

FINAL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING (tour – Lake Apopka North Shore Restoration Area)
of the
HARRIS CHAIN OF LAKES RESTORATION COUNCIL**

December 7, 2012

The Harris Chain of Lakes Restoration Council held a tour of the Lake Apopka North Shore Restoration Area (LANSRA) at 9:00am on December 7, 2012.

Members Present

Sid Grow
Robert (Bob) Johnson
Lloyd Woosley
Keith Truenow

Members Absent

Hugh (Dave) Davis II, Chairman
Skip Goerner, Vice Chairman
Richard (Rick) Powers P.G., Secretary
Don Nicholson
Edward Schlein, M.D.

Tour Summary

The tour began at the Apopka Field Office at 9:00 a.m. Dave Walker and Gian Basili of the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) provided an overview of the restoration and land management history and activities before the attendees boarded the bus.

The first stop was at the recently completed Unit 1 pump where people inspected the modifications. This pump will be the main discharge site for the entire LANSRA. The next stop was on the lake levee near Laughlin Road. Bruce Jagers, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) described the planting efforts and the group observed the transplanted bulrush visible near the shore. The next stop was at the bridge over McDonald Canal where Dave Walker described how the structures in the canal and the discharge to the canal would affect operation of the LANSRA. The next stop was the gizzard shad dock where the group observed the harvesting operation facility. Dave Walker explained the status of this year's harvest. The next stop was the Nutrient Reduction Facility near the Apopka Lock and Dam. Ron Hart, Lake County Water Authority (LCWA) described the operation of that system and the bus continued south along the Apopka-Beauclair Canal levee. He also explained the Lake Beauclair dredging project and its disposal of sediment on District property. The final stop was at the Marsh Flow-way project and Dave Walker described the current operation and the group observed the different cells of the project from the observation tower.

The bus returned to the Apopka Field Office at noon, which concluded the tour.

Others in attendance:

Roger Percival
George Hemingway
Ludi Lelis, Orlando Sentinel
Ron Hart, LCWA
Dennis Renfro, FWC
Marty Hale, FWC
John Benton, FWC
Nathalie Visscher, FWC
Bruce Jagers, FWC

Dave Walker, SJRWMD
Gian Basili, SJRWMD
Kraig McLane, SJRWMD
Hank Largin, SJRWMD