

ICHETUCKNEE ALLIANCE (IA) MEETING MINUTES

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 23, 2018

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

Board & Advisory Board

Members Present

Eric Flagg
Angeline Meeks
Lu Merritt
Bob Palmer
Bruce Robinson

Board Members Absent

Paul Donsky
John Jopling
Amelia McKnight
Brenda Wells

Guests

Dennis Price
Zack VanEtten (UF)

1. *Agenda approval/additions/deletions.* Many items were tabled, as noted below, because of low attendance.

GUEST SPEAKER

2. *Dennis Price re: phosphate mining possibility in Columbia County.* Dennis explained his history with and knowledge of this effort, showed slides, made recommendations to the group and answered questions.

PRIORITY ITEMS

3. *Report on fundraising/social event in Gainesville.* Eric reported that the subcommittee working on this project is calling it a "membership drive" since memberships raise revenue. A new music score is being added to his short video, "Following the Ichetucknee" (on the home page of our website) and that new version of the video will premiere at an event organized by the Digital Worlds Institute at the University of Florida. The committee is considering having the membership drive event at Cypress & Grove Brewing Company in Gainesville, where there is a well on site, after the first of the year.

OFFICER REPORTS & UPDATES

4. *Review/approval of September 2018 meeting minutes.* Tabled.
5. *Staff Assistant's report, September 2018.* Tabled.
6. *Treasurer's report.* Tabled.
7. *Membership Report.* Tabled.
8. *Science Team update.* Tabled.
9. *T-shirt and hat sales update.* Tabled.

OLD BUSINESS

10. *Angeline Meeks introduction & Blue Water Audit update.* Angeline volunteered to give a report and tutorial about how to use the new Blue Water Audit website at the November meeting.

11. *Feedback on whether or not to continue with Water Voices programs.* Lu asked for feedback. Bruce said that we will get more attention and reach a broader audience by speaking at regularly scheduled civic and club meetings. Lu agreed; this is part of the idea for a Columbia County outreach program that should be activated after the first of the year.

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

13. *Land acquisition project.* Tabled.

14. *Reminder: Florida Springs Restoration Summit Nov. 2-4, 2018, in Ocala.* Lu asked Bruce and Eric if John had talked to them about representing IA at the Florida Springs Council meeting that precedes the Summit on Thursday, Nov. 1. We are allowed to send two representatives. Since that contact had not been made, Lu will plan to represent IA at the FSC meeting unless another plan develops before Nov. 1. See:

<https://www.springsrestorationsummit.org/>

NEW BUSINESS

15. *Columbia County outreach effort.* Tabled.

16. *Creating a podcast, "Ichetucknee Voices."* Tabled.

17. *Meeting schedule for 2018:* fourth Tuesdays, Nov. 27 (the week AFTER Thanksgiving); No meeting in December (it would fall on Dec. 25).

18. *Meeting schedule and membership renewals for 2019.* Tabled.

19. *Other new business?* None.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucinda Faulkner Merritt, Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

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ICHETUCKNEE ALLIANCE MEETING AGENDA

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5. Staff Assistant's report, September 2018 (**Attachment B, pp. 3-4**) (Lu)

6. Treasurer's report (Amelia)

7. Membership Report (Lu): As of October 18, 2018, the Alliance has 78 paid members. Our Facebook group discussion page has 1333 members and our official Facebook page is liked by 150 people and followed by 154 people.

8. Science Team update (Brenda)

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