

**LAKE ISTOKPOGA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The mission of the Lake Istokpoga Management Committee is to address management issues associated with Lake Istokpoga and its watershed, providing public input on issues related to the lake that may be considered by the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners. This Committee is charged with addressing issues that include but are not limited to exotic plant management, watershed management, aquatic habitat enhancement, water level regulation, lake restoration, management of a renewable, sustainable Istokpoga ecosystem, restoration of long-term ecological health to the lake and its watershed, and preservation of the lake's economic value. The LIMC will provide information and function as advisor to the BOCC. By extension and request, Committee recommendations may be forwarded to other agencies on issues of concern to the management of Istokpoga, at the discretion of the BOCC. The LIMC will provide a regular and on-going public forum for exchange of information, and discussion of issues related to the lake. It will also provide representatives of the public with the opportunity to provide formal comments on Lake Istokpoga management. The work of the Committee is governed by the Lake Istokpoga Fish Management Area Agreement between the Highlands County BCC and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, which called for the formation of a Lake Istokpoga Management Committee, and County Resolution 15-14-047 which governs how it is constuted and its roles and responsibilities. The organizations represented on the Committee are reflected in the table below.

Bert Galloway	Citizen, Lake Resident North	Lorida		12/31/2020
Jim Reed	Citizen, Lake Resident South	Lake Placid		12/31/2019
Bill Dwinell	Friends of Istokpoga	Lake Placid		12/31/2019
John Ruggerio	Highlands County Lakes Asso	Lake Placid		12/31/2020
Paul Phypers Jr.	Istokpoga Marsh Watershed In	Lake Placid		12/31/2020
Gary Albin	Professional, Business Comm	Lorida		12/31/2020
Paul Gray	Professional, Environmental C	Lorida		12/31/2119
Linda McCarthy	Professional, Range Management			12/31/2019
Clay Shrum	Spring Lake Improvement District			12/31/2019
Gary Lamperelli	alternate - Friends of Istokpog	Sebring		12/31/2019
Dick Reaney	alternate - Highlands County L	Lake Placid		12/31/2020
Joe DeCerbo	frm	Sebring		12/31/2019
Roberta Lake	alternate - Professional, Envir	Lorida		12/31/2019
Don Elwell	Commissioner	Sebring		