



NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICE
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building A-219, Viera, FL 32940

**Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee
Volunteer Application**

Due: October 1, 2016

Name: David Lane
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City: Merritt Island **State:** Florida
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Basic Requirements and Duties of Oversight Committee Members

Applicants must commit to serving the public interest by providing stewardship of Lagoon Trust Funds, especially in relation to restoring health to the Indian River Lagoon, and must demonstrate expertise and experience in one or more of the following fields: science, technology, economics/finance, real estate, education/outreach, tourism, or lagoon advocacy. Knowledge of the water quality issues and the major sources of pollution affecting the lagoon are highly desirable.

Members will oversee progress and make recommendations to the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on spending an estimated \$303 million from sales tax revenue to **Reduce** pollution sources to the lagoon, **Remove** legacy pollution from the lagoon bottom, **Restore** natural systems within the lagoon, and **Respond** to new information by recommending annual amendments to the Save our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan (SOIRLPP). Duties will include participation in meetings to evaluate data to measure progress towards plan implementation and lagoon health, review technology and alternative project proposals for reducing pollutants and improving water quality, assess the cost-effectiveness of the projects, and recommend plan revisions accordingly. The Committee shall address questions, concerns, and ideas from the public to improve the SOIRLPP. Applicants must be willing to ensure that the SOIRLPP reflects the most effective, timely and responsible means to restore the Indian River Lagoon and that the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Fund is managed in the best interest of the public.

Please complete the following questions and statements.

1. Do you reside in Brevard County? Yes No Number of years 1972 – 1995 and 2002 - current _____
2. Are you willing to serve on the Committee for a minimum of two (2) years and be available to attend multiple weekday meetings annually, as needed? Yes No
3. Please check next to one or more of the following that best match(es) your expertise:
- Science Economics/Finance Education/Outreach
- Lagoon Advocacy Technology Real Estate Tourism

FOR THE QUESTIONS BELOW, RESPONSES MAY BE UP TO ½ PAGE EACH

4. Please list one or more reasons why you are personally interested in applying to serve as a member of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Oversight Committee. The Indian River Lagoon is historically, among the most diverse ecosystems in the world and is both the leading geographic feature of our county, and a principle recreation, leisure, and economic driver for residents and visitors. I am personally interested in the health of our lagoon because I grew up swimming, boating, and fishing these waters in my youth. I've camped along its shores, and harvested clams and crabs and countless fish. The lagoon to me, is as important as the dry land that surrounds it. Today, I rely on the lagoon in my job as owner/operator of A1A Management LLC, a hotel and cruise excursion, rentals and tour business. In this capacity, the health of the lagoon is of grave concern as it directly correlates to the success of our business model. We've experienced the effects of a sick lagoon this year with a loss of tourism activity and lagoon-based recreation demands as a direct result of the brown algae bloom and the national news that came as a result of it. Visitors from all over, including abroad, have inquired about our lagoon health prior to , and after arriving here on their vacation. The general public is very informed, and we've learned that when faced with a water quality crisis that makes national news, vacationers can and do seek out areas with better water quality. We know of several instances where families that visit Florida annually have chosen to stay somewhere else with better water quality. We've had return guests that normally book activities with us every year, instead choose to go to the gulf side of the state, as well as Stuart, Jupiter, the Florida Keys, and the big bend area. I view the lagoon crisis as both a crisis for residents who seek a return of the aesthetic value of the lagoon, but I also view it from a revenue and tourism perspective as well. I was here when commercial clamming shut down because they were unsafe to eat. I've witnessed the precipitous fall of our blue crab and stone crab harvests. I see the loss of vital seagrass beds that serve as a most valuable nursery for juvenile fish and crustaceans. And today, I witness tourism dollars going elsewhere because people don't want to recreate in unhealthy waters. I want to do what I can, with my background, expertise, and passion for our lagoon, to help restore her, to remedy what ill's her, and protect her for future generations. Serving on this committee is important to me. I want to serve in this capacity.

5. Please provide a brief overview of your background and experience(education, professional experience, and community volunteer experience) as it relates to your understanding of the SOIRLPP and the restoration needs of the Indian River Lagoon. I have a B.S. degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology from the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources of Michigan State University. I worked for 4 years in the water quality division of a large not-for-profit, NSF International, working in collaboration with the federal EPA and state agencies on the protection of surface and drinking waters, establishment of control and quality EPA and state water supply standards, and enforcement. This work required a strong understanding of source water potability and contamination, drinking water safety, and to a broader extent, nutrient flows and cycling, storm water systems and containment, environmental toxicology, distribution systems, and ecosystem dynamics associated with riverine, lacustrine and marine environments. In addition to my time spent as a NSF scientist, I also have significant experience working as a permit specialist with a Florida based marine construction firm, leading their efforts to to secure marine construction permits on lands within the state sovereign submerged lands areas, which is primarily lagoon waters around the state, and beach fronts. This included working in association with the state DEP and Army Corps of Engineers, conducting field essays, compiling lagoon vegetative site data, and determining compliance to a host of regulations necessary for permit approval. As it pertains to SOIRLPP, I can contribute to the scientific understanding of proposals of remedies, corrective action, and prevention of contributors to lagoon health deterioration. I will comprehend methodologies of intended outcomes of proposals for clean up, restorations, and maintenance. I will understand scientific application of theory, application of engineered plans and strategies, and can help in the endorsement of resources to be allocated to activities with the greatest positive impact to lagoon health and restoration.

6. Please describe what character, judgment, analytical, communication, and group consensus building strengths you would contribute to the purposes and duties of Save Our Indian River Lagoon Oversight Committee? My professional experience includes the organization, execution and leadership of national forums on water quality, with guests, exhibitors, and speakers from state and federal agencies, hosted by my team under my management, while at NSF. Today as a small business owner, I must collaborate with resort and cruise management, municipal leaders, and state agencies. There is very little we do that doesn't require consent and approval from a host of stakeholders. I intend to apply my background and skillset at managing diverse stakeholder groups towards common interests through effective communication, developing and nurturing relationships, problem solving, and working in whatever capacity I am assigned, be it a leadership role or otherwise, to ensuring the mission of individual objectives are met and team goals attained.

7. Please describe the importance of committee members putting public interests first and avoiding real or perceived conflicts of interest in making recommendations for expenditure of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Funds. The importance of assuring that the public interest is paramount cannot be understated. As I currently understand it, the reason for the existence of this committee is to give the public interest an oversight into the allocation of resources for the restoration and maintenance of our lagoon health. Towards that goal, avoidance of conflict of interest is of very real concern. Assurances that the endorsement of fund allocation goes to companies and organizations that present very viable, leading proposals, with best practices and values in mind, is why this committee exists. To fail in that endeavor, is the question why the group exists at all. All perceived or real conflicts should be very carefully and thoroughly assessed, and decisions to endorse a particular path towards committee goals where a conflict of real or perceived concern exists, should be addressed in public forums, providing full answers to the media and public as to our reason and justification for making such decisions.

Additional Requirements

In addition to this application, a resume/CV and at least one letter of recommendation are required. The letter of recommendation can be a personal recommendation from a professional in the same field and/or an endorsement by a reputable nonprofit organization.

Send your application, resume, and letter(s) of reference to:

Marie Winkler, Administrative Assistant to the Director

Marie.Winkler@brevardfl.gov

Phone: 321-633-2016, Fax: 321-633-2029

David Lane

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321-403-3793 davidvlane@hotmail.com

Objective: To secure a position on the new Brevard County Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee

Career: 2009 –

A1A Management, LLC (dba: A1A Beach Rentals, A1A Outdoor Center)

6811 N Atlantic Ave, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920

Owner/Operator

Accountable for all things small business, ensuring long-term viability and success of a water sports and recreation business, with strong utilization of the Indian River Lagoon as a recreation facility.

2001-2009

Dock Patrol, Inc., 211 N Atlantic Ave, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

Operations Manager

Permit and compliance specialist for projects on sovereign submerged lands and Atlantic beach heads, primarily the Indian River Lagoon.

2007-2009

Advanced Graphics Inc, 342 Williams Pt Blvd, Cocoa, FL 32927

National Sales Manager

Concurrent to position above, this was a 2yr assignment leading the national brand launch of "Salty Bones" an outdoor lifestyle brand of fishing and water sports interests into national retail and supply distribution. *Note: There was very little work in the construction industry during this time in Florida and I was part-time with Dock Patrol during this period.*

1996-2001

NSF International, 789 Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Asst. Manager, Project Lead

Water quality project manager, working with jurisdictional agencies, in-house toxicology and environmental scientists, and key stakeholders on the assessment, evaluation, determination, and compliance of water quality standards for public health and safety, relating to manufacture and application of water filtration, cleansers, distribution and containment

Education: Michigan State University

College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Bachelor of Science, Fisheries and Wildlife Ecology awarded, 1996

Eastern Florida State University

Associate of Science, Biology awarded 1993



re: **Recommendation for David Lane**

To whom it may concern,

I want to give you my endorsement of David at A1A Beach Rentals & Outdoor Center for appointment to the *Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee*.

More or less in the same business, David, myself, and all the other outfitters in the business of water sports tourism understand that we need immediate action to save our lagoon, keep our tourism businesses viable, and continue employing residents of Brevard County. Recreation on the lagoon is a major contributor to tourism and our local economy, and a representative of this segment should serve on the committee.

David is a respected member of this industry and community, and I am hopeful that he will be appointed to serve and represent, with his background and experience, to lagoon recovery efforts.

If I can be of further help, please feel free to give me a call anytime.

Sincerely,

William Davidson, owner
Surf & Ski Water Sports
1872 E Merritt Island Cswy
Merritt Island, Fl 32952
321-453-8900



City of Cape Canaveral

September 26, 2016

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
Natural Resources Management Office
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building A-219
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**RE: RECOMMENDATION FOR DAVID LANE AS ADVISORY MEMBER OF
THE SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON CITIZEN OVERSITE COMMITTEE.**

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter as a recommendation for Mr. David Lane to serve as an advisory member of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee. Mr. Lane operates a business in the City providing eco tours on the Indian River Lagoon. He has spent countless hours showcasing its beauty and ecosystem to people from all over the world for many years and has firsthand experience on the issues that currently plague the Lagoon. His education, business background and hands on experience more than qualifies him to provide the input necessary to make positive changes to improve the health of the Lagoon.

Sincerely,

Gustavo Vergara
Culture & Leisure Services Director

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226 North Atlantic Avenue
Cocoa Beach, FL 32931
(321) 453-7963 FAX ((321) 799-4333
dockpatrol@mindspring.com

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DOCK PATROL, INC.

Date: September 21, 2016

To: The Citizen Oversight Board Nomination Team
From: Dock Patrol inc.
226 N. Atlantic Avenue
Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

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To the Citizen Oversight Board Nomination Team:
If called upon to name one person to this committee, it would indeed be David Lane. David has lived and worked around these waterways from a very young age, and I know with certainty he loves this water we live around. I mean this guy fishes, dives, spearfishes, kayaks, camps, goes shrimping and crabbing, he does everything anyone can do in the river. His knowledge of the lagoon habitats and wildlife, seagrass beds, fishing and boating these areas and general marine knowledge is vast. Professionally, David worked for me in various capacities but his strength was state and federal permitting. His scientific background, collection, assembly and evaluation of data, and information required to get through permitting was crucial to the success of many construction projects. He was our liaison to the state DEP, US Coast Guard and US Army Corps of Engineers. In addition, David was a great asset to the office, a valued team member, and respected colleague. I highly recommend him to serve your oversight board and have no doubt as to his ability to serve and represent the public interest with a strong moral conviction and enthusiasm. If I can be of further help, please feel free to call me directly any time. Cell 321-403-9557

Sincerely,



Troy Harris
Owner/President

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