

**DRAFT**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**of the**  
**LAKE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**  
**November 14, 2018**

1 The Regular Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Water Authority was held at  
2 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 in the Lake County Administration Building,  
3 County Commissioners Chambers at 315 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida.

4 **Members Present-District #**

**Staff Present**

5 Amy Stone, Chairman (#5)	Michael J. Perry, Executive Director
6 Carolyn Maimone, Vice Chairman (#3)	Ron Hart, Water Resources Director
7 Peggy Cox, (#1)	Dr. Jason Danaher, Water Res. Project Manager
8 Trampis BonJorn (#2)	Biago Gugliotti, Land Resources Director
9 Robert Hendrick (#4)	Ben Garcia, IT Manager
10 Courtney Stone, (At Large)	Patricia Burgos, Environmental Projects Director
11 Doug Bryant, (Departing Member)	Christina Rider, Executive Office Manager
12 Adam Dufresne, (Departing Member)	Anna Ely, Recording Secretary
13	Carole Barice, Attorney

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

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

17 The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. and everyone stood and recited the Pledge of  
18 Allegiance.

19 **2. NEW MEMBER INVESTITURE**

20 Gary Cooney, Clerk of the Courts, and Bob McKee, Tax Collector were present for the  
21 investiture of the new Board members.

22 Trampis BonJorn, Robert Hendrick and Courtney Stokes were sworn in as Trustees of the Board  
23 of the Lake County Water Authority by Gary Cooney, Clerk of the Courts.

24 Carolyn Maimone was sworn in as a Trustee of the Board of the Lake County Water Authority  
25 by Bob McKee, Tax Collector.

26 **3. RECOGNITION OF DEPARTING BOARD MEMBERS**

27 Mr. Perry stated that he would like to recognize outgoing Board members Adam Dufresne and  
28 Doug Bryant for their service to the Lake County Water Authority.

29 Mr. Perry presented Adam Dufresne with a framed print of Sawgrass Island Preserve and stated  
30 that on behalf of the Board and staff, he would like to thank him for his efforts on the Board. He

31 stated that Mr. Dufresne is a past Chairman and Vice Chairman and has put a lot of time in  
32 visiting with staff and being a part of the organization and will be missed.

33 Mr. Perry presented Doug Bryant with a framed photograph of Lake Norris taken from the newly  
34 acquired Lake Norris property and thanked him on behalf of the Board and staff. He stated that  
35 as Chairman, his presence and ability to keep things calm, during periods when it might not have  
36 been so calm, has been appreciated and recognized.

37 **4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

38 Carolyn Maimone nominated Amy Stone for Board Chairman. There were no other nominations  
39 and the Board voted unanimously (Peggy Cox, Courtney Stokes, Carolyn Maimone, Trampis  
40 BonJorn, Robert Hendrick and Amy Stone) to elect Amy Stone as Chairman of the Board of  
41 Trustees for the Lake County Water Authority.

42 **Amy Stone elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Lake County Water  
43 Authority. 6-0**

44 Robert Hendrick nominated Carolyn Maimone for Vice Chairman. There were no other  
45 nominations and the Board voted unanimously (Peggy Cox, Courtney Stokes, Carolyn Maimone,  
46 Trampis BonJorn, Robert Hendrick and Amy Stone) to elect Carolyn Maimone as Vice  
47 Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Lake County Water Authority.

48 **Carolyn Maimone elected Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Lake County  
49 Water Authority. 6-0**

50 **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - OCTOBER 24, 2018 - REGULAR MEETING**

51 **MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAKE COUNTY**  
52 **WATER AUTHORITY MEETING OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2018 - REGULAR**  
53 **MEETING.** Ms. Maimone seconded the motion.

54 **Motion approved 6-0.**

55 **6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

56 Mr. Perry addressed the Board and welcomed the new Board Members. He stated that this is the  
57 time in the meeting where he generally talks about lake levels, the Harris Chain and the  
58 Clermont Chain and any significant issues that may not be on the agenda. He stated that at any  
59 time they would rather get the information another way and shorten this portion of the meeting,  
60 feel free to request changes. He stated that just because we've this way doesn't mean it has to  
61 continue the same way.

62 He explained the minimum desirable and maximum desirable and regulatory schedule and gave  
63 the water level and rainfall report. He reported that currently Lake Apopka is slightly below  
64 regulatory schedule and as of this morning there 12 cubic feet per second (cfs) is flowing over  
65 the spillway.

66 He stated that Lake Eustis, Lake Harris and Lake Dora are all slightly below regulatory schedule.  
67 He noted that the Burrell structure control the water level for those lake and the flow through the  
68 Burrell Lock and Dam is currently at 18 cfs. He noted that this past summer the flow was as  
69 high as 1200 cfs trying to keep the water levels in the Harris Chain within that regulatory range.

70 He stated that Lake Griffin has been below regulatory schedule for quite some time and there has  
71 been very little discharge going through the Moss Bluff Lock and Dame. He stated that Moss  
72 Bluff has moved as much as 2000 cfs, but it is only at 25 cfs currently.

73 He talked about the rainfall graphs and stated that rainfall and water level information is easily  
74 accessed from our website.

75 He explained that Lake Minnehaha is used as a reference for the Clermont Chain. He stated that  
76 there is no regulatory schedule for the Clermont Chain, but rather a regulator range, and they try  
77 to manage the water level between 96.0 and 97.5 mean sea level (msl).

78 He stated that currently the Clermont Chain is about .2 of a foot lower than it was at the same  
79 time last year.

80 He explained that historically the biggest issue in the Clermont Chain has been low lake levels.  
81 He noted that in 2014 the lakes were pretty low at 93 msl. He talked about Hurricanes Matthew,  
82 Hermione and Irma and noted that effect they had on water levels.

83 He stated that historically in 2012 the lakes were 12 feet below average and no one thought the  
84 lakes would ever recover, but after several hurricanes and other tropical weather in 2004 the  
85 lakes recovered within a couple of years. He noted this was then followed by the second worst  
86 drought in history. He explained that there are historical records back to 1942 and we can  
87 compare the water level over the years.

88 He explained that Big and Little Creeks are what drives lake levels in the Clermont Chain. He  
89 stated that currently the flow from Big Creek is 12 cfs and noted that just after Hurricane Irma  
90 Big Creek was flowing at 224 cfs. He stated that both Big Creek and Little Creek flow into the  
91 southern end of Lake Louisa and into the Clermont Chain. He stated that currently Little Creek  
92 is at 5.53 cfs for a combined flow of both Big and Little Creeks of 16 cfs.

93 Mr. Perry noted that rainfall drives lake levels county-wide and as the end of October we were at  
94 .09 of an inch below the historic average for this time of the year, so it is pretty close to an  
95 average year to date rainfall total at this time.

96 He informed the Board that Florida Fish and Wildlife is scheduled to treat 2700 acres of Little  
97 Lake Harris for hydrilla this week if the weather permits. He explained that a big concern is that  
98 even though Florida Fish and Wildlife are doing the work plan they have budgeted, there is still  
99 about 4.2 million-dollars' worth of untreated areas of Hydrilla that they won't be able to treat.

100 He noted that there are no restrictions on fishing or swimming during the treatment period, but  
101 there will a 14-day restriction on irrigation.

102 Mr. Perry stated that the staff and Board were informed last month that property adjacent to  
103 Eagle Nest Preserve is under contract and if the sale goes through we may not have access to the  
104 preserve, and Attorney Barice had staff find the original easement, and staff is going to get it  
105 recorded so that we don't lose our access.

106 He also updated the Board on the Volleyball Fieldhouse and stated that is on schedule to receive  
107 its Certificate of Occupancy sometime in early February and are intending to have a grand  
108 opening near the end of February.

109 Ms. Cox asked if the 4.2 million dollars that FWC is short in funding include the 1.5 million the  
110 Water Authority has set aside, and Mr. Perry stated that it does not. He stated that they would  
111 still be about 2.5 million short even with the 1.5 million we have set aside.

112 Mr. Perry stated that last year FWC spent about 4.1 million dollars treating hydrilla in the Harris  
113 Chain, but this year the State Legislature only provided them with 2.5 million dollars. He stated  
114 that he was directed by the Board to speak with members of the Legislature and he is in the  
115 process of make appointments to speak with them. He stated that he was going to address with  
116 them the need for more money this year for hydrilla treatment in the Harris Chain and to let them  
117 know that if they can't they need to be prepared to provide ten million dollars next year to  
118 address the issue.

119 Mr. Hendrick asked if someone has talked to County Commissioners regarding the need for extra  
120 funding, and Mr. Perry stated that he had appeared before the Commissioners a couple of weeks  
121 ago and had informed them of the concern and that we were hoping that they would put it on  
122 their legislative priority list for the upcoming session.

123 He stated that the County Commissioners took it even a step further and had stated that they too  
124 were going to go ask the FWC for additional funding now as well as including it on their  
125 legislative priority list.

126 Vice Chair Maimone asked if he has seen the letters that the County Commissioners sent, and  
127 Mr. Perry stated that he had helped draft them.

128 **7. CONSENT ITEMS**

129 **MS. MAIMONE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT**  
130 **AGENDA.** Ms. Stokes seconded the motion.

131 **Motion approved 6-0.**

132 a. Authorization to Surplus Inventory Items

133 **AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SURPLUS INVENTORY ITEMS 237-1,**  
134 **259, 321, 339 AND 341.**

135 **8. ACTION ITEMS**

136 a. Reinvestment of Maturing CD & Money Market Account

137 Ms. Rider explained that the Water Authority presently has a \$4.7 million Money Market  
138 account with Seaside National Bank and Trust earning the Federal Funds Rate minus 0.15%  
139 (currently 2.1%). She also stated that the Agency also has a \$2.0 million CD with Florida  
140 Community Bank earning 1.68% that matures on January 30, 2019.

141 She stated that staff recommends that the Board invest the \$2.0 million in a CD and \$4.7 million  
142 in a money market account that best meets the needs of LCWA within statutory requirements  
143 and is requesting authorization to obtain quotes on interest rates from various banks and noted  
144 that the results would be reported at the December 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

145 **VICE CHAIR MAIMONE MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE**  
146 **DIRECTOR TO OBTAIN QUOTES FROM VARIOUS BANKS ON INTEREST RATES**  
147 **FOR CDS AND MONEY MARKETS THAT BEST MEETS THE NEEDS OF LCWA**  
148 **WITHIN STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS.** Ms. Cox seconded the motion.

149 **Motion approved 6-0.**

150 b. Authorization to Award Alum Tank Bids

151 Dr. Danaher stated that previously the Board had authorized staff to release a Request for Bids  
152 (RFB) for a new alum tank at the NuRF. He explained that the RFB had requested bids for either  
153 a cross-linked polyethylene tank or a stainless-steel tank and had been posted in the newspaper  
154 and on the LCWA website.

155 He stated that staff also sent notice to 20 manufactures/distributors and three responses were  
156 received by the closing date of October 29, 2018, one from a polyethylene tank vendor and two  
157 responses were received from steel tank manufacturers.

158 He noted that when the bids were opened, staff was surprised to see the total cost for a cross-  
159 linked polyethylene tank was the same as the lowest bid for a stainless-steel tank.

160 He noted that the average life expectancy of a polyethylene tank exposed to weather elements in  
161 the state of Florida is approximately 6 to 10 years; however, the average life expectancy of a  
162 stainless-steel tank is approximately 40 to 60 years. He also explained that another advantage of  
163 the stainless-steel tank, besides the life expectancy, is that the material can be repaired if  
164 damaged.

165 Dr. Danaher stated that staff is recommending the purchase of at least one stainless steel tank to  
166 replace the damaged tank at the NuRF.

167 **VICE CHAIR MAIMONE MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO**  
168 **PURCHASE AT LEAST ONE 316L STAINLESS STEEL TANK FOR THE LIQUID**  
169 **ALUMINUM SULFATE STORAGE FACILITY AT THE NURF.** Ms. Cox seconded the  
170 motion.

171 Ms. Cox stated that to buy a polyethylene tank would be short-sighted on the Agency's part.  
172 Vice Chair Maimone agreed, stating that choosing a stainless-steel tank is a no brainer and Ms.  
173 Stokes was also in agreement.

174 Mr. Hendrick asked if the stainless-steel tank would have a warranty and Dr. Danaher stated that  
175 would.

176 Vice Chair Maimone stated that polyethylene tanks are almost impossible to repair, and Dr.  
177 Danaher stated that although they can be repaired in some instances, it compromises the integrity  
178 of the tank.

179 **Motion approved 6-0.**

180 c. Authorization to Release RFB for Website ADA Compliance

181 Mr. Garcia showed the current LCWA website and stated that it about three years old and that it  
182 has worked well for providing information to the public on Water Authority activities and water  
183 levels, etc., but it is not ADA compliant.

184 He noted that there have been instances with attorney's looking for reasons to sue government  
185 agencies and that he would like to update the website so that it is ADA compliant.

186 He explained that the tools available on the present Word Press website are not compatible with  
187 the updates that need to be done to make the website ADA Compliant and staff would like to  
188 release a bid to have an experienced outside agency create a new ADA Compliant website.

189 Ms. Cox asked how much staff expects it to cost and Mr. Garcia stated that \$10,000 is budgeted  
190 for the project but he is hoping that it will not require the entire budgeted amount.

191 Vice Chair Maimone asked if he is wanting a website where staff can do updates in-house and  
192 Mr. Garcia stated that he is.

193 Mr. Garcia showed an ADA compliant website and explained that type of things that make a  
194 website ADA compliant.

195 **MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO RELEASE A BID TO FIND**  
196 **A COMPANY TO PERFORM THESE WEB SITE UPGRADE AND SERVICES.** Vice  
197 Chair Maimone seconded the motion.

198 **Motion approved 6-0.**

199 Mr. Garcia informed the new Board Members that the Water Authority provides an LCWA  
200 email address for all Board Members and they are encouraged to use that address for all LCWA  
201 related email communications with the public and with Water Authority staff. He stated that this  
202 email will be the one that staff will use to provide them with the monthly agenda, memos and  
203 water report, or to send any other LCWA related business.

204 He reminded new Board Members that they need complete the Bio and Information Sheets they  
205 had been provided, so that staff can update the information on the website. He also reminded  
206 them not to use their personal cell phones to text Water Authority business.

207 **9. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

208 a. NuRF Update

209 Dr. Danaher updated the new Board Members on some of the issues they have been having at the  
210 NuRF.

211 He stated that from June through September staff was working three shifts a day, 24/7, to clean  
212 up the facility from the wetter than normal rainy season. He explained that with such a busy  
213 season a lot of wear and tear occurred, both on the facility and equipment as well as Water  
214 Authority personnel. He noted that in October, work was scaled back to just two shifts a day, but  
215 staff was still trying to get caught up on some of the maintenance that needed to be done.

216 He updated the Board regarding different operations and equipment at the facility:

217 **Dredges**

218 Dr. Danaher stated that Board Member Keith Farner had asked him to look into alternative/new  
219 equipment, as the dredges at the facility are about ten years old and are requiring maintenance.  
220 He explained that staff reached out to our current supplier Crisafulli, asking for information on  
221 updating the dredges and what new technologies might be available.

222 He noted that they also reached out to Mud Cat, who have dredges that are very similar to the  
223 current dredges. He stated that representatives from Mud Cat visited the facility and are going to  
224 be providing a proposal as well.

225 **East Pond Gate**

226 Dr. Danaher explained that St. Johns River Water Management controls the gate levels in the  
227 ponds, while staff operates the facility. He stated that back in late August/early September staff  
228 found that there was an issue and the east pond outfall gate had failed and was stuck in the open  
229 position.

230 He noted that when the gate is in a down position it is open and when it is closed it is in an up  
231 position. He explained that they have been unable to retract the gate to a closed position.

232 He stated that the pond was relatively full, so staff began transferring the material from the east  
233 pond to the west pond in order to draw it down and expose the gate. He stated that after drawing  
234 down the pond they have been able to determine that the gate is able to slide, and staff has  
235 managed to bring the gate back up to the closed position and the seals appear to be in good  
236 working order.

237 Dr. Danaher explained that the actuator (the mechanism that raises and lowers the gate) has  
238 failed and that a group out of Jacksonville would be coming to repair the actuator and they will  
239 also be doing maintenance on the other actuators, to insure they are in good working order.

240 He stated the plan tomorrow is that they are going to remove one of the good actuators and attach  
241 it the failed gate and hopefully once it is installed, it will solve the problem with the gate.

242 **Bollards/Piling at NuRF Inflow**

243 Dr. Danaher also noted that that with the heavy flow of water, some of the original bollards in  
244 the Apopka-Beauclair that are positioned at the inflow are out of place or missing and vegetation  
245 is getting through. He stated that staff is looking into what it would take to get them replaced.

#### 246 **Inflow Box Culvert to East Pond**

247 Dr. Danaher stated that once the pond was drawn down and he was able to walk into the 6' x 8'  
248 inflow box culvert, he found that many of the seams are worn and the packing used to seal the  
249 seams is missing on many of the seams.

250 He has contacted several contractors to get estimates on the cost of the repair. He noted that at  
251 this time they are looking into using grout to do the repairs as they can drill into the material and  
252 inject the grout into the material.

253 He stated that a fourth company would be coming on Friday to give an estimate and then  
254 hopefully staff can move forward with repairing the seams on both the inflow and outflow  
255 culverts, so that they will be in good working order before the pond is filled back up.

#### 256 **Containment Area**

257 Dr. Danaher also explained to the Board that over the past year there has been a lot of sediment  
258 removed from the ponds and they are running out of room in the containment area. He stated  
259 that there are mounds of sediment piled 15 feet high or higher, filling the seven-acre containment  
260 area.

261 He explained that staff would like to ultimately like to move the sediment off-site and Keith  
262 Truenow with Lake Jem Farms has contacted Mr. Perry and expressed an interested in taking  
263 part of the material, as they need to fill in part of their site for wetland mitigation. He explained  
264 that they would be mixing the sediment with the existing soil on the site. He stated that they  
265 have offered to remove the material and haul it to their site for a cost to the Water Authority of  
266 \$100 per truckload. He noted that he would be coming back to this topic in a few minutes with a  
267 recommendation.

#### 268 **East Pond – Pond Slope Failure**

269 Dr. Danaher explained that last Thursday/Friday when the rain came through, it caused a slope  
270 failure on the east pond embankment of about 210 feet in length, which is approximately one  
271 quarter of the pond's length. He noted that a portion of the rails for the trolley system had also  
272 become displaced with the slope failure.

273 He explained that staff worked to figure who could come to site immediately and how repairs  
274 could be done. He noted that some embankment repairs had been done in 2009 after the original  
275 construction was completed and explained that he had pulled up some of those original reports  
276 by the engineering team that was involved in the repairs at that time.

277 He explained that he passed those reports along to contractors to review and some of them have  
278 been able visit the site to look at the issues and provide some cost estimates for the repair of the  
279 embankment. He noted currently one contractor is looking at the information, while another

280 contractor out of Bartow, Florida has come back with a cost estimate of \$300,000 just for the  
281 sheet pile, but not including the rail, which will also need to be repaired.

282 Chairman Stone asked if there were any question regarding the report, before they went on to the  
283 action items associated with these issues.

284 Vice Chair Maimone stated that although this is not the first time there has been a slope failure, it  
285 is quite a lot of footage.

286 Mr. Hendrick asked if the Water Authority had to pay Lake Jem or were they going to pay the  
287 Water Authority, and Dr. Danaher explained that the Water Authority would be paying them to  
288 load and haul the material with their (Lake Jem) equipment and personnel at cost of \$100 per  
289 load.

290 Ms. Cox asked about any toxins in the sediment and Dr. Danaher stated that the sediment has  
291 been tested and there are no toxins or anything of concern in the sediment.

292 Mr. Perry stated that same information was provided to Mr. Truenow and his consultant from  
293 Lake Jem Sod Farm, and Mr. Truenow has been on site at the NuRF to look at the material. He  
294 stated that Mr. Truenow had stated that that they would be mixing the sediment into the existing  
295 soil on site at the sod farm and grow plants of top of it.

296 Mr. Hendrick asked what type of polymer is used at the NuRF and Dr. Danaher explained that it  
297 is a cationic polymer.

298 Attorney Barice asked if there was a contract with Lake Jem and Chairman Stone was stated that  
299 they aren't that far into the process and Mr. Perry stated nothing could be done until approved by  
300 the Board. Attorney Barice requested to be able to review the contract once there is one.

301 Mr. Hendrick asked about the history of the types of polymer used and Dr. Danaher answered  
302 that they have always used cationic polymer due to the type of material being treating. He asked  
303 if the water is tested before it leaves the system and Dr. Danaher stated that it is not, because the  
304 polymer is not being injected into the water that's entering the facility. He explained that the  
305 polymer is injected into the material as it enters the centrifuge where it is dewatered.

306 Mr. Hendrick asked about the role of the alum and Dr. Danaher explained that the alum is used  
307 to cause the coagulation of the floc and to lock up any phosphates and total phosphorous in the  
308 water.

309 Dr. Danaher stated that he wanted to address one more topic regarding the NuRF. He explained  
310 that back in October staff was directed by the Board to look at upgrading the NuRF and solving  
311 some of the ongoing issues. He stated that Pegasus Engineering and Environmental Research  
312 and Design had visited the NuRF and spoken with staff about the issues.

313 He stated that he has received their proposal and will be reviewing it and bringing their  
314 recommendations and approximate costs back to the Board.

315 Chairman Stone stated that she understood that the Board needs to take action on a couple of  
316 items and Dr. Danaher explained that to quickly move the sediments at the NuRF to the Lake  
317 Jem Farms his recommendation is to authorize the Executive Director to expend funds of  
318 \$20,000 to begin moving alum residual to Lake Jem Farms. He stated that this would be the  
319 transfer of 200 loads of material to that site.

320 **MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO**  
321 **EXPEND FUNDS OF \$20,000 TO BEGIN MOVING THE ALUM RESIDUAL FROM**  
322 **THE NURF FACILITY TO LAKE JEM FARMS.** Mr. Hendrick seconded the motion.

323 Mr. Hendrick asked about the agreement and Chairman Stone explained that will authorize the  
324 expenditure of the funds and staff and the attorney would handle to agreement and paperwork.

325 Vice Chair Maimone asked if she needed to recuse herself because she is personal friends with  
326 the owners of Lake Jem Farms. It was noted that she did not.

327 Ms. Stokes asked how much of the containment area would that free up and Dr. Danaher  
328 explained that it would only clear a very small area.

329 Mr. Perry stated that staff would most likely be putting out a bid if they decide to continue after  
330 that amount is expended as the cost would be going over the \$25,000 threshold.

331 Vice Chair Maimone asked whether the area that St. Johns River Water Management wanted  
332 filled had been filled yet and Mr. Perry answered that St. Johns hadn't taken any of the sediment  
333 they had previously discussed taking.

334 **[MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO**  
335 **EXPEND FUNDS OF \$20,000 TO BEGIN MOVING THE ALUM RESIDUAL FROM THE**  
336 **NURF FACILITY TO LAKE JEM FARMS.** Mr. Hendrick seconded the motion.]

337 **Motion approved 6-0.**

### 338 **Pond Embankment**

339 Dr. Danaher stated that due to condition of the pond embankment and its continual collapse they  
340 need to act fast. He explained that the collapse has occurred on the center berm which separates  
341 the two ponds and to rectify the problem staff is looking for Emergency Authorization of funds  
342 to allow the Executive Director and staff to fix the east pond slope failure in an amount not to  
343 exceed \$400,000.

344 He stated that this would cover the cover of sheet pile to repair the slope failure and of new steel  
345 I-beams to repair the damage to the rail system cause by the slope failure.

346 **VICE CHAIR MAIMONE MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW EMERGENCY**  
347 **AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF TO FIX**  
348 **THE EAST-POND SLOPE FAILURE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000.**

349 Ms. Cox seconded the motion.

350 Ms. Cox asked if the money would be coming out of the NuRF Maintenance Reserve and Mr.  
351 Perry stated that there a couple of places in the budget that the funds can be pulled from. He  
352 noted that if any authorization is needed for the transfer of funds it would be brought to the  
353 Board in arrears.

354 Mr. BonJorn asked if the costs were based on the proposal by the group out of Bartow and Dr.  
355 Danaher stated that it is. He stated that he is waiting on information from a company out of  
356 Leesburg, as well one another company that has said they would be not be available until after  
357 Thanksgiving.

358 Vice Chair Maimone asked about putting in riprap like had been used to repair the previous slope  
359 failure and Mr. Perry explained that this is a different area along the outfall canal.

360 Attorney Barice it is more than just an emergency release of funds, as there is a procedure for  
361 going to bid for a project this big; but if the Board thinks it is serious enough they can declare an  
362 emergency. She stated that Dr. Danaher is used to the procedure by now and she noted that Mr.  
363 Perry can also declare an emergency and report it to the Board after the fact.

364 Mr. Hendrick asked if this was a failure because of the original builder of the ponds and if there  
365 was any warranty remaining.

366 Mr. Perry stated that any warranty is long past. He explained that there is usually no issue when  
367 both the ponds are full, but with the east pond being and the west pond being full, the water  
368 pressure from west pond pushing against the east pond, caused the slope failure.

369 [VICE CHAIR MAIMONE MADE A MOTION TO ALLOW EMERGENCY  
370 AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF TO FIX THE  
371 EAST-POND SLOPE FAILURE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000. Ms. Cox  
372 seconded the motion.]

373 **Motion approved 6-0.**

374 b. Resolutions Recognizing Outgoing Board Members

375 Mr. Perry stated that even though we had a chance to recognize Mr. Dufresne and Mr. Bryant  
376 earlier, he wanted to formally recognize them for their service. He stated that staff has prepared  
377 resolutions recognizing each of them and read each resolution into the record.

378 **RESOLUTION 2018-05**  
379 **RECOGNIZING ADAM DUFRESNE**

380 **WHEREAS**, Adam Dufresne’s term will end as a Trustee of the Lake County Water  
381 Authority and,

382 **WHEREAS**, Adam Dufresne was first elected in 2012 and re-elected in 2014 to serve the  
383 remainder of a vacated At-Large seat and was re-elected in 2014 to a four-year term to serve in  
384 an At-Large seat as a member of the Board of Trustees. Adam Dufresne served diligently and  
385 expertly as Vice- Chairman from December 2015 to December 2016 and as Chairman from  
386 December 2016 to December 2017, and

387       **WHEREAS**, The Board of Trustees of the Lake County Water Authority on behalf of  
388 itself, and the public, wishes to extend its sincere thanks and appreciation to Adam Dufresne for  
389 the time and effort he so honorably gave to the citizens of Lake County, and,

390       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Lake County  
391 Water Authority that this resolution of appreciation be delivered to Adam Dufresne and that a  
392 copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Lake County Water Authority.

393       **DONE AND RESOLVED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2018.

394                                   **RESOLUTION 2018-06**  
395                                   **RECOGNIZING DOUG BRYANT**

396       **WHEREAS**, Doug Bryant’s term will end as a Trustee of the Lake County Water  
397 Authority and,

398       **WHEREAS**, Doug Bryant was elected in 2014 to serve a four-year term as a member of  
399 the Board of Trustees representing District 4. Doug Bryant served diligently and expertly as  
400 Chairman from December 2017 to November 2018, and

401       **WHEREAS**, The Board of Trustees of the Lake County Water Authority on behalf of  
402 itself, and the public, wishes to extend its sincere thanks and appreciation to Doug Bryant for the  
403 time and effort he so honorably gave to the citizens of Lake County, and,

404       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Lake County  
405 Water Authority that this resolution of appreciation be delivered to Doug Bryant and that a copy  
406 of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Lake County Water Authority.

407       **DONE AND RESOLVED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2018.

408       **MS. MAIMONE MADE A MOTION ADOPT RESOLUTION 2018-05 RECOGNIZING**  
409       **THE SERVICE OF ADAM DUFRESNE AND RESOLUTION 2018-06 RECOGNIZING**  
410       **THE SERVICE OF DOUG BRYANT AND SPREAD COPIES OF THESE**  
411       **RESOLUTIONS UPON THE MINUTES OF THE LAKE COUNTY WATER**  
412       **AUTHORITY.** Ms. Cox seconded the motion.

413       **Motion approved 6-0.**

414       **7.       PUBLIC COMMENT**

415       Chairman Stone reminded everyone that comments would be limited to three minutes.

416       Linda Moss addressed the Board and stated that she is representing her neighbor Venetian  
417 Village. She explained that Venetian Village is the only subdivision that lies between Lake  
418 Apopka and Lake Beauclair.

419       She stated that they had another incident after Hurricane Irma and they now have 2,000 feet of  
420 muck, nine feet deep that has swirled into their canals during and after Hurricane Irma. She  
421 stated that the debris come from Lake Apopka, the NuRF and Lake Jem Farms.

422 She stated that since there are new Board Members, she is here representing the Lake Jem Clean  
423 Water Project and the Venetian Village, asking once again for navigability out of their canals.  
424 She stated that the canal she is talking about is the Tammi Drive Canal, which is about three and  
425 a half to four miles long and goes all the way to Deer Island and Shirley Shores. She stated that  
426 the only thing that is keeping 75 to 100 homes from being able to navigate out of the canal is the  
427 muck that starts at the Apopka-Beauclair Canal and continues 2,000 feet into the canal.

428 She noted that there are upcoming fishing tournaments in February and the antique boat show,  
429 that normally navigate the canal, and stated that only the shallowest of boats would be able to  
430 navigate into the canal. She asked that the Board please try to find the money to get navigation  
431 back in the canals.

432 Ms. Cox stated that she had done some research regarding the canals. She stated that the Tammi  
433 Drive Canal covers 75 acres and is owned by the State of Florida in Tallahassee. She stated that  
434 the Lake County Water Authority nor the St. Johns River Water Management District own the  
435 canal. She stated that the State of Florida has a Public Land Management division and perhaps  
436 they would be able to provide the funding using Hurricane Irma Emergency Funding.

437 Vice Chair Maimone stated that they didn't need to go any deeper into the discussion at this  
438 time. She stated that the topic will be on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting, so more  
439 residents of Venetian Village can be in attendance.

440 Ann Schuck, resident of Venetian Village, stated that they keep coming and voicing their opinion  
441 and they never get any response from the Board as the answers to their questions.

442 Vance Jochim addressed the Board and stated that he had sent several Board Members some  
443 recommendations and suggestions for the future. He stated that he would like to see the Water  
444 Authority to take more action on things. He stated that because there are several new Board  
445 Members he would suggest that they request an internal audit of the Water Authority by the  
446 County's Inspector General. He stated that he feels they should have a review from an outside  
447 agency and suggests that if they want to start with a good ground base is to have them come in  
448 and do a performance audit and review contracts for compliance issues, etc.

449 He stated that it sounds like things are moving forward with the issue of the hydrilla in the lakes.  
450 He noted that the County had issued a memo and stated that there needs to be an action plan, and  
451 discussion of the issue should be on the agenda every month.

452 He also suggested that the Water Authority hire a lobbyist. He noted that both the County and  
453 the School Board hire a lobbyist. He stated that they do cost approximately \$50,000, but they  
454 could assist the Agency when soliciting funds such as funding for hydrilla, money for dredging,  
455 or for creating a funding process that could assist residents that the Water Authority cannot and  
456 acting as a facilitator for that process.

457 Mr. Jochim also stated that he is amazed that the Water Authority keeps spending money treating  
458 the polluted water entering Lake County due to the lack of rules controlling agricultural run-off.  
459 He stated that he is amazed that the Water doesn't do anything.

460 He suggested that they put some of the items on the next agenda for discussion.

461 Chairman Stone stated that if he wanted any action to be taken she thought it would behoove him  
462 to ensure that the entire Board has the information he sent out.

463 *The Board took a short break at 5:11 pm and returned at 5:30 pm.*

464 **CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION ITEMS**

465 b. Denham Acquisition - Phase I Environmental Assessment

466 5:32

467 Mr. Hart addressed the Board and explained that Lake Denham is a 252-acre lake that is attached  
468 to Lake Harris and drains directly into the lake. He explained that the predominant feature of its  
469 water shed is a large muck farm. He stated that it contributes 1,100 pounds of total phosphorous  
470 into Lake Denham and on downstream into Lake Harris.

471 He stated that the reason the Water Authority is so concerned about the farm is because Lake  
472 Denham will never be able to meet its TMDLs (Total Maximum Daily Load) or its goal for  
473 restoration if the farm is in operation.

474 He noted that the Water Authority has known about the issue for many years and wanted to be  
475 able to address it, and the only thing that will address the issue would be to eliminate the  
476 pumping and discharge from the muck farm into the lake.

477 Mr. Hart explained that staff has talked with the property owners many times over the years, and  
478 although they were willing to potentially selling the farm, they were never willing to move  
479 forward.

480 He stated that this past year the owners contacted staff, stated that they were interested in selling  
481 the property and would entertain an offer. He explained that he had met many times with the  
482 owners and they have moved forward to the point that the Water Authority has the property  
483 under contract to purchase.

484 He stated that the reason staff considers this the most cost-effective alternative over any other  
485 type of project is because cost of treatment of the water would be astronomically greater than the  
486 cost of buying the property.

487 He explained that staff has compared the project to all the other stormwater projects that the  
488 Water Authority has funded over the last twenty years, and the cost per pound of total  
489 phosphorous removed is still \$1,200 per pound, whereas buying the property removes the  
490 nutrient loading at a cost of \$73 per pound.

491 Mr. Hart stated that the Phase I Environmental Assessment has begun, but the report is not yet  
492 available as assessment of only six out of seven parcels has been completed so far. He noted that  
493 most likely that once the Phase I Assessment has been completed the recommendation will be to  
494 recommend a Phase 2 Assessment.

495 He explained that a Phase I Assessment is an environmental assessment to determine if there is  
496 the likely hood of some type of contamination on the site. He stated that it is performed by doing  
497 a literature search and survey of surrounding property owners to see if they know of any uses of  
498 the property. He stated he does know that the Assessment will conclude that activities on the  
499 property were held during a period when pesticides and chemicals were in use, that are no longer  
500 allowed. He explained that during the Phase 2 Assessment soil samples will be taken and a  
501 determination of where any contaminated sites may be.

502 He stated he would have the results of the assessment by next month and will bring present them  
503 to the Board.

504 Ms. Cox asked if there is there is runoff currently entering the lake from the muck farm and Mr.  
505 Hart stated that yes, runoff is still being pumped back into the lake.

506 Mr. Hart stated that we are doing our due diligence and are not making any assumptions about  
507 the property at this time. He stated that there is no evidence that there are contaminants on the  
508 property, but there is the possibility that there could be.

509 Ms. Cox asked the depth of the lake and Mr. Hart replied 4 or 5 feet with maximum of 6 to 7 feet  
510 in some areas. It was noted that any nutrients entering the lake from the muck farm, easily travel  
511 down Helena Run and into Lake Harris. Mr. Hart stated that without any nutrient loading  
512 coming from the farm we should see improvements to the quality of the water.

513 Mr. Hendrick asked if the property is an active farm at this time and Mr. Hart stated that the  
514 owners are currently growing palm trees, so they must keep the site dry and are currently  
515 pumping water off the site.

516 Mr. Hendrick asked what would happen once the property has been purchased and the farm is no  
517 longer active. Mr. Hart explained that once the farm is no longer active the water will stay on  
518 the site and will not be pumped into the lake.

519 Vice Chair Maimone asked if they could use any of the material from the NuRF on the property  
520 and Mr. Hart stated that the cost to transport the material to the Lake Denham property would  
521 cost four to five hundred dollars a load versus \$100 a load to transport it to Lake Jem.

522 Mr. Perry stated that Mr. Truenow has 117 acres that he needs to fill and as the NuRF  
523 containment area is only seven acres, he has stated that he should be able to use all the material  
524 available.

525 Mr. Perry also stated that staff had also spoken with the County as to whether they could use the  
526 material as a cover for the landfill, but at this time they are using the mulch from the Hurricane  
527 Irma damage. He noted that the container industry may provide another outlet for the material.

528 Mr. Hendrick asked if there would be a reclamation plan for Lake Denham and Mr. Hart stated  
529 that there would be, but any plan will have to be approved by Florida Fish and Wildlife (FWC).  
530 He stated that one possible choice would be to let it go natural and let whatever grows, grow. He  
531 noted that FWC has stated that they would be willing to put in a public boat ramp.

532 He also noted that the lake also has good potential for growing bass, but that he still needs to talk  
533 to FWC about that possibility and about invasive aquatic plant management.

534 c. Roadway Improvement Around Ponds - NuRF

535 Dr. Danaher stated that the levies at the NuRF have had a lot of wear and tear on them with all  
536 the traffic and use after the hurricane, and staff would like to convert the levy road to one similar  
537 to the entrance road into the NuRF.

538 He explained that staff had talked it over and contacted some of our contracted engineering  
539 groups. He stated that BESH Engineering came out for a site visit and stated that they don't  
540 need to construct an actual road, and that grading, a layer of geotextile fabric and a layer of  
541 aggregate stone on top would be sufficient.

542 He stated that staff believes that BESH Engineering's fees are reasonable, with the design being  
543 \$1,400. He noted that BESH could also help with putting together the bid package as well as  
544 providing their services for answering contractor services regarding the bid, for cost of \$1,320  
545 for up to eight hours of their time in answering questions once the bid is released.

546 He explained that once the contract is awarded, BESH would come back out to the site and  
547 ensure that the contractor is following BESH's design specifications and the roadways are being  
548 installed properly. He stated that BESH Engineering estimates that this would entail about six  
549 hours of their time and the estimated cost would not exceed \$1,000.

550 Dr. Danaher noted that they are looking at a total cost of approximately \$3,800 for BESH  
551 Engineering's services and based on that estimate staff would like for BESH Engineering to  
552 design the roadway system around the ponds.

553 He stated that once the design is completed staff would like to put the job out to bid to determine  
554 the cost of installation of the roadway. He stated that staff has an idea of what the estimate  
555 should be, but he doesn't want to disclose the amount at this time.

556 He stated that staff's recommendation for improving the roadway system around the ponds at the  
557 NuRF is that on the completion of the design work, he would like to authorize the Executive  
558 Director to release a bid for the roadway site improvement at the NuRF.

559 Attorney Barice stated that she would like to have a look at the contract when they enter into it,  
560 as well as the continuing contract. Mr. Perry stated that it would most likely only be a Work Order  
561 and not a new contract as the Water Authority does have continuing agreement with them.

562 **VICE CHAIR MAIMONE MADE A MOTION THAT UPON THE COMPLETION OF**  
563 **DESIGN WORK, AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RELEASE A BID**  
564 **TO IMPROVE ROADWAY SITE IMPROVEMENT AT THE NURF.** Mr. Hendrick  
565 seconded the motion.

566 **Motion approved 6-0.**

567 d. Lake Hiawatha Speed Zone Update

568 Mr. Hart updated the Board on a citizen's request for a Speed Zone on Lake Hiawatha. He  
569 explained that approximately a year ago two girls on a jet ski were in an accident when they lost  
570 control the jet ski. He explained that they had hit a dock, causing the damage to the dock and to  
571 the boat that was docked there and sending one of the girls to the hospital.

572 He explained that Florida Fish and Wildlife (FWC) has guidelines in place that determine  
573 whether a Speed Zone would be permitted and that this channel does not meet the normal  
574 requirements, one of which is that the channel must be less than 70 feet in width.

575 He noted that another reason that FWC might permit a speed zone is if there was a documented  
576 history of accidents. He explained that they do not consider two accidents as a history of  
577 accidents, nor do they consider either of the two reported accidents to be counted, as one was due  
578 to reckless driving and the other accident being alcohol related.

579 He stated that the Water Authority has submitted three applications for permit on this site. He  
580 stated that all three have been denied or staff had been informed that unless we could provide  
581 more substantiating information it would be denied. He noted that they had also stated that we  
582 could just withdraw our request so that it could still be resubmitted later.

583 Mr. Hart explained that the reason staff went through the process is so that if something does  
584 happen in the future the residents will not be able say that the Lake County Water Authority  
585 knew of the issue and didn't do anything about it. He stated by submitting the applications, it  
586 creates a history that the Water Authority has tried.

587 He stated that there is something in the works, as the homeowners on that channel are not willing  
588 to just take the "no" coming from the State and have also contacted the Lake County Board of  
589 County Commissioners.

590 He noted that the County Commissioners have instructed the County Attorney to set up a  
591 meeting between all the parties, so it can be discussed in public, and that on December 11, 2018  
592 he and Ms. Cox will attending that meeting with the Lake County Attorney's office. He stated  
593 that Florida Fish and Wildlife representatives will not be there in person, but they will be calling  
594 in to the meeting.

595 Mr. Hart stated that he doesn't expect the outcome of that meeting to be any different from the  
596 previous outcome and therefore staff is not recommending that the Board take any action. He  
597 stated that staff has already taken a lot of time trying to address this issue and the likelihood of  
598 any success is extremely low.

599 Ms. Cox stated that this is her district and that she has received many calls regarding near misses  
600 in that area. She asked how the width of the channel is determined and Mr. Hart explained that  
601 by State Statute, the width of a channel is measured from bank to bank. He noted that the width  
602 of this channel is approximately 125 feet, which does not fit the criteria.

603 When asked if they take into consideration any docks and vegetation Mr. Hart explained that  
604 they do not.

605 Ms. Cox stated that the girls on the jet ski most likely didn't understand what would happen  
606 when they let off on the throttle, and she would consider that an accident.

607 Mr. Hart stated that the State determines any site requirements and conditions and they don't  
608 consider those incidents as accidents.

609 Mr. Hendrick asked about the speed limit and Mr. Hart explained that the speed limit at this time  
610 is normal safe operation and that there is not set speed limit.

611 Mr. Hart explained that the current legislation was passed in 2001 or 2002 and it was written  
612 with the intent not to restrict boaters from getting from place to place.

613 **8. LEGAL STAFF REPORT**

614 Attorney Barice welcomed the new Board Members and informed them regarding the Public  
615 Records Law regarding any information they receive and send regarding the Water Authority.  
616 She stated that it would be helpful for them to get Ethics Training, and noted that it is usually a  
617 four-hour training course which are held on a regular basis.

618 She also reminded them of the Sunshine Law and explained that they cannot discuss Water  
619 Authority business with fellow Board Members outside of Water Authority Board meetings.

620 She noted State Statutes 119 Public Records, 286 Sunshine, and 112 Ethics and Conflict of  
621 Interest and stated that there is a pamphlet called Government under the Sunshine that she  
622 recommended that they read.

623 Mr. Perry stated that all new Board Members had been provided an on-line link to a book on  
624 Florida Sunshine Laws.

625 Attorney Barice briefed the new Board Members on the issue regarding the Sawgrass Restrooms  
626 and stated that the Agency had paid \$26,000 of the contracted amount of \$52,000. She explained  
627 that the restrooms have been built and are sitting at the facility in Idaho. She stated that the  
628 delivery was originally delayed due to State of Florida, Health Department, permitting issues.

629 She explained that the Water Authority had offered to pay the remaining balance of \$26,000 just  
630 to have them delivered, and the Water Authority would deal with the permitting issues. She  
631 stated that however, as soon as that was agreed upon, the contractors assets were seized and sold  
632 at an auction to satisfy a judgment against him.

633 She stated that the attorney for the entity that bought them had called her and requested the final  
634 payment of \$26,000 plus the cost of shipping. He stated that they didn't want to pay for the  
635 shipping, as they estimated that it could cost \$12,000. He stated that they needed to remove the  
636 restrooms from the facility where they were built within the next two days, and would like to put  
637 them on trucks and ship them to the Water Authority.

638 She stated that she had informed him that shipping had been included in the contract, and the  
639 Agency is not going to pay additional shipping and he had stated that if he got them there, he  
640 wouldn't have any way of getting them off of the trucks.

641 Attorney Barice explained that she had told him that the Water Authority could possibly arrange  
642 to have them removed from the truck, although it was in the agreement that the Water Authority  
643 would did the holes, the contractor was to put them in the hole and set them up.

644 She stated that he had gotten back in touch with her last night and had stated that they are willing  
645 to ship and insure the restrooms, but the Water Authority would need to have a crane to take  
646 them off of the trucks. He needs to know pretty quickly as they are loading them up to take them  
647 off the property by Friday.

648 She stated that he had stated that if the Water Authority needed the restrooms right away, we  
649 could pay have of the \$15,000 shipping cost and if we were willing to share the shipping costs  
650 they would ship them to us right away; otherwise it would be after January before they could  
651 ship them at their own cost, as they hope that shipping costs would be less at that time. She also  
652 stated that he had also mentioned that they could possibly sell them if the Water Authority no  
653 longer wants them. She stated that whatever the Board decides to do, she needs to let their  
654 attorney know.

655 Vice Chair Maimone asked Mr. Perry how much in discretionary funding he could spend and  
656 Mr. Perry stated that he has spending authority up to \$10,000.

657 Mr. Perry stated that staff has discussed just giving up on ever receiving the restrooms as they  
658 don't want to keep putting money into it. He explained that the contract for \$52,000 contained a  
659 lot of contractual obligations that the contractors needed to complete, and that it is his opinion  
660 that they shouldn't pay another dime to get them here as those obligations haven't been  
661 completed. He stated that there would be a lot more things that would need to be done before  
662 they could be installed and it could be an significant investment on the Water Authority's part.

663 He stated that splitting the cost of shipping might be sufficient, but he isn't willing to pay the  
664 balance of the contract and there is still much that needs to be done to put them in the ground.

665 Chairman Stone stated that she thinks their expectation is to receive the remaining \$26,000 owed  
666 on the contract, and half of the shipping.

667 Attorney Barice explained that the attorney had indicated that they would pay the full cost of the  
668 shipping. She stated that the real question is how much it is going to cost the Water Authority to  
669 make the restrooms operable once they are delivered.

670 She noted that the Water Authority also has the option of telling the attorney to keep the  
671 restrooms and deal with them as they see fit, or we can negotiate an acceptable amount other  
672 than the \$26,000 remaining on the contract.

673 Mr. Perry stated there isn't an urgent need for them to be delivered right away and that delivery  
674 in January would be sufficient and would give time to figure out the rest of the issues that need  
675 to be handled. He stated that there would be expenses to the Water Authority as we would need  
676 a crane at least twice, once to remove the restrooms upon delivery, and then again to set them  
677 into the holes.

678 Mr. Hendrick noted that it would probably cost \$3,000 to \$5,000 for a crane each time it was  
679 needed, and Mr. Perry stated that because they haven't yet been certified, the Water Authority  
680 would most likely have more expenses to work that process out.

681 Mr. Perry asked what if the Water Authority just responds back that they should pay the shipping  
682 and the Water Authority isn't going to pay anything else. Attorney Barice stated that the  
683 attorney represents a governmental entity and they aren't going to do that. Mr. Hendricks asked  
684 what if we paid \$15,000 to ship them and not pay the 26,000.

685 Mr. Perry either it is going to cost us more to get them and have them unloaded and installed or  
686 we may have to let it go and then go back out to the lowest bidder.

687 Vice Chair Maimone asked if they could put it on next month's agenda, as they shouldn't be  
688 talking about it without it being on the agenda. She stated that it's not an emergency and they  
689 will wait till January. She stated that the Water Authority might want to get their own shipping  
690 quote and move them for cheaper.

691 Chairman Stone asked that staff do some research to get a better estimate of costs. She stated  
692 that it might be advantageous to go back to the second lowest bidder and asking if they would  
693 maintain that same price, so they can make a decision.

694 Attorney Barice stated that she would get back with the attorney and let him know that the Water  
695 Authority has a new Board and it was too soon for them to make a decision and that waiting until  
696 January for shipping is fine with them at this time.

697 Attorney Barice stated that the Equestrian Easement at Sawgrass has been completed and  
698 recorded, and the the Bourlay/Evans title dispute-quit claim deed has been consented to by the  
699 Bourlay Trustees and recorded.

700 **9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

701 Ms. Cox stated that there will be a Lake's Academy for the Clermont Chain of Lakes on  
702 Saturday, January 12, 2019 and we have some co-sponsors from South Lake County and  
703 hopefully they will get a good response.

704 Chairman Stone welcomed the new Board Members and stated that she is very excited about the  
705 work that they have ahead of them and being able to get some things accomplished. She stated  
706 that they Board has tended to ruminate for long periods of time on projects in the past and that  
707 she is hoping to move forward quickly. She stated that she would highly recommend that they  
708 read their board agendas and memos before they come to the meetings as it will help them  
709 understand the topics to be discussed, and if they have any questions, they should feel free to talk  
710 with staff.

711 Vice Chair Maimone reiterated that the meetings would go a lot smoother if everyone reads their  
712 agenda and memos. She stated that if she has any questions she usually will call and speak to  
713 Mr. Perry or other staff before the meeting.

714 She also noted that they could also call Attorney Barice if they have any legal questions, but to  
715 remember that she does charge for phone calls and emails, so only use that option when they  
716 must.

717 Mr. BonJorn asked about the location of the company for the alum tank purchase, and Dr.  
718 Danaher stated that they are out of Dunnellon, Florida.

719 **10. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

720 Ms. Maimone asked that Venetian Village Canal Issue be put on the agenda for next month.

721 **11. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 722 a. Staff Reports
- 723 b. Monthly Financial Reports – September 2018

724 **12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

- 725 - Board Meeting - Wednesday, December 12, 2018 (3:30 pm)
- 726 BCC Chambers/Admin. Building

727 **13. ADJOURNMENT**

728 The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.