

**FINAL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
of the  
HARRIS CHAIN OF LAKES RESTORATION COUNCIL**

**November 2, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Harris Chain of Lakes Restoration Council (Council) was held at 9:00am on November 2, 2012 at the Lake County Board of County Commissioner Chambers, 315 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida.

**Members Present**

Hugh (Dave) Davis II, Chairman  
Skip Goerner, Vice Chairman  
Sid Grow  
Robert (Bob) Johnson  
Lloyd Woosley  
Keith Truenow

**Members Absent**

Richard (Rick) Powers P.G., Secretary  
Don Nicholson  
Edward Schlein, M.D.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Davis gave an invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**3. COUNCIL ROLL CALL; REMINDER FOR OTHERS TO SIGN IN**

Chairman Davis called the roll. Councilman Powers, Councilman Nicholson, and Councilman Schlein were absent.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Councilman Woosley requested his name be corrected in the October 5, 2012 minutes. The October 5, 2012 minutes were approved as amended by unanimous vote.
- September 7, 2012 minutes will be corrected and brought back to the Council for approval at the January 2013 meeting.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Linda Bystrak, Ocklawaha Audubon Society, spoke with the Council about supporting the proposed Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment. Chairman Davis stated that a public entity could not take a public position on a political matter.

**6. PRESENTATIONS / ACTIONS**

- Marcy Policastro, Wildwood Consulting reviewed the updated draft and edits of the Council's 2012 annual report to the Florida Legislature. She stated that this report would need to be finalized and approved at the meeting to submit to the Legislature. The Council provided feedback and edits, which are incorporated into these minutes (end of document) via inclusion of the November 2, 2012 version of the annual report that was edited during the meeting.

- The Council unanimously approved the draft of The Harris Chain of Lakes Restoration Council 2012 Report to the Florida Legislature as the final report for submission.

## **7. COUNCIL & AGENCY QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

- Mike Perry, Lake County Water Authority (LCWA) updated the Council on the LCWA's approved the budget for the next fiscal year and that Apopka Beauclair canal dredging is at 85% complete and expected to be finished by summer 2013.
- Dale Jones, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) updated the Council on FWC's interest in reviewing and discussing with the Council and the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) the difference in information provided by Dr. Canfield's report and FWC's presentation on Fish Stocking. He continued and stated that the sunshine law requires that the meeting of the Council and TAG be advertised and open to the public. Mr. Jones stated that St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) has agreed to advertise and provide administrative support for a meeting of the TAG, but requested it be held at District Headquarters in Palatka.

Vice Chairman Goerner stated that a TAG meeting should be advertised with the Harris Chain of Lakes Restoration Council meetings and members of the Council should be able to participate in the meetings, as well.

Kraig McLane, SJRWMD, stated that the Council is a sunshine body, its TAG is an advisory body to the Council – and likewise a sunshine body, and if a member of the Council would like to meet with a member of the TAG the meeting would need to be advertised.

Chairman Davis interpreted the sunshine law as two members of the same Council could not meet without being advertised, but a member of the Council and a member of the TAG could meet because they were not members of the same committee/group. He requested the sunshine law be further reviewed.

Mike Perry, LCWA stated that the sunshine law needs to be clarified so he would know whether to continue to come to the meetings or if he will need to assign another person to represent the LCWA with the Council.

- Dave Walker, SJRWMD updated the Council that SJRWMD is involved in the dredge planning and project in Lake Apopka near Winter Garden and that the work should start in May 2013.
- Dave Herbster, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), updated the Council that FDEP is working with Clean to Green and SJRWMD to get the two dredging projects started.

## **8. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

**A. Comments** – none.

### **B. Discussion of Next Scheduled Meeting:**

Kraig McLane, SJRWMD, stated that he will advertise for the Council to take a tour of Lake Apopka North Shore Restoration Area on December 7, 2012 to start at 9:00 am. He continued and stated that he has the Lake County Board Room scheduled for 2013 meetings of the

Council. Mr. McLane stated that he will schedule two presentations for January 4, 2013 Council meeting to have FWC present on fish attractors and bass stocking.

Chairman Davis requested that FWC send Mr. McLane the proposed January presentation of bass stocking for distribution to the Council. He continued and stated that the Council should send questions and information they would like to discuss based on the presentation to Mr. McLane. Mr. McLane should then submit the questions to FWC to incorporate into their January presentation.

Mr. Dennis Renfro, FWC, stated that he will present a list at the January meeting of presentations that FWC would like to present to the Council for 2013.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 pm