

**Save Lake Weir  
Annual Meeting  
February 26, 2023**

President Reese Bourgeois began the general meeting at 2:05. The meeting opened with a prayer and pledge. Reese thanked Jane and Bonnie for making Banana Pudding and wished Jane Sands happy 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday, presented Jane with flowers.

Special guests at the meeting: Jennifer Mitchell, Environmental Engineer for St. Johns River Water Management (Guest Speaker), Matthew Leibfried, Marion County MTSU Department.

Jennifer spoke about the restoration of Lake Apopka and process it underwent to achieve targeted nutrient levels. She explained each lake is different and will require a plan unique to it's particular body of water. Reese reminded the attendees that nutrient levels in Lake Weir have risen 70% over the last 15 years.

**Business Meeting**

Reese called the business meeting to order at 2:45.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes, the motion was seconded.

**Financial Update** – Bonnie reported \$16,400 in the checking account, \$10,000 in the CD and noted 22 new lifetime members were added in 2022 and total membership is now at 399

**Board Members:** Bill Trice and Bonnie Meyer are continuing their service on the board. A motion was made to approve their board membership. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed. Greg Wiley was recommended to the membership as the newest board member to fill Lou Archibald's seat. A motion was made to accept Greg Wiley, motion was seconded. The members voted and it passed.

**Septic to Sewer** - Reese provided an update on the Septic to Sewer project noting that the County will be sending out a petition to residents in the EU zone which is identified as the north shore of Lake Weir from Carney Island to Hampton Beach. 50% positive response is required to the Marion County petition. The estimated total project cost is \$21M. It is expected that the state and county will fund at least 50%, the balance will be funded by the residents with a 20 year bond financing anticipated. EU zone includes non-lake front residents. In addition, the project, if approved could begin within two to three years.

**Lake Watch** – Reese informed the meeting attendees that Save Lake Weir has re-initiated the Lake Watch program where water from three sites on each Lake Weir, Sunset Harbor and Little Lake Weir are being sampled and sent to University of Florida Lake Watch Program for testing. Data has only been issued for one month so far, testing has been underway for seven months.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10.