ICHETUCKNEE ALLIANCE ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2016

@ North Florida Springs Environmental Center, 23695 W. U.S. Highway 27, High Springs FL MINUTES

Present Members & Guests

Jasmine Lott Hagan John Jopling Jill Lingard Charles Maxwell Lucinda Merritt Cathy Street

Scott Jantz Judy Sayre

1. Agenda approval/additions/deletions. A recap of the past year's activities was omitted and one item was added; see #10 in New Business, below.

PRIORITY ITEMS

2. Grant application. At the recent meeting in High Springs, representatives of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection indicated that the Alliance could submit a Springs Tag Grant proposal for education and outreach involved with the creation of an Ichetucknee Restoration Focus Area (RFA). After discussion and verbal review of the draft proposal for \$18,500 for GIS analysis of land use and associated tasks written by Bob Knight and distributed to John Jopling and Lu Merritt, the proposal was approved. John will ask Bob if the \$2500 amount for education and outreach can be increased.

OFFICER, TEAM, AND MEETING REPORTS

- *3. Review/approval of February 16 meeting minutes.* The minutes were approved.
- 4. Treasurer's report. Jasmine reported that the Alliance has \$7769.58. (Of that amount, slightly over \$6000 is earmarked for education as opposed to operating funds.) Jasmine needs to get copies of bank statements from John.
- 5. Staff Assistant's report, February 2016. There were no questions about this report.

NEW BUSINESS

- 6. Adoption of revised bylaws. Charles Maxwell offered revisions to the by-laws that were discussed and approved.
- 7. SpringsFest (March 19-20) & O'Leno Springs Celebration (April 2) participation reminders. We discussed who had which items needed for tabling and how those items would be exchanged prior to the scheduled events.
- 8. Confirm next meeting. John now has a conflict on third Tuesdays. We decided to meet on Wednesday, April 20, 2016.
- 9. Election of officers & board members. All officers were re-elected and Scott Jantz was elected to the Board of Directors. Loye Barnard was elected to the Advisory Board.
- 10. Conservation Trust for Florida (CTF). John reported that he had signed a letter in support of CTF's grant proposal to build an "infrastructure" for land acquisition in Florida for watershed preservation. CTF is interested in helping with land acquisition in the Ichetucknee basin.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Lucinda Faulkner Merritt, Secretary