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TO: Lake Apopka Committee Members  
FROM: C.W. Sheffield, Chairman  
SUBJECT: Lake Apopka Hearing in Leesburg June 13, 1968

The meeting was opened with a very good statement by Mr. V.D. Patton, Director of the Florida Air and Water Pollution Control Commission. The Commissioners present were: Mr. Doyle Conners, Commissioner of Agriculture  
Mr. Nat Reed,  
Mr. John Parker  
Dick Hellstrum, (Representing -  
Tom Adams, Secretary of State.)

In Mr. Patton's statement he reviewed the idea of creating a sanitary or pollution control district for the Oklawaha Basin which would assist in eliminating pollutants (mainly nutrients) from entering said waters.

The Chairman was the initial speaker and the two-fold project of eliminating artificial nutrients from entering lake and secondly restoring bottom deposits and water above was reviewed briefly. A summary report was submitted to each Federal Air and Water Pollution Control Commission member present, plus its director. Copies of the conclusions and recommendations are enclosed for your reference. Item Number II in recommendations, all legal action against known contributors of artificial nutrients into Lake Apopka be held in abeyance due to excellent cooperation with committee at present time. Maps of Lake Apopka and the Oklawaha River Basin were made available to all speakers, plus color photo illustrating the various research projects currently enacted on or near Lake Apopka by the Lake Apopka work force.

Most of the speakers following the Chairman related somewhat the same feeling that the Lake is nutrified and should be cleared up, also the downstream contributors of nutrients must be eliminated to stop accelerated eutrophication in these lakes.

The entire summary report, as submitted to Florida Air and Water Pollution Control Commission, will be forwarded to each member when duplication is completed.

The meeting was closed with a very stirring statement by Nat Reed when he praised the efforts of our Committee and the Director of Florida Air and Water Pollution Control Commission on the project to date. His words "Are we rich enough in this great country to throw away 30,000 acres of valuable recreational land, a tremendous asset to the community - No! , it must be restored for existing and future generations to enjoy", seems to summarize the feelings of all at the meeting.

Enclosures: Conclusions and Recommendations from June 13, 1968  
Summary Report Lake Apopka

Agenda of meeting