

ICHETUCKNEE ALLIANCE (IA) MEETING MINUTES

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, 2019

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

Board Members Present

Eric Flagg
John Jopling
Lu Merritt
Bruce Robinson
Brenda Wells

Board Members Absent

Amelia McKnight

1. Agenda approval/additions/deletions. None.

PRIORITY ITEMS

2. Preparations for fundraising/social event in Gainesville. We discussed preparations from the March 27 event at Cypress & Grove in Gainesville and Eric shared a proposed timeline for the event. Lu will prepare and share a bulleted list of major IA accomplishments for everyone's reference in readiness for discussions at the event.

3. BMAP challenge. We talked about a fundraising strategy but nothing definite was decided.

OFFICER REPORTS & UPDATES

4. Review/approval of February 2019 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted.

5. Staff Assistant's report, February 2019. There were no questions.

6. Treasurer's report. Lu reported via email that IA has \$3401.03 in the bank.

7. Membership Report. Lu reported via email that IA has 20 Lifetime members and 36 current members, for a total of 56 members. The IA Facebook group discussion page has 1366 members and the official IA Facebook page has 335 likes and 340 followers.

8. Science Team update. Brenda reported that monitoring and fish counts are ongoing.

OLD BUSINESS

9. Land acquisition project. Nothing new to report.

10. Podcast report. Nothing new to report.

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

NEW BUSINESS

12. Report on FACETS meeting #3 and paddle tour of Santa Fe River Springs. Lu reported that the paddle tour was cancelled because of weather but that the group did visit Gilchrist Blue and Hornsby springs and problems with springs were discussed in some detail. She also reported about a discussion that was held on the second day of this meeting about agriculturalists' being willing to pay to prevent pollution and improve groundwater conditions. Representatives of several agencies reported that agriculturalists are already paying via cost-sharing and outright purchase of things such as soil moisture sensors and other new technologies. For an unknown reason, growers did not attend this particular FACETS meeting.

13. Remaining meeting dates for 2019: Bruce reported that he cannot be at the April 23 meeting.

14. Other new business. None.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucinda Faulkner Merritt
Secretary-Treasurer

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