

**Butler Chain of Lakes Advisory Board  
Windermere Water and Navigation Control District (WWNCD)  
Regular Meeting  
Orange County - Windermere Library  
February 17, 2014**

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**Board Members Present:** Cheryl Miller (Chair), Jason Fulmer (Vice Chairperson), Ijaz Ahmed and Robert Binkley

**Board Members Absent:** Ann Connolly

**Staff & Guests:** Sergio Duarte, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD).  
Lt. Jeff Hudson, Butler Patrol

**Residents:** Carolina Fernandez (Student from UCF)

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**I. Call to Order:**

With a quorum present, Cheryl Miller called the meeting of the Butler Chain of Lakes Advisory Board (BCLAB) to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. Approval of the February 27, 2014 Meeting Minutes:**

**Upon a motion by Ijaz Ahmed, seconded by Robert Binkley, with Ann Connolly being absent; and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved the February 27, 2014 meeting minutes as presented.**

**III. Public Comment on Propositions Before the Advisory Board: none**

**IV. Butler Marine Patrol Report:**

Lt. Hudson presented the following report for January 2014:

Total Patrol Hours	90.5
Uniform Boating Citations	1
Warnings Issued	7
Vessels inspected	47
Disabled Vessels Assisted	2

Lt. Hudson stated that the month of January 2014, had many bad weather days that resulted in fewer patrol hours and contacts being made with boaters. Lt. Hudson stated that he is looking at the possibility to hire two more officers to help cover the marine patrol operations at the Butler Chain this summer.

Lt. Hudson and Mr. Duarte discussed the installation of two “solar beacon lights” on top of the navigation signs at the canal between Lake Isleworth and Tibet, which will occur next week.

**V. EPD Report:**

- 1) **Egret Island Restoration Project:** Mr. Duarte presented a proposal for \$8,175.00 to cover the plant material for the Egret Island Project with OARS (Orlando Area Rowing Society at Lake Down) on Saturday, April 19, 2014, and the melaleuca tree removals at Egret Island and between Lake Butler and Lake Louise.

Mr. Duarte stated that OARS is scheduled to do a “community service” project at Egret Island with 20 middle school students to accomplish the planting of 50 cypress trees, 1,250 bulrushes, and the removal of 2,500 square feet of cattails and several exotic red bottle bush trees / air potato vines. Mr. Duarte stated that the parents will bring their own boats to ferry the children to the island, and there would be a ratio of one parent for each child at the island.

Mr. Duarte stated that he will request authorization from the Florida Audubon Society to do the trash cleaning / restoration of the north side of the Egret Island, and will request assistance from Mr. Smith (Manager, Town of Windermere) to allow the temporary parking of vehicles at Fernwood Park from 8:00 am – noon on Saturday, April 19, 2014 to facilitate the ferrying of the children to the Island.

Mr. Duarte stated that in addition to the project with the OARS Volunteers, Aquatic Weed Control Inc. will be scheduled to do spot removals of melaleuca trees at Egret Island and a large melaleuca removal at the connection between Lake Butler and Lake Louise.

**Upon a motion by Jason Fulmer, seconded by Ijaz Ahmed, with Ann Connolly being absent; and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice; the Advisory Board approved the funding of up to \$8,175.00 for the Egret Island Restoration Project with the OARS volunteers and the invasive melaleuca tree removals (melaleuca tree removals at Egret Island and between Lake Butler and Lake Louise).**

- 2) **Down Sub-basin 9 Study & South Florida Water Management (SFWMD) District Grant:** Mr. Duarte discussed the engineering design & construction plans for the Lake Down Sub-basin 9 Stormwater project, that will encompass road swale improvements, restoration of the Windermere Ridge wetland and upgrades of the retention pond at Willow Park Drive. Mr. Duarte stated that the \$165K SFWMD cost-share grant proposal includes the installation of 50 baskets at Lake Down and Tibet, as well as the installation of approximately 20 baskets within the town of Windermere and Lake Down sub-basin 9.
- 3) **Lake Down Alum Treatment Facility:** Mr. Duarte stated that Orange County Public Works is ready to start the bid process at the end of February 2014. Mr. Duarte stated that upon completion of the bid, the Advisory Board would need to make a recommendation to approve the contractor / contract price, prior to the approval by the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Duarte stated that the construction of the Lake Down Alum Treatment Facility could start in June 2014.

## **VI. New Business:**

The Advisory Board requested that EPD inspect the shoreline of the Tibet – Butler Preserve, and the wetlands at the south of the Butler Chain for the presence of melaleuca trees.

**VII. Old Business:**

- 1) **Stormwater Ponds for the Cascades Shoppes at the Four Corners at Apopka-Vineland and Conroy Windermere:** Mr. Duarte stated that Orange County - Public Works contacted the developer of the "Grove/Cascade at Isleworth" (at the corner of Apopka Vineland Road and Conroy- Windermere Road) regarding the concerns with the use of the retention ponds across the street. Mr. Duarte stated that he will e-mail a response to the Advisory Board members in the coming week.
- 2) **SFWMD conservation easement over the wetland between Lakes Butler & Estes:** Mr. Duarte stated that that EPD provided a request for notifications from the SFWMD and FWC on all permit applications that impact lots 12-16 at the Waterstone Subdivision.

Mr. Duarte stated that the Waterstone Developer is going to repair or replace the existing conservation area signs between Lake Butler and Lake Estes.

**VIII. Non-Agenda Items/Public Comment:** none

**IX. Meeting Schedule:**

**Upon a motion by Robert Binkley, seconded by Ijaz Ahmed, with Ann Connolly being absent; and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice; the Advisory Board moved the next regular meeting from Monday, March 17, 2014 to Monday, March 24, 2014, depending on the room availability at the Windermere Library.**

**X. Meeting Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Cheryl Miller, Chairman

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Sergio Duarte, Minute Preparer

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