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### 1. Call to order

A. The Trustees of Lake Asbury Municipal Service Benefit District (LAMSBD) met in the Lake Asbury Community Center, 282 Branscomb Road, on the above-stated date. Chairman McMillan called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

### 2. Roll/Quorum

A. The following trustees were present: Chairman Mark McMillan, Vice Chairman Linda Parrish, and Trustees Huggins, Newton, Cottrell, Worley and Tyrie - a quorum of seven. Mr. Flowers swore in new member, Scott McCallister (Seat 2), bringing the quorum to 8. Trustees absent: Treasurer Tom Petrucci. Staff present: District Attorney Wayne Flowers, District Engineer Mike Kelter, and Secretary Melody Pickens.

### 3. Emergency Matters related to Hurricane Irene:

#### A. Lowering the lakes

1. *Trustee Huggins made a motion to open the west valve on Lake Asbury; try to open the east valve on Lake Asbury; open the Lake Ryan valve; and monitor South Lake Asbury, opening the valve if necessary. Trustee Cottrell seconded the motion. Carried 8-0.*

a) Trustee Huggins comments about the drawdown: Trustee Huggins talked about using visqueen to route water over the dams. He was concerned about the runoff from Seminole village flooding Lake Ryan. He said that the South Lake kettle is at the right height. He talked about how tropical storm Debbie caused 14" to run over the Lake Asbury spillway. He advised opening the west valve of Lake Asbury and the Lake Ryan valve, if we can. He expressed reservations about the ability to do so and also noted that the Lake Asbury east kettle valves needed four new bolts.

b) Mr. Kelter's comments about the drawdown: He told the board that the storm is large and could stall, increasing predicted rainfall. Since we won't know what the storm is likely to do until Friday, we should open the valves now as a precaution. As the Lake Asbury is now, a foot of rain will cause water to go over the spillway. The valves are effective to draw the lakes down. Opening the valves should lower the lake two feet over three days. Trustee Huggins said that both valves had been opened for weeks in the past and you couldn't see a difference. Mr. Kelter advised us to lower Lake Asbury before opening the valve on Lake Ryan. He asked the Chairman how far to lower the lake. Chairman McMillan said 12 inches. South Lake Asbury has a large valve. Opening it can lower the lake quickly.

c) Chairman McMillan's comments about the drawdown: He agreed that we should lower the lakes in advance of the storm. The ground is saturated and the coming rain will help fill the lakes. He would like to open the Lake Asbury west valve then Lake Ryan's valve. He noted that lowering

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water in the lakes will expose sprinkler pumps and we should warn residents.

2. Trustee McCallister observed that any problems encountered opening the valves might need to be repaired. *Chairman McMillan made a motion to approve spend up to \$10,000 to call in a professional to help. Trustee Cottrell seconded the motion. Carried 8-0.*

B. Authorizing payment of outstanding bills

1. *Trustee Huggins made a motion to authorize the Treasurer and Chairman to pay September's bills. Seconded by Vice Chairman Parrish. Carried 8-0.*

C. Cancelling the September 11, 2017 meeting

1. *Vice Chairman Parrish made a motion to cancel the September 11th meeting because it coincides with the predicted arrival of Hurricane Irma to our location. Seconded by Trustee Huggins. Carried 8-0.*

4. **Public Comment**

A. Ann Turner, 246 Circuit Rider Court: How high must the water be in the lake before it goes over the spillway. Trustee Huggins answered 12 inches.

B. Lisa Turner, 506 Branscomb Road: (After Trustee Huggins talked about broken bolts in the valves) – observed that it sounds like the valves are in bad condition. Chairman McMillan answered that those repairs are on our list and will be addressed.

C. Carl Kocher, 256 Lake Asbury Drive: Advised the board to lower the lakes as a cautionary action to avoid liability issues.

5. **Adjournment:** Trustee Huggins made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:03 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Cottrell. Carried 8-0.

Melody Pickens  
District Secretary

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Mark McMillan, Chairman