

FINAL

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

November 9, 2005

The November meeting of the Harris Chain of Lakes Restoration Council (Council) was held at 9:00 AM on November 9, 2005 at the Lake County Water Authority Board Room, 107 North Lake Avenue, Tavares, Florida.

Members Present

Hugh (Dave) Davis II, Chairman
Skip Goerner, Vice Chairman
Keith Farner
Robert Kaiser, P.E.
Richard Royal

Members Absent

Thomas A. Cook, MD, Secretary
W. Thomas Brooks
Don Nicholson
Rick Powers, P.G.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dave Davis called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was given by Councilman Bob Kaiser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Chairman Davis called roll. Secretary Tom Cook and Councilmen Tom Brooks, Don Nicholson and Rick Powers were absent. On October 31, 2005 formal notification of the resignation of Councilman Tom Brooks was received (via email) by Gene Caputo of the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD), which was then forwarded on to the Council. A copy of Councilman Brooks' email is provided as Attachment 1 of these minutes. On November 1, 2005 Chairman Davis received formal notification (via email) of the resignation of Secretary Tom Cook, M.D., which was then forwarded on to the other Council members. A copy of Dr. Cook's email is provided as Attachment 2 of these minutes. A motion to accept the resignations of Secretary Cook and Councilman Brooks passed by unanimous votes.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A call was made for discussion of the minutes from the October 7, 2005 meeting. No changes or edits were suggested. A vote to approve the October Meeting Minutes passed unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Vice (V.) Chairman Skip Goerner said that he notified Senator Carey Baker of the resignations of Secretary Cook and Councilman Brooks. He explained that Senator Baker requested that any application received from the public advertisement of the positions be forwarded to his office for review. Mr. Caputo said that he was sending copies of the advertisement to Senator Baker for his approval prior to placing the ads in a local newspaper. V. Chairman Goerner said he was confident that new Council members would be in place by the January 2006 meeting.

Councilman Kaiser then introduced Dr. Sharon Nickell-Olm, who was attending the meeting as a private citizen to present her qualifications for a position on the Council. Dr. Nickell-Olm started out by saying that she had recently resigned after 23 years of family practice in Mt. Dora, due to the rising costs of malpractice insurance. She explained that she had previously lived on Lake Dora and is currently developing property on Lake Seneca. Dr. Nickell-Olm said that she was genuinely interested in matters relating to water quality and preserving the environment and expressed her interest in a position on the Council. V. Chairman Goerner suggested that Dr. Nickell-Olm send an application to Senator Carey Baker's office. She agreed and thanked the Council for their time.

Election of Officers for Calendar Years 2005 and 2006 – Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary

V. Chairman Goerner made a motion that the election of Council officers be postponed until the January 2006 meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Draft of the 2005 Legislative Report – Patrick Hunter

The Council had been provided the draft of the 2005 Report to the Florida Legislature for their review and comment. V. Chairman Goerner provided numerous suggestions, comments and edits for the annual report. Many of these suggestions and edits are not included in these minutes as they are reflected in the 2005 Report.

During the discussion of the annual report a motion was made for the Council to request \$300,000 from the Legislature for the purpose of bass restocking in the Harris Chain of Lakes (HCOL). After a discussion on the matter, the motion to request \$300,000 for Bass Restocking was approved by unanimous vote. There was also a discussion among Council members as to how funds received for sport fish restocking would be spent. A motion to discuss this matter at a later date passed unanimously.

Additionally, a motion was made to include \$300,000 in the Council Legislative Initiative for the purpose of wetland and aquatic restoration. The motion was approved and after a

discussion of the funding request, a vote to approve a request of \$300,000 for Wetland and Aquatic Restoration passed unanimously.

Upon completion of the discussion of the draft annual report with comments provided by all the attending Council members, a vote to approve the draft 2005 Report to the Legislature with the suggested comments and edits passed by unanimous vote.

Patrick Hunter, Recording Secretary to the Council said that the final draft of the report would be provided by Friday, November 11, 2005. The Council agreed that they would review the final draft and provide any additional comments to Mr. Hunter by Tuesday, November 15, 2005 by 5:00 PM. The Council also requested that Mr. Hunter provide 25 color copies of the report, each containing a CD with the appendices of the report and an additional 10 copies of CDs with the report and appendices for their use. Mr. Hunter agreed.

A discussion then ensued as to the additional copies of the report that would be required and the individuals / organizations that would receive them.

SJRWMD Upper Ocklawaha River Basin State Funding Initiative

Mr. Caputo provided copies of the SJRWMD Draft Upper Ocklawaha River Basin (UORB) State Funding Initiative for Fiscal Year 2006 – 2007, in the meeting agenda packets for the Council. He explained that this version of the Initiative includes the amounts to be requested by the SJRWMD, where the previous versions of the Initiative did not.

Council Legislative Initiative

V. Chairman Goerner said that with respect to the Council's Funding Initiative, that he would prepare the Community Issue Budget Request (CIBR) for the Legislative Delegation.

Budget Report – 4th Quarterly Report FY 04-05 – Councilman Tom Brooks

In the absence of Councilman Brooks, Mr. Caputo presented the 4th Quarterly Report for the Council's 2004 – 2005 Fiscal Year. After a brief discussion of the report, a motion to accept the 4th Quarter Report passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Caputo also provided the Council with a tentative schedule of monthly meetings in 2006. He said that not all of the dates had been approved for the use of the Lake County Board of County Commissioners' Chambers. A copy of that tentative schedule is provided as Attachment 3 of these minutes.

6. PRESENTATIONS

No formal presentations were scheduled to be made at the November Council meeting.

Mr. Hunter had forwarded an update to the Council provided by Dr. Larry Battoe (SJRWMD) via email. The update was on the status of SJRWMD projects in the UORB. No discussion of this information was held.

Agency Updates

Bill Johnson of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC) gave a brief update saying that they began creel counts in the past two weeks on lakes Beauclair, Dora, Eustis and Griffin. He said they will also be conducting trawl sampling of crappie populations on lakes Beauclair, Dora, Eustis, and Griffin, and most likely on Lake Apopka. Mr. Johnson also explained that the FWCC will begin tagging crappie in January 2006 in an effort to evaluate exploitation by anglers and by-catches of commercial fishermen using gill nets.

Councilman Kaiser gave an update on his research on the use of alternative energy sources such as wind-generated power at the Lake Apopka Marsh Flow-way (LAMF) and/or the Lake Beauclair Nutrient Reduction Facility (NuRF). In his web-based research of the Siemens Corporation it was determined that the smallest windmill they produce generates 1.5 megawatts of power which is enough electricity to light the City of Tavares. Councilman Kaiser explained that an 11 mile per hour (mph) wind is required to run the windmill and the wind data collected at the surface of Lake Apopka is somewhat less than that. However, councilman Kaiser believed there may be sufficient wind at the elevation where the 75 to 80 foot blades of the windmill would be operated. With respect to the excess power generated, he explained that the electricity could be sent directly to the local power grid at which point it could be sold back to the SJRWMD or Lake County Water Authority (LCWA) for use on their projects at approximately 10% of the base cost of electrical power. In summary, Councilman Kaiser believed that although wind-generated power greatly reduces pollution to the environment as compared to conventional power plants, it may not be practical in this application.

Councilman Keith Farner asked if Councilman Kaiser had also researched the use of hydro-electric power. Councilman Kaiser said that the volume of water flowing through the Apopka-Beauclair Canal would not be sufficient to make hydro-electric power practical.

No further agency updates were provided.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Comments

V. Chairman Goerner discussed providing recognition of the achievements of previous Council members and suggested that the Council could provide engraved plaques to those members. A vote to approve engraved plaques recognizing the achievements of former Council members including Secretary Tom Cook and Councilmen Tom Brooks and Charles Clark passed unanimously.

Councilman Richard Royal suggested that the Council should request a presentation on the costs associated with mechanical harvesting versus herbicide application to control aquatic weeds. He also reiterated his previous request that the Council be provided with information on the cost per pound removal of phosphorus by the various methods used.

There were no additional comments made by the Council members.

Discussion of December 2, 2005 Meeting

Mr. Caputo asked if the Council was planning to hold a meeting in December. V. chairman Goerner said that they should hold open the possibility of having a December meeting in the event he needed to discuss the Florida Delegation meeting on December 14, 2005. Mr. Caputo said that he would need to be notified by November 23rd if the Council decides to hold a December meeting. V. Chairman Goerner agreed.

Councilman Farner said that if the December meeting were held that he would like to be kept apprised of the pesticide sampling being conducted at the Lake Apopka North Shore Restoration Area. V. Chairman Goerner agreed saying that with the impending reconnection of the Harris Bayou, this is an important issue that should be monitored.

Councilman Royal suggested that in an update of the pesticide concentrations, the Council should be informed as to what concentration of pesticides does the SJRWMD become concerned with potential effects.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Chairman Dave Davis

Vice Chairman Skip Goerner

Attachment 1

Councilman Thomas Brooks

Email 10/31/05

Resignation

Gene Caputo

From: Brooks, Tom [Tom.Brooks@thevillages.com]

Sent: Monday, October 31, 2005 3:19 PM

To: Gene Caputo

Subject: personal

When it rains it pours. I have had severe hip pain for six weeks. I just got back from the mayo clinic where they are 95% sure I will have hip replacement. My new responsibilities have caused me to miss to many meetings and now this. I will not be at the November 11 meeting. The agenda should include a replacement for me. I will be sending my formal resignation to senator baker this week. It has been a pleasure to work with you.

Attachment 2

Secretary Thomas Cook, M.D.

Email 11/1/05

Resignation and

Status of Medical Journal Articles and Medical Society Meeting

Gene Caputo

From: Dave Davis [hughadavis@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2005 8:51 AM
To: Gene Caputo
Subject: FW: RESIGNATION

Gene: Please place this email from Dr. Cook in the public records section of the HCLRC and distribute it to all members of the council. From my understanding of the public records law, once this is placed in the public record section, I can delete it from my computer. If this is not correct, please inform as soon as possible.

Thanks

Dave

----- Forwarded Message

From: COOKMDT@aol.com
Date: Tue, 1 Nov 2005 06:14:50 EST
To: hadavisii@earthlink.net
Subject: RESIGNATION

DEAR DAVE:

I REGRET THAT I HAVE TO SUBMIT MY RESIGNATION, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. THE REASON IS SEVER HEALTH PROBLEMS. IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE AND AN HONOR TO HAVE SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, SINCE ITS START. ALL OF YOU, ARE A GREAT BUNCH OF FOLKS. THE COUNCIL HAS ACCOMPLISHED A LOT.(NOT TO MENTION HOW MUCH I HAVE LEARNED FROM ALL YOU FOLKS DURING THESE PAST YEARS).

UNFORTUNATELY, MY JOB ASSIGNMENT IS INCOMPLETE, BY THAT I MEAN "THE PLAN TO INFORM THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY OF LAKE COUNTY, OF THE POTENTIAL DANGERS OF & TOXIC EFFECTS OF BLUE GREEN ON HUMANS. I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A PROJECT IS WORTHWHILE PURSUING .IF THE COUNCIL AGREES. THEN, THE JOB SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO ONE MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.

LET ME BRING YOU UP TO DATE ON THE PAST EVENTS: 1-
ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO, I SPOKE TO THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION BOARD, AND REQUESTED THAT THEY SUPPORT OUR PLANNED REQUEST, THAT OUR LEGISLATURE PASS A LAW REQUIRING THAT ALL HUMAN ILLNESSES IOF PROVEN OR SUSPECTED TOXIC EFFECTS OF BLUE GREEN ALGAE BE PLACED ON THE REQUIRED REPORTABLE DISEASES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

THEY RESPONDED BY LETTER (WHICH I THINK YOU HAVE),AND DISAGREED WITH US. THEY SUGGESTED THAT INSTEAD, WE CONSIDER A PROJECT DESIGNED TO EDUCATE THE PHYSICIANS OF LAKE CO. ON THE ISSUE. THEY PROMISED THAT THEY WOULD HELP IN ANY WAY THAT THEY COULD AND PRINT IN THEIR QUARTERLY NEWSPAPER;.ARTICLES ON THE SUBJECT WE DECIDED TO GIVE THIS SUGGESTION A CHANCE, AND MIKE PERRY & MYSELF CAME UP WITH FOLLOWING PLAN:

A - WE WOULD PRESENT A TALK ON THE SUBJECT AT THEIR QUARTERLY MEETING, WHICH WAS TO BE THIS PAST SUMMER. THE SPEAKER WAS TO BE MIKE

PERRY. BY CONVERSATION WITH MRS CYNTHIA NASH,(SECRETARY OF THE MED. ASS.-
-TEL: 352-326-4433), SHE WAS TO ARRANGE A TIME FOR THE MEETING I REQUESTED
THAT SHE AND MIKE GET TOGETHER ON THIS .THEY DID AND AS FAR AS I KNEW, THIS
WAS BEING ARRANGED. I REQUESTED THAT I BE INFORMED OF THE DATE. SOME TIME
PASSED , AND NOT BEING TOLD OF THE DATE, I ASKED MIKE ABOUT IT. HE STATED
THAT THEY HAD CHANGED THEIR MIND, AND DID NOT WANT US. APPARENTLY, THE
MEDICAL BOARD MET AND DECIDED THAT THEY WANTED A CME GRANTING
CONFERENCE. THEREFORE THE PLANNED CONFERENCE WAS DROPPED. I TRIED TO
SPEAK WITH MRS NASH ABOUT THIS,IN AUGUST OF THIS YEAR , BUT SHE WAS
VACATIONING. SUBSEQUENT TO THAT TIME, I STARTED WITH MY PRESENT ILLNESS
AND HAVE NOT SPOKEN TO HER SINCE.. WHEN ALL THIS STARTED, MRS NASH TOLD
US, THAT TO PUT ON THE MEETING, IT WOULD REQUIRE A SPONSOR AND COST \$2,000.
LCWA AGREED TO AUTHORIZE \$1,000. AND OUR COUNCIL , APPROVED THE
EXPENDITURE OF THE OTHER \$1,000. MRS NASH WAS INFORMED OF THIS. IT SEEMS TO
ME ,THAT THE LK.CO.MED. SOCIETY BOARD HAS RENEGED ON THEIR PROMISE.

B-- WE PROMISED THEM FOUR ARTICLES ON THE SUBJECT, EACH TO BE PUBLISHED
IN THEIR QUARTERLY PUBLICATION. THE 1ST. ARTICLE , FROM US, WAS FORWARDED
TO MRS NASH. SHE INFORMED ME THAT THE ARTICLE WAS BEING PRINTED. I
REQUESTED THAT WHEN IT WAS PUBLISHED, I WOULD LIKE TO GET THREE COPIES OF
THE PUBLICATION (ONE FOR THE COUNCIL, ONE FOR MIKE, AND ONE FOR MYSELF). IF
THIS HAS HAPPENED, I HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED OR RECEIVED THE REQUESTED
COPIES. THE NEXT THREE ARTICLES WERE TO BE RENDERED BY DR BURKHOLDER, MR.
ANDY REICH AND THE LAST ONE BY MR. MIKE PERRY. THESE ARTICLES ALTHOUGH
PROMISED HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED. IT SEEMS TO ME, THAT AGAIN ,THE
MED.SOC.HAS NOT KEPT THEIR PROMISE. IF THAT IS SO, THERE IS NO SENSE IN
PURSUING THE NEXT THREE ARTICLES.

I HOPE THAT YOU VOTE TO PURSUE THE ISSUE, AND WE KEEP OUR PROMISE.
ALTHOUGH I HAVE RESIGNED, I WILL BE HOME IF YOU NEED ANY FURTHER
INFORMATION.

BEST WISHES,
TOM

----- End of Forwarded Message

Attachment 3

Harris Chain of Lakes Restoration Council

2006 Meeting Schedule

HARRIS CHAIN of LAKES RESTORATION COUNCIL

2006 MEETING SCHEDULE

The scheduled dates for the calendar year 2006 are as follows:

- January 6th.
- February 3rd
- March 3rd
- April 7th
- May 5th
- June 2nd
- July 7th
- August 4th
- September 8th (Moved back one week due to Labor Day Holiday)
- October 6th
- November 3rd
- December 1st

All meetings are scheduled for 9 AM on Fridays at the BCC Meeting Room in the Round Courthouse in Tavares, but may be modified as to time and place throughout the year.

Due to the time and effort necessary to prepare and review the Council's Legislative Report, additional meetings and/or workshops may be held during the months of September, October, and November.