

ICHETUCKNEE ALLIANCE (IA) MEETING MINUTES

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 22, 2020

via Zoom Conference Call

Board Members Present

John Jopling

Advisory Board Members Present

Jaime Lynn Bach

Judy Sayre

Others Present

Lucinda Merritt

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

GUEST

2. *Dennis Price, geologist.* Tabled; he was not able to attend.

MONTHLY REPORTS

3. *No July meeting minutes are available* because the Staff Assistant had a meeting conflict (SRWMD MFL peer reviewers' meeting). The Alliance did not meet in August.

4. *Staff Assistant's reports, July & August.* There were no questions.

5. *Membership report was emailed* to the board.

6. *Treasurer's report was emailed* to the board.

7. *Science Team report.* Jaime reported that the water monitoring team is continuing to work and the new light meter is in use. The Florida Springs Institute (FSI) has expressed interest in getting more volunteers for the Ichetucknee science team, but one of the problems is the strength of the current at one spot on the Lower Ichetucknee that makes it hard for paddlers to navigate. FSI has received a donated boat that may be able to be used and may make it possible for us to coordinate an outreach event once or twice a year, possibly at the Jopling house in Three Rivers Estates. John Jopling and Judy Sayre were receptive to this idea.

OLD BUSINESS

8. *BMAP challenge update.* John reported several new developments with the BMAP challenge, which is currently the oldest pending administrative law case on the state's docket. John indicated that the BMAP challenge team is "modestly" or "cautiously" optimistic about getting a favorable ruling soon.

9. *MFL update.* Lu reported that she will attend the next scheduled meeting of the peer review panel that is discussing the draft MFL technical document. That meeting is on Sept. 29. She attends so that the Alliance may be recognized as a "stakeholder" by participating in this process, but reported that she needs help from IA Advisory Board members to develop effective comments.

10. *AquiferWatch water monitoring project update.* Lu reported that she heard from Rick Copeland of AquiferWatch. He and Gary Maddox, also of AquiferWatch, will take the first water samples from people's wells; we will not seek volunteer water samplers at this time because of COVID-19. Rick will begin contacting well owners in November; he anticipates that monitoring will begin in early 2021.

11. *Alachua Conservation Trust land acquisition project update.* Lu reported that a representative or representatives of ACT will attend our October meeting to give an update on this project.

12. *Ichetucknee biography project, now "Ichetucknee: Beloved Blue River."* Lu will call John Jopling this week to discuss the funding proposal for this project; in the meantime, she will email the draft proposal to other members of the IA board and advisory board.

NEW BUSINESS

13. *Other new business.* We discussed the need for new board members, the possibility of meeting every two months instead of monthly, and the possibility of having virtual events via Zoom along the lines of Water Voices

conversations, book and website launches, etc. Any changes to the IA regular board meeting schedule would need to occur in 2021 since meeting dates for 2020 have already been publicized.

14. *Upcoming meeting dates for 2020:* Oct. 27 & Nov. 24; we will skip the December meeting.

15. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucinda Faulkner Merritt
Staff Assistant

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