

Lake Ola MSTU Advisory Board Meeting
July 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
Tangerine Improvement Society

Board Members Present: Thomas Hurlburt III (Chairman), David McDonald (Vice Chair), Sharlee Hollingsworth, and Kevin Harbin, Henry Land II

Board Members Absent: None

Staff and Guests: Marissa Herron, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD)

Residents: Kimberly Buchheit, Ned Bowers, Thom Hollingsworth, Stephen Blanton, Claire Nardone, Matthew Catron, and Scott Van Fleet

I. Call to Order

With a quorum present, Thomas Hurlburt III called the meeting of the Lake Ola Advisory Board (Advisory Board) to order at 6:27 p.m.

II. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Henry Land II, seconded by Kevin Harbin and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved the March 19, 2024 meeting minutes as submitted.

III. Public Comment

Thomas Hurlburt III opened the floor for public comment. Ms. Buchheit provided handouts on the water sampling project she assisted Mr. Bowers with. After providing background information, Ms. Buchheit expressed concerns of potentially high-nutrient runoff that is entering Lake Ola which resulted in this project. With a total of 8 sampling sites, the results showed elevated parameters at multiple sites. Mr. Bowers discussed the conditions of the sampling sites and his concerns about the water quality at those locations. Further discussion ensued. Ms. Buchheit requested the Advisory Board to motion to have the contractor, Florida Permitting Inc. (FPI), present during the next routine Advisory Board meeting and to have the topic included in the meeting agenda.

Upon a motion by David McDonald, seconded by Kevin Harbin and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved of a representative from Florida Permitting Inc. to present at the next routine meeting and for the topic to be included on the meeting's agenda.

The Advisory Board members discussed obtaining additional water samples prior to the upcoming meeting. Ms. Herron stated that an Orange County term contractor can be utilized to replicate the efforts from FPI.

Upon a motion by David McDonald, seconded by Henry Land II and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved the expenditure of up to \$15k for water sample collection at the 8 sites utilized by FPI, a collection site at Lake Street and any additional sites recommended by the Orange County contractor.

IV. EPD Report

1. Aquatic Plant Management: The most recent routine aquatic plant management survey was conducted June 7, 2024. The native vegetation species observed included small and large nitella (*Nitella* species), Illinois pondweed (*Potamogeton illinoensis*), and bacopa (*Bacopa caroliniana*). Two invasive species were identified: hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*) and limnophila (*Limnophila sessiliflora*). A herbicide treatment occurred on June 26, 2024 to treat the multiple locations of hydrilla and the one area of limnophila. With the recent increase in hydrilla, EPD staff will be recommending to stock additional triploid grass carp this upcoming fall, with the stocking amount to be determined after the next survey. There are 550 grass carp remaining on the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) permit.
2. Budget Update: The current account balance is approximately \$465K with \$217K in the operating budget and \$248K in reserves. The anticipated MSTU revenue for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 is \$96,845.
3. Duck Boxes: Ms. Herron informed the Advisory Board that she has submitted the permit exemption request through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). The FDEP responded with a request for additional information, and Ms. Herron expects to submit the additional information by the beginning of August. There is one resident who has not responded to Ms. Herron and was provided with a deadline. If no response is received by then, Ms. Herron will move forward with the other 9 locations for installation.

V. Meeting Schedule

Discussion ensued for the next routine meeting. The Advisory Board rescheduled the November meeting to:

- o December 10, 2024 at 6:30 pm

The Advisory Board discussed mailing postcards to the Lake Ola residents prior to the next routine meeting to inform them of the scheduled presentation.

Upon a motion by Henry Land II, seconded by David McDonald, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved to mail postcards to the Lake Ola MSTU residents prior to the December meeting.

VI. Member Reports

David McDonald: No report

Henry Land: No report

Sharlee Hollingsworth: No report

Kevin Harbin: In the event the fall stocking occurs before the December meeting, Mr. Harbin requested Ms. Herron to inform the Advisory Board of the amount of triploid grass carp to be stocked in Lake Ola.

Tom Hurlburt: No report

VII. Non-Agenda Items

Ms. Nardone expressed concern regarding residents utilizing the Lake Ola Beach Boat Ramp without cleaning their boats and trailers, and the potential for the introduction of invasive species.

Upon a motion by Henry Land II, seconded by David McDonald, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved to install a sign depicting proper cleaning of boats & trailers at the Lake Ola Beach Boat Ramp.

VIII. Adjourn

Upon a motion by Henry Land II, seconded by Sharlee Hollingsworth, and carried with all present members voting AYE by voice vote; the Advisory Board approved to adjourn the meeting.

Thomas Hurlburt III adjourned the Lake Ola Advisory Board meeting at 7:32 p.m.



Thomas Hurlburt III, Chairman

Dec 10, 2024
Date



Minutes prepared by Marissa Herron

12/10/24
Date