

**FINAL**

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

**October 15, 2003**

The Harris Chain of Lakes Restoration Council (Council) held a special workshop to discuss the Draft Annual Report to the Florida State Legislature at 9:00 AM on October 15, 2003 at the Lake County Board of County Commissioners' Chambers, 315 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida.

**Members Present**

Skip Goerner, Chairman  
W. Thomas Brooks, Vice Chairman  
Thomas A. Cook, MD  
Don Nicholson  
Rick Powers

**Members Absent**

Charles C. Clark  
Keith Farner  
Hugh Davis II, Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Skip Goerner called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Invocation was given by Mr. Robert Kaiser (Ex-Officio), followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Chairman Goerner called roll. All members were present except for Councilmen Charles Clark, Keith Farner and Hugh Davis.

**4. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

Chairman Goerner welcomed all Council members. He went on to discuss the recent Legislative Delegation meeting that he had attended. He said that he had discussed the same funding requested for the Council last year and an additional \$500,000 for the fish restocking program. More specifically he suggested that the Council may request the funding for research and a fish restocking demonstration project. The project would be a cooperative effort of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC),

University of Florida (UF), Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), Florida Aquaculture, and others.

Chairman Goerner then presented copies of two reports which he had received from Dr. Daniel Canfield, of the UF and a member of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to the Council. The technical reports provide information on the benefits of fish restocking, particularly largemouth bass.

Chairman Thomas Brooks discussed the budgetary meeting he had with David Fisk- Assistant Executive Director and Linda Girardin-Project Administrator, both of the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD). He confirmed information discussed during the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting which included:

- Funds unexpended by September 30<sup>th</sup> are returned to the SJRWMD General Fund.
- The unexpended funds should be returned to the Council via the new budget.
- Preliminary indications are that the Council will receive \$50,000 from the SJRWMD for the new annual budget.

Mike Perry, Executive Director of the Lake County Water Authority (LCWA), discussed the options that the Council had in their decision to solicit a new contract for Recording Secretary Services for the Council. Mr. Perry explained that to go through this process would take time and that the Council has the option to allow Berryman & Henigar, Inc. (BHI), currently performing the duties of Recording Secretary, to present a revised proposal. [During the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, the Council had rejected the continuing services proposal presented by BHI based on the fee proposed.] Chairman Goerner then asked Patrick Hunter of BHI, the current Recording Secretary to the Council, if he was prepared to discuss this matter with the Council. Mr. Hunter said that he was and went on to present a second proposal from BHI to continue in their capacity for December 2003 – November 2004 for a fee of \$18,882. The Council members all felt that this fee was acceptable to them and then unanimously agreed on a consensus to accept the current proposal during the November Council meeting.

## **5. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF DRAFT LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

There was extensive discussion between the Council and the Recording Secretary regarding various elements of the Draft Annual Report to the Florida State Legislature. The discussion allowed the Council to correct any errors, modify the information as presented, and to adjust the language to better represent their position on the lake restorative alternatives discussed throughout the period of the report. Mr. Hunter agreed to address all comments and edits presented, in the second draft of the report.

Generally, the draft report was well received and primarily minor edits or comments were provided by the Council.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Goerner called for meeting adjournment. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Skip Goerner, Chairman

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W. Thomas Brooks, Vice Chairman