

**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