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The chairman prepared the minutes of the technical committee meeting held in Orlando 1/25/68 and supplied each agency of the technical committee with these minutes. Also included in these minutes was a brief resume of the 1/26/68 meeting held in Eustis.

The Lake Apopka work force has been reviewing the fish reef, bottom mud drain and water quality experiments on a routine basis.

Mr. Ney Landrum of the Florida Outdoor Recreational Council reviewed the Gourd Neck area with the chairman on 2/8/68 on the possibility of his agency developing a park in the Gourd Neck and Gourd Neck Springs area.

On 2/5/68 the Biospherit Research Company as headed by Mr. Levene contacted the chairman in an effort to obtain information on the eutrophication of Lake Apopka. This research agency is in the process of developing a means of harvesting or removing algae and are desirous of working with the technical committee. The information and pertinent data which Mr. Levene requested was sent on 2/6/68 and it is anticipated the committee might enact a research project with this agency in the very near future for the removal of objectional algae in Lake Apopka.

The technical committee, through the University of Florida, had applied for a Water Resources Research Center grant, Section 101, to perform research work on the agricultural wastes entering Lake Apopka and the water in the Eauclair Canal. The Center advised the chairman 2/7/68 they did not feel that a grant was approvable under their agency and suggested we apply to the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration to obtain such a research grant. The FWPCA has been contacted in an effort to obtain research grant money to perform work on removal of nutrients from industrial and domestic wastes. The proposed FWPCA grant will have to be extended to include agricultural wastes. Due to the complexity of obtaining this federal grant under the existing Lake Apopka Technical Committee setup, the chairman has been in close contact with Dr. Riley Kinman of FWPCA demonstration grant section. Hopefully, our committee will be in a position in the very near future to apply for said grant.

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Chairman traveled to Tallahassee 2/14/68 to review various aspects of the Lake Apopka project with Mr. Nathaniel Reed and to set up an agenda for the Governor's proposed visit of the lake 2/21/68. It is felt this meeting was very beneficial based on the fact that the efforts of the Lake Apopka Technical Committee will be closely coordinated with the newly appointed Acting Director of the Florida Air and Water Pollution Control Commission, Mr. Vincent D. Patton. It is anticipated the chairman will travel to Tallahassee 3/4/68 to review the project in detail with Mr. Patton and his staff and possibly make a presentation to the Air & Water Pollution Commission on the problems, progress and solution to problems of the Lake Apopka Restoration Project.

On 2/15/68 the chairman met with Lyman Rogers of the Governor's Aquatic Research & Development Committee to review the active program they have for setting up a statewide program on research of aquatic weeds and the removal of same to where bodies of water will become beneficial to everybody's use. It is felt this meeting was very interesting in coordinating that committee's efforts in this area and with the Lake Apopka Technical Committee.

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