

## BELLA VISTA VILLAGE LAKES JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES January 16, 2019

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Kelly Austin (Vice Chair), Paul Bickford (Secretary), Marvin Macedo, Harrold Robinson, Rick Yorman

**Bella Vista POA Board Liaisons in Attendance:** Tom Judson, Ruth Hatcher, Leia Bush, Kim Carlson

**Management Liaisons in Attendance:** Rick Echols, John Urquhart

**Guests Present:** Several POA members

**Call to Order:** Kelly Austin called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm with five committee members were present.

**Additions/deletions to the Agenda:** None

**Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the December 2018 Lakes' JAC meeting were approved as submitted.

Management Comments:

1) Rick Echols - Lakes, Parks and Fisheries Superintendent -

- *Echols* responded to *Yorman's* question about where the lake's water testing samples are taken, by saying they are taken at the docks. The Trafalgar Road fire (TRF) formerly called the (Bella Vista Stump Dump Fire), water runoff creates in an intermittent stream from the end of the dump fire, and goes underground before entering (presumably) Lake Ann about a mile away.
- No TRF water directly enters Brittany; however, there is concern with possible lake contamination from windblown particles and debris deposited on the watershed.
- *Echols* responded to *Yorman's* question about boat fee collections by type, and said he will provide a report on collected fees for the three prior years (*Tom*).
- Lake Rangers made 713 November member/guest contacts and 411 for December.
- The Marina store is being remodeled with a March 1 opening date. It will be stocked with lures and other pertinent items, and personnel training is underway for how to sell Arkansas Game and fishing license.
- Kayak holding rack is installed at Lake Ann.
- Winsor drawdown is complete; however, someone partially closed the gates, but this was discovered and corrected and gates locked.
- Ramp at London Landing is complete. It's wider and further away from the bank that was causing the debris buildup issues.
- Finished removing material at Pontoon Park. Planted rock for habitat growth in the Spring.
- Ordered first shipment of grass carp and channel catfish to be delivered in February or March.
- The aquaculture project is starting up.
- Looking for a volunteer to supervise the "Goose Reproduction and Intervention Program" and recruit needed volunteer assistants.

2) John Urquhart - Lakes, Parks and Fisheries Assistant Superintendent -

- Chris Fuller has completed the first round of the largemouth bass diet study and discovered, surprisingly, that crawfish are much more important part of the fish's diet than shad.

**POA Board Member Liaison Comments:**

1) Tom Judson, General Manager

- Results of last and this month's testing on the possible contamination of lakes Ann and Brittany from the TRF were good i.e., no contamination.
- The Bella Vista City mayor said TRF up and down stream water sample testing will continue; therefore, providing a control for testing results differences/validity.
- All lake water sampling tests results are posted on the city website and will continue to be posted there until the fire is put-out.
- The city is managing the TRF project; therefore, *all* concerned about the progress/results should reference the city website.
- Received a BV resident email from (Ike Maria ?) on 1/5/19 questioning the boat registration fee's schedule, particularly for lengthy pontoon boats. The fee jumps \$50 for boats greater than 20' or 30+%! Ike asked why?
- *The Lake JAC will review the boat fee structure and make possible fee change recommendations by the September POA board meeting.*

**Old Business:** The members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 11 hours since their last meeting on December 12, 2018.

**New Business:** None

**Open Forum:**

- Lake Ann home owner stated waves from big fast high horse-powered boats are causing lake shore damage; therefore, requested the JAC to consider limiting the engine size of Lake Ann boats.
- Susan Nutthall, serving as co-chair of the Alzheimer's Association, attended to solicit for leaders of future additional association fund raising activities.
- Tony Byars, Lake Ann resident, attended to learn how the Lake JAC was assisting with the TRF effort. *Tom* stated the city is managing the project, and the POA is assisting where requested and suggested Tony review the city website for the latest info regarding the TRF project progress/efforts.

**Announcements and next meeting:**

- The next Lakes' JAC meeting will be held at the Bella Vista Village Country Club Board Room at 2 pm on Wednesday, February 20, 2019.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:37pm.