Bella Vista POA Lakes JAC
Meeting Minutes-June 12, 2024
2:00 pm Country Club Board Room

Chairman: Matt Champagne
Vice Chairman: Michael Coughlin
Secretary: Carol Phillips

Committee Members: Michael Coughlin, Scott Sborov, Carol Phillips, Ross Gerner, Keely Austin, Scott Hawes, Rob Montgomery, Kevin Attleson and Matt Champagne.

POA Board Liaisons: Jerre Barron, Jr., Sandy Fosdick and Jeff Hendren.

Chairman Champagne called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Previous meeting minutes were approved.

John Urquhart shared that Lake Patrol personnel removed 371 non-POA members were removed from POA lakes in the month of May. High water and storms have delayed some lake maintenance and ecology projects. Storm debris cleanup has been a priority. No major damage to POA lake facilities. 20,000 channel catfish eggs have been harvested and are hatching. Rick Echols picked up 3,000 hybrid bass fingerlings earlier today and is acclimating the fingerlings to POA aquaculture ponds. Kids Fishing Derby had approximately 60 participants. At this point during the year only Lake Norwood has been fertilized. While other lakes need fertilization, high water levels due to rainfall have delayed fertilization.

POA COO Tom Judson reported that private landowners, Cooper Communities and Blue Crane Development, approved allowing POA access to areas of Lake Norwood which need to be dredged. A motion was made and passed unanimously by the Lakes JAC for a drawdown of Lake Norwood this winter in order to facilitate dredging activity. Electroshocking surveys have been completed. The numbers will be compiled asap.

Lakes JAC member Kelly Austin is rolling off the committee. A subcommittee was appointed by Chairman Champagne which has interviewed candidates.
Capital and Maintenance project requests are due August 30th, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 2:16pm. Next meeting is July 10, 2024.