that the City is also planning to move the current boat ramp to the new city park and convert the current location of the boat ramp into a festival area for events.

Mr. Hart noted that the City is planning to convert part of the industrial area into a high-density residential area, which will increase the pollutant loading from the site. He also noted that it appears that they are also proposing to plug an existing 30" pipe that discharges into West Lake and reroute it to discharge directly into an outfall canal and into Lake Minneola.

He stated that with the proposed changes to the area to the area, there would be 7 lb. increase in discharge into Lake Minneola 26.02 meaning a 7 lb. increase into Lake Minneola.

He stated that because of this increase in loading to the lake and the lack of detailed information on the additional new basin area and location, staff does not recommend any further additional funding for this project. He stated that the Board may want to reconsider the existing contract if the City is unable to justify the modifications that are resulting in an increase in loadings to Lake Minneola.

Mr. Bryant asked if it is likely to come back during this fiscal year. Mr. Hart – yes at some point staff will come back with recommendation on current contract and requested stormwater funding project.

Vice Chair Farner and Ms. Mullins stated that they are not happy with the idea of putting water directly into the lake.

Mr. Hart stated that he needs to sit down with the City of Clermont staff and get clarification regarding the project, as he doesn't like to make assumptions. He stated that once he has done that he would report back to the Board.

2. City of Umatilla's Lake Umatilla Stormwater Improvement

Mr. Hart explained that this project involves a request by the City of Umatilla for 100% funding of the cost to design and construct a nutrient separating baffle box on an existing stormwater pipe that discharges to Lake Umatilla. He stated that the City estimates that the baffle box will remove approximately 6 lbs. of total phosphorus per year.

He explained that staff had contacted the City of Umatilla and asked if they could provide any matching funds for the project and the City had stated that they could not provide any funding.

He stated that the project received a low score primarily because of the lack of matching funds and the low nutrient removal capabilities of a baffle box. He stated that staff is not recommending funding because of the lack of any matching funds by the City of Umatilla.

Mr. Hart explained that the Water Authority has provided 100% funding on one occasion. He stated that in 2007, the Town of Howey-in-the-Hills requested full funding a similar project with a separating baffle box to treat the runoff from Highway 19 in Howey. He stated that staff had recommended denial of their request, but the Board at time had chosen to fund the project, which cost approximately \$42,000.

Aaron Mercer, Public Works Director, City of Umatilla addressed the Board. He stated that he had been working with stormwater in Lake County for almost twenty years, but had only been with the City of Umatilla for 1 ½ years. He stated that stormwater management in Umatilla has been neglected for many years on all levels. He explained that none of the stormwater runoff along 2 ½ miles of SR 19 through Umatilla gets pretreated before running off into the two lakes bordering the highway.

He stated that the City of Umatilla does not have any money in the budget for stormwater treatment. He explained that Umatilla collects just enough in Utility payments to fund one employee and a street sweeping contract for twice a month street sweeping.

He stated that staff knows how to operate the proposed system. He also noted that the model of baffle box they are considering does have a filtration system that will remove a portion of the phosphorous and nitrogen loading. He stated that while it won't remove a large amount of phosphorous and nitrogen, any amount is the better than the zero amount being removed at this time. He explained that there are only four small stormwater ponds in the whole city, one of which

is located behind the Baptist Church. He stated that the City ponds are very small and the basin areas are very small.

Mr. Mercer explained that Umatilla is a recognized disadvantaged community, and has received a number of funds from the State and St. Johns River Water Management District at 100%.

When Vice Chair Farner asked about stormwater grants to the City of Umatilla in the past, Mr. Hart explained that a few years ago the Board awarded the City a stormwater grant for a stormwater shed analysis and stormwater plan for the City.

Vice Chair Farner stated that he was on the Board when they funded the project for Howey-in-the-Hills. He explained that some cities don't have the same resources that other cities may have. He asked if the City would be dedicating any money to stormwater management in the future.

Mr. Mercer answered that they would like to fund more, but to do so they would have to raise the stormwater utility fee. He explained that the population of Umatilla is so small, that there is very little money raised.

Vice Chair Farner stated while he understands the challenges, it just makes it easier for the Board to provide funding, when a city is able to provide some of their own funding.

Ms. Stone stated that Umatilla is a challenging area and stated that she thinks it is important to support an underserved community.

Mr. Bryant stated that the 6 lbs. total phosphorous that will be removed per year translates to a cost of \$2,500 per pound of phosphorous, which is a high cost. He stated that the Water Authority doesn't have unlimited resources and needs to look at how it can get the most bang for our buck.

Chairman Dufresne stated that he had been out to visit the site. He noted that there is a whole neighborhood near the lift station, where stormwater runoff drains directly into the lake.

Vice Chair Farner stated that a baffle box doesn't really remove phosphorous. Ms. Stone responded, stating that by removing the trash, etc. before it gets to the lake; you take care of part of the problem before it enters the lake and breaks down into phosphorous.

Mr. Hart noted that small projects are never highly cost effective.

Ms. Mullins stated that when there is no space to build, there aren't many options. Mr. Hart noted that one of the few options when there is no space would be to purchase someone's house and property in order to build a stormwater pond.

VICE CHAIR FARNER MADE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FUNDING FOR THE CITY OF UMATILLA'S LAKE UMATILLA STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT. Ms. Mullins seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Farner stressed that in the future, the City of Umatilla needs to start putting aside money in the budget toward future stormwater projects.

Mr. Bryant stated that he would be voting against funding, as the project is primarily a catchment for trash and he felt there would be very little nutrient removal compared to the cost of the project.

Motion approved 4-1 with Mr. Bryant in opposition.

Chairman Dufresne turned the meeting over to Vice Chair Farner and left the meeting.

c. Rep. Metz Proposed Bill Related to the Water Authority

Mr. Perry informed the Board that Representative Metz had made all the accommodations and changes to the bill that the Board had requested, and the bill is being sent to the different committees at this time.

6. LEGAL STAFF REPORT

Attorney Barice stated that she had nothing to report.

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Bryant stated that he appreciated all the work that Attorney Barice has put into the lease for the volleyball complex.

8. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Vice Chair Farner stated that he would like to see discussion about fracking in Florida as a future agenda topic.

Vice Chair Farner requested that the Director do a pay analysis to insure that the Water Authority staff compensation is competitive, as he believes the staff should be fully compensated and then some.

Attorney Barice requested that Mr. Hart update the Board next month regarding access to the M-6 structure.

Mr. Perry reminded the Board to get with Patricia Burgos or Anna Ely regarding a tour of the preserves, on April 7 or 8.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- 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)
- Hawthorne TV, Tuesday, March 21, 2017 (9 am to 9:30 am)
- Tavares High School at NuRF, Thursday, March 23, 2017 (9 am to 12 pm)
- Umatilla 5th grade at Hickory Point, Friday, March 24, 2017 (9 am to 1 pm)
- Sunnyland Antique Boat Festival at Wooton Park, Friday, March 24, and Saturday, March 25, 2017 (8 am – 5 pm)
- Love Our Lakes Clean Up at Gilbert Park, Saturday, March 25, 2017 (9 am – 1 am)
- Lake Envirothon at Hickory Point, Thursday, March 30, 2017 (9 am to 1 pm)
- Lake Sumter State College at NuRF, Friday, March 31, 2017 (9 am to 12 pm)
- Love-Our-Lakes Black Water Creek Clean-up, Saturday, April 1, 2017 (9 am to 12 pm)
- Board Meeting - Wednesday, April 26, 2017 (3:30 pm)
BCC Chambers/Admin. Building
- 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 6:27 p.m.