

ICHETUCKNEE ALLIANCE (IA) MEETING MINUTES
6:30 p.m. Monday, May 23, 2022
via Zoom Conference Call

Board Members Present

John Jopling
Mark Smith
Bob Ulanowicz

Others Present

Lucinda Merritt

1. *Agenda approval/additions/deletions.* No changes.

PRIORITY DISCUSSIONS

2. *Change of Address needed in July 2022 for IA for IRS, State of Florida, bank, etc.* We agreed to use John Jopling's home address. Lu will work to make the address changes.

3. *Should IA endorse the new Florida Right to Clean & Healthy Waters state constitutional amendment initiative?*
Note: Lu already received three emailed "yea" votes from Bruce, Bob U., and Mark. John voted "yea." Lu will email Eric to get his vote. UPDATE: Eric voted "yea" and the endorsement is made unanimously.

4. *Should IA purchase a meter requested by AquiferWatch to measure specific conductance at sampled wells? Estimated cost: About \$500, plus \$100/year for calibration liquids. Also: Should AquiferWatch switch from monitoring total nitrogen to monitoring nitrate?* Board members agreed to purchase the meter as long as AquiferWatch agrees that the meter would revert to IA if AquiferWatch needs to halt the project for any reason. Lu will facilitate that agreement and purchase of the meter with Rick Copeland. She will also email Bob Ulanowicz's questions about nitrogen vs. nitrate monitoring to Rick Copeland and put Bob in touch with Rick so his questions can be answered. The board did not make a recommendation on the nitrogen vs. nitrate issue.

5. *Should IA accept Play Hard Florida's invitation to become a B2B partner and/or participate in The State of Water Juried Art Exhibition and The Water State Festival in Spring 2023 at Cypress & Grove?* The board has questions about what would be expected of us in a B2B partnership and questions about Play Hard Florida's commitment to using accurate science in their messaging. Lu will relay those questions and concerns to Carmine/CJ. The board is interested in participating in The Water State Festival and art exhibition and Lu will ask Carmine about what kinds of help and involvement they are seeking.

6. *Boating/recreational impacts issues on the Lower Ichetucknee River.* We discussed problems that are being caused by motorized vessels, including jet skis, on the Lower Ichetucknee. Lu will forward copies of email correspondence she has received about this issue to all board members. Bob U. will research the potential effects of jet skis on water displacement and aquatic ecosystems. We agreed that this is an issue IA should be involved in.

7. *Fundraising and membership development/Report on conversation with Ryan Smart.* John and Lu reported about their communications with Ryan. Board members agreed that further discussions need to be held when all board members can be present. Lu will work with John to try to find a time for this before the board retreat in August.

MONTHLY REPORTS

8. *Approval of March 28 meeting minutes.* The minutes were approved.

9. *Staff Assistant's reports, March-April 2022.* There were no questions.

10. *Membership report* was emailed before the meeting.

11. *Treasurer's report* was emailed before the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

12. *Update on Science Team report.* No report this month.

13. *Update on Gainesville Sun's "Messages" project.* Lu gave a brief update.

14. *MFL update.* Lu reported that the water management districts are looking at projects that include capturing rainwater from various basins during flood events, but that there has been no further talk of piping

water from the Suwannee River to the Ichetucknee Basin. Work on the recovery and prevention plans is ongoing.

15. *BMAP update*. John reported that this appeal is ongoing.

16. *Update re: previous educational programming discussions*. Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

17. Any new business. None.

18. Next meeting: July 25. Board retreat: August 20.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucinda Faulkner Merritt
Staff Assistant

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