

## **ICHETUCKNEE ALLIANCE (IA) MEETING MINUTES**

**6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 22, 2019**

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

### ***Board Members Present***

Eric Flagg  
Bruce Robinson

### ***Advisory Board Members Present***

Angeline Meeks

### ***Staff Member Present***

Lu Merritt

### ***Board Members Absent***

Hayley Curilla  
John Jopling  
Brenda Wells

*1. Agenda approval/additions/deletions.* There were no changes.

### ***PRIORITY ITEMS***

*2. Wrap-up of Oct. 10 event at Halpatter.* We talked about ways to improve such events in the future. Bruce thinks the best time for such events in Columbia County is spring or summer, when people are more focused on the springs. He also suggested that event activities (videos, etc.) should have started earlier. Angeline is developing a list of suggestions that she will email to everyone for fine-tuning. Her suggestions include developing a checklist of preparations that are needed for the registration table, creating a group of event volunteers to assist, and having a printed copy of current membership lists available. We agreed that the audience in Alachua County liked time to socialize before that event began, but the audience in Columbia County preferred that the event begin at the advertised time. Bruce said he is trying to find another board member from Columbia County. We talked about the need to clarify expectations of board members and to develop an orientation for them. Eric noted that based on a comment he received, the scenes of sprayfields need to be removed from the videos.

Bruce and Angeline discussed Bruce's upcoming talks to Kiwanis, Rotary and possibly Altrusa in Columbia County. Lu will send a pdf of the PowerPoint presentation she drafted to Bruce and Angeline to see what, if anything, they might want to use—in addition to the videos—at those events. Lu will also work to finalize "A Blue Path for Columbia County" so people can decide if that might be useful as suggestions or a call to action.

### ***MONTHLY REPORTS***

*3. Review/approval of September meeting minutes.* The minutes were approved with no changes.

*4. Staff Assistant's reports, September.* There were no questions.

*5. Membership report.* The report was emailed to directors prior to the meeting; Lu summarized it.

*6. Treasurer's report.* The report was emailed to directors prior to the meeting; Lu summarized it.

*7. Science Team report.* Angeline reported that monitoring is occurring. She also mentioned availability of the SpringsWatch Dashboard on the FSI website, available if you scroll down at this link:

<https://floridaspringsinstitute.org/springswatch/>

### ***OLD BUSINESS***

*8. BMAP reminder/update.* Lu reminded people that the new hearing dates are Nov. 12-15 and 18-22, 2019.

*9. MFL update.* Lu reported that we are still waiting for SRWMD to release the updated MFL report.

*10. AquiferWatch project update.* Lu reported that several people at the Oct. 10 event signed up to have their wells considered for this project. She will send Bruce the contact information for Rick Copeland so Bruce can get in touch with Rick about possibly monitoring his well. She will also send everyone a list of names of people who have volunteered their wells when she gets an updated list from Rick.

*11. Land acquisition project update.* Lu reported that Alachua Conservation Trust has received new grants and is actively working on this project. ACT wants to have informational meetings with interested landowners and they have agreed to share the meeting schedule with us so we can help to publicize it.

*12. Podcast report.* Lu reported that because of initial recording difficulties, she might transcribe the interview she conducted with Jim Stevenson. She would like to interview Trini Johannesen and Valerie Thomas next, about the Ichetucknee PARKnership program at the Fort White schools, and she is actively seeking help with the technical aspects of podcasting. She will attend a free seminar at UF on Oct. 29 that will include information about podcasting and about "Communicating About Complexity."

***NEW BUSINESS***

*13. BMAP challenge fundraising concert at Heartwood in Gainesville.* Lu will discuss this with Brenda. Lu envisions an evening of "water music."

*14. Lu reported that she will attend next Floridan Aquifer Collaborative Engagement for Sustainability (FACETS) meeting Nov. 6-7 in Georgia.*

*15. Remaining meeting dates for 2019.* Lu reminded people that Amy Brown from SRWMD will give a presentation about water supply planning on Nov. 26. There will be no meeting in December since it would be on Christmas Eve.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lucinda Faulkner Merritt  
Staff Assistant