

Lake Asbury Municipal Service Benefit District

Chairman's Report – November 2010 Lakelighter

New Local Bill: Vice Chair De Ann Bjornson is working very hard on the new bill. Major changes include: 1) The Board voted to limit all future voting to **one qualified property owner's vote per lake lot** versus the current method of allowing all registered voters living on the lakes to have voting rights. 2) The Board also voted **to reduce the board size from nine to five and also reducing quorum from five to three**, plus other considerations. If you have any questions, please e-mail Vice Chair Bjornson at boardseat2@lakeasbury.us.

Board Reappointment or Special Election: The issue is currently in the hands of the Florida Attorney General. If you wish more information, The Chair's letter addressed to Clay County Commissioner Ronnie Robinson, dated 11-17-2010, is on our website www.lakeasbury.us. Please click on **Board Quorum Issue**.

In the interim, There will be no December 6, 2010 or January 3, 2011 Board Meetings due to a lack of quorum. The Chairman & The Treasurer will meet December and January at the Community Center at 6:30 P M for a few minutes to sign pre-approved checks and make note of any payment issues pertaining to non pre-approved bills. Summary minutes will be placed on the website. The current Board members could meet but cannot vote. A special election may be required at a possible **additional expense** to the District.

District Engineer: The Board selected Mike Kelter, Legacy Civil Engineers, Green Cove Springs, FL as District Engineer. His annual fee came in under budget. Mike and the Chair will be working on a preliminary **USDA Loan Package** for the Board to review when it is allowed to operate. This loan package will center on projects: 1) South Lake Asbury Spillway 2: Lake Bank Stabilization on Lake Ryan and fingers on Lake Asbury & South Lake Asbury. In addition, he will be reviewing the new expanded **Henley Road Expansion** plans (four lanes to five lanes). We have been advised there will be no additional water entering the lakes but new retention ponds should greatly reduce the flow of sediment.

District Aquatic Management Services: A firm was not selected due to re confirmation of costs. This issue will be taken up when the Board is able to meet and vote.

Chain Pickerel Problem: Cool weather is now with us and this is the time to catch this problem fish. The Chain Pickerel can eat carp & bass over one third its size. We have Chain Pickerel as large as 30 inches in our lakes.

CATCH BUT DO NOT RELEASE BACK INTO THE LAKES – DESTROY THE FISH

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Carl E. Kocher, LAMSBD Chairman