

**Butler Chain of Lakes Advisory Board  
Windermere Water and Navigation Control District (WWNCD)  
Regular Meeting  
Town of Windermere Community Room  
March 18, 2013**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Ann Connolly (Vice Chairperson)

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

**Residents:** John Armstrong and Aaron Barcellona (Barcellona Homes Inc.)

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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) (Advisory Board) to order at 6:05 p.m.

**II. Approval of the February 18, 2013 Meeting Minutes:**

Upon a motion by Robert Binkley, seconded by Ijaz Ahmed and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Ann Connolly being absent; the Advisory Board approved the February 18, 2013 meeting minutes as presented.

**III. Butler Marine Patrol Report:**

**Monthly Marine Patrol Report**

Lt. Jeff Hudson presented the following report for February 2013:

Total Patrol Hours	83.5
Uniform Boating Citations	0
Warnings Issued	10
Vessels inspected	49
Disable Vessels Assisted	2

**IV. EPD Report:**

- 1) **Barcellona Seawall permit for 9236 Bay Point Drive (Lake Tibet - Butler: DeCuccurullo, SADF-13-02-002):** Aaron Barcellona stated that he is seeking a permit to replace an existing seawall that was built with railroad pilings at 9236 Bay Point Drive. Mr. Barcellona stated that the proposed new wood seawall will be approximately 1" water ward of the existing seawall faced with riprap at a minimum 2:1 slope. Mr. Duarte stated that Mr. Barcellona is bringing this permit application in front of the Butler Chain of Lakes Advisory Board, as a means to shorten the approval process; that will also include approval from the Board of County Commissioners.

The Advisory Board discussed the presence of numerous Cypress trees along the waterfront area, and requested that special care be taken to avoid impacts to the tree roots during the construction of the new seawall and/or riprap.

The Advisory Board discussed the permit application and stated that they have no objections with the proposed seawall replacement. The Advisory Board made the following motion to recommend the approval of the permit application:

**Upon a motion by Jason Fulmer, seconded by Ijaz Ahmed and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Ann Connolly being absent; the Advisory Board recommended that Orange County approve the Seawall permit for 9236 Bay Point Drive (Lake Tibet - Butler: DeCuccurullo, SADF-13-02-002).**

- 2) **Update on the Lake Down Alum / Stormwater Facility** Mr. Duarte stated that Orange County has completed 97% construction plans as of 11/26/2012, and is currently reviewing the 100% draft construction plans received from the consultant (ERD Inc.).

Mr. Duarte stated that the following items were completed during the past months:

- Building Permit – plans approved for mechanical. Electrical permit still pending
- Concurrency Review was submitted and approved by Orange County Building Department.
- The perpetual Non-Exclusive Ingress/Egress over Wonder Lane, and Utility Easement have been acquired by the County.
- The appraisal for the purchase of the two drainage easement along the creek is being reviewed, and negotiations have started with an adjacent property owner.

Mr. Duarte stated that Orange County expects to have 100% plans by April 2013, and that he will bring to the Advisory Board an update on the drainage easements acquisitions in the coming months.

Mr. Duarte stated that the project site for the Lake Down Alum Facility has an active Bald Eagle nest, and that the construction process would need to comply with the state regulations on Bald Eagles nesting. Mr. Duarte stated that the state regulations would prohibit construction activities during the active nesting season (October - May), and that these restrictions would only affect the west portion of the project site that is within the 660 foot secondary – nest buffer zone. Mr. Duarte indicated that the construction project could start this year or next year, depending on the timing of the acquisition of the drainage easements, the final project approvals and the bid process.

- 3) **Windermere Boathouse Repairs & Lake Mabel - Melaleuca Removal Project:**

Mr. Duarte stated that the Melaleuca removals were successfully completed at the Disney's parcel at Lake Mable on March 6, 2013. Mr. Duarte stated that several large Melaleuca trees were removed and the stumps treated.

Mr. Duarte stated that Wise Marine Construction Inc. is getting ready to start the repair of the Windermere Boathouse, and that the work is expected to be completed by the first week of April 2013.

- 4) **2013 WWNCD Newsletter:**

Mr. Duarte requested the help of the Advisory Board on the prioritization of the following "newsletter topics" for discussion and approval at the next meeting on April 15, 2013:



- BCLAB Chair Letter & History of the WWNCD
- Map of the WWNCD
- Butler Patrol (Windermere Boathouse Repairs & Navigation signs)
- Boating Safety
- Meaning of "Outstanding Florida Waters"
- Lake Down Stormwater- Alum Treatment Facility
- 2013 Stormwater Evaluations & Lake Basin Studies
- Hydrilla control at the Butler Chain since 2005
- FWC Funding and Programs at the Butler Chain of Lakes
- Melaleuca Tree Removal Projects
- Shoreline Restoration Permits
- Overview of the Butler Chain Conservation Association

V. **New Business:** None

VI. **Old Business:** None

VII. **Non-Agenda Items/Public Comment:**

**Buoys Adjustments at the Butler Chain:** Mr. Duarte reported that the heavy duty buoys between Lakes Tibet and Chase were moved to their proper locations. Mr. Duarte added that three regular buoys were replaced by heavy duty buoys in front of the Orange County Sportsman's Club at Lake Sheen.

Jason Fulmer stated that he would like to investigate the use of "solar powered beacon lights" on some of the buoys and/or navigation signs on pilings at the Butler Chain of Lakes. Mr. Duarte stated that he will bring prices of the "solar powered beacon lights" for a discussion at the next Advisory Board meeting.


VIII. **Meeting Schedule**

Upon a motion by Jason Fulmer, seconded by Robert Binkley and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote, with Ann Connolly being absent; the Advisory Board approved the next meeting for Monday, April 15, 2013 at Orange County Library in Windermere.

IX. **Meeting Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

  
Cheryl Miller, Chairman

4-15-2013  
Date

  
Sergio Duarte, Minute Preparer

4-15-2013  
Date