

ICHETUCKNEE ALLIANCE (IA) MEETING MINUTES
6:30 p.m. Monday, March 28, 2022
via Zoom Conference Call

Board Members Present

Eric Flagg
John Jopling
Mark Smith
Bob Ulanowicz

Advisory Board Members Present

Judy Sayre

Others Present

Lucinda Merritt

1. *Agenda approval/additions/deletions.* None.

MONTHLY REPORTS

2. *Approval of January 22 meeting minutes.* The minutes were approved.
3. *Staff Assistant's reports, January-February 2022.* There were no questions.
4. *Membership report* was emailed before the meeting.
5. *Treasurer's report* was emailed before the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

6. *Update on Science Team report.* Lu reported about a conversation she had with one of the Science Team members, who indicated that water monitoring on the Lower Ichetucknee is ongoing.

7. *Update on Gainesville Sun's "Messages" project.* Lu gave a report about this educational project and there was a brief discussion. She will email writers' guidelines to all who attended the meeting and email Nathan Crabbe to ask if there are plans to produce a booklet.

8. *Update on AquiferWatch water monitoring project.* Lu reported that the AquiferWatch team conducted well monitoring in the Ichetucknee Basin on Feb. 26, 2022, and the samples have already been analyzed by UF's LAKEWATCH group. The LAKEWATCH invoice has been paid. The team needs to locate more wells in the northern section of the basin.

9. *MFL update.* Lu reported that she will attend the next meeting scheduled by DEP to present information about the prevention and recovery plan for the Lower Santa Fe and Ichetucknee rivers. She will need help from the advisory board to prepare written comments on the plan.

10. *BMAP update.* John reported that there is no news at this time about our appeal of the BMAP challenge decision.

BOARD RETREAT DISCUSSIONS

11. ***BRAINSTORMING EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES: What does the Alliance need to focus on and execute in the next two years that would positively impact the Ichetucknee River?***

Action items that evolved from our discussion include:

- Per a suggestion from Bob Ulanowicz, Lu will email Heather Obara at Alachua Conservation Trust to ask about transfer development rights.
- Mark will investigate possibilities of working with the Florida Park Service to educate the thousands of people who visit Ichetucknee Springs State Park each year. He will also get in touch with Carolyn Davis in the Gettysburg office of National Natural Landmarks/National Park Service to find out what kind of educational help and funding might be available from them.
- Eric is interested in organizing and videoing an "Ichetucknee Stories" program at Cypress & Grove in Gainesville and will talk to the pub's owners about that.
- Judy is interested in reaching newcomers and people in western Alachua County with messages about the Ichetucknee. She will investigate this further.
- Lu will try again to set a Saturday time for an in-person board retreat.

12. BRAINSTORMING FUNDRAISING AND MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Lu reported that she will again email John, Ryan Smart and Brenda Wells to try to set a time to meet about these concerns.

13. In 2022, we will meet on the fourth Mondays of every other month: May 23, July 25, Sept. 26, Nov. 28.

14. There was no new business.

15. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucinda Faulkner Merritt
Staff Assistant

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