

ICHETUCKNEE ALLIANCE (IA) MEETING MINUTES

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, 2018

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

Board Members Present

Paul Donsky
Eric Flagg
John Jopling
Amelia McKnight
Lu Merritt
Bruce Robinson

Advisory Board Members Present

Loye Barnard
Angeline Meeks
Judy Sayre
Bob Ulanowicz

Guests

Hugh Thomas
John Moran

1. Agenda approval/additions/deletions. None.

GUEST PRESENTATION

2. Representative from SRWMD re: new Water Supply Assessment. Hugh Thomas, the executive director of the Suwannee River Water Management District, talked about the District's new Water Supply Assessment. There will be a public meeting about the assessment at 6 p.m. on July 5, 2018, at District Headquarters in Live Oak. Thomas explained that in Water Use Caution Areas, wastewater plants larger than 100,000 gallons per day must re-use some of their water; water use permits are unaffected. Thomas also reported that peer review comments on the new North FL/Southeast GA (NFSEG) water model are coming in. Thomas answered questions, explained that the District is looking into economic incentives for the planting of pine trees, and suggested we could invite someone from the District to talk about how the water use permitting program works, which we will do.

3. John Moran: "Burma-Shave" sign project. Moran explained his concept and showed slides of the signs at Gilchrist Blue Springs State Park and other images that could be used in a sign campaign. He is looking for financial support and help in locating property on which to place the signs. There was a discussion, a question-and-answer session, enthusiastic support for the concept and brainstorming about fundraising possibilities. Loye Barnard, Amelia McKnight and Judy Sayre volunteered to work with Moran, who will check with his vendor to get clarification about DOT regulations for billboards. John Jopling expressed interest in having the project completed by the end of the year.

PRIORITY ITEMS

4. Rough cut of "Ichetucknee: Tomorrow" video. Eric showed almost-complete versions of the "Ichetucknee: Yesterday" and "Ichetucknee: Tomorrow" videos. The videos met with a round of applause.

5. Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF) proposed project. Lu provided a very brief summary of this proposed project and we agreed that a conference call with Thomas Linzey, executive director of CELDF, should be set up. Lu will coordinate this.

CER REPORTS

6. Review/approval of May 2018 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

7. Staff Assistant's report, May 2018. There were no questions.

8. Treasurer's report. Amelia reported that the bank needs additional information before she can be added to our account as a signatory and given access to bank records. Lu will coordinate getting this information from John Jopling and taking it to the bank. To satisfy a bank requirement, the Board voted unanimously that Jill Lingard should be removed from bank records since she resigned from the IA Board of Directors in January 2017 and has left the area.

9. Membership Report. Lu reported that as of June 22, we have 65 paid members; 1322 members of our Facebook group discussion page; 125 people like and 129 people are following our official Facebook page. In response to a question, Lu said she would send everyone a copy of our membership lists.

OLD BUSINESS & UPDATES

10. *Science Team update.* Tabled.

11. *T-shirt and hat sales update.* Tabled.

12. *Update on Water Voices program.* Lu explained that she is beginning work on this now since the videos are nearing completion. The focus will be on the latest Ichetucknee Report Card, the new videos, and Q&A/discussion with the audience, similar to past sessions.

13. *Possible action items related to discussions held on the basin tour with Jim Stevenson on Sept. 23, 2017.* Tabled.

- Replacing interpretive sign at Rose Sink and possibly Cannon Sink (recommended by Jim)
- Continuing the basin tours and/or creating a “basin tour experience” for people
- Following up on establishment of the required restoration focus area for Ichetucknee (Lu)
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14. *Ichetucknee Estates Homeowners Association event on May 26.* Bruce reported that he spoke at the event and handed out some of our “Action” brochures as well as membership forms. To date, no new memberships have come in. Bruce and Amelia will continue to promote IA to this group.

15. *IA business cards.* Lu offered the new business cards to members of the board and advisory board.

NEW BUSINESS

16. *Nomination of Angeline Meeks to Advisory Board.* Lu nominated Angeline Meeks and the nomination was unanimously approved.

17. *Meeting schedule for 2018:* fourth Tuesdays Jul. 24; Aug. 28; Sept. 25; Oct. 23; Nov. 27 (the week AFTER Thanksgiving); No meeting in December (it would fall on Dec. 25).

18. *Other new business:* On behalf of the Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute, Angeline reported that the new Blue Water Audit website has gone live at: <https://bluewateraudit.org/>. There is a form on the website that enables people to sign up to receive news about when the site is updated.

19. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucinda Faulkner Merritt, Secretary