



HERNANDO COUNTY WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA



Date: April 17, 2024 Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Hernando County Building Department Training Room
789 Providence Blvd, Brooksville, FL 34601

Advertised: at the Hernando County Courthouse, Administration and Parks & Recreation buildings

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The meeting agenda and back-up material are available online at:
<https://www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-n-z/public-works/aquatic-services/waterways-advisory-committee/agendas-and-minutes>

Upcoming Meeting(s):

The next regular meeting of the Waterways Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.



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CALL TO ORDER

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Invocation

APPROVAL / MODIFICATION OF AGENDA (Limited to Staff and Committee Only)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 21, 2024

MARINE PATROL REPORT – Matt LaPalme

NEW BUSINESS

1. BOCC recommendation for WAC meeting times and locations.
 - Time: move to another day of week and start at 6pm
 - Location: utilize Lake House and Training Room
 - Meeting frequency will follow ordinance (Article IX) – meet 6 times per year.
 - Recordings of meetings will cease.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Artificial Reef project - update
3. Canal Maintenance Study – update
 - Clarify location of study. Only includes canals west of US 19.
 - This scope of work will include completing hydrographic/bathymetric surveys, volume analyses, and a feasibility memo to summarize dredging recommendations and next steps.
4. Weeki Wachee River Springs Protection Zone
 - Signs have been received. County is waiting on delivery of installation accessories.
 - FWC Lieutenant Canamero received determination from the FWC attorney that violating the SPZ rule will result in a moving violation with a \$140 fine.
 - Background: In February 2022, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission passed a rule allowing the designation of protection zones for certain first, second, and third magnitude springs in Florida. Within these zones, there are (1) restrictions on the speed and operation of boating vessels or (2) prohibitions on anchoring, mooring, beaching, or grounding of boating vessels.
5. Weeki Wachee River Dredge
 - Substantial completion of the dredge anticipated by 04/18/2024.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Discharge from property to east of Bass Canal. Chris Licata stated he would follow up with agencies to determine what actions are being taken.
- Who is responsible for maintenance of the HB South boat lift?
 - The Hernando Beach Boat Lift was put in place in the 1990's and was ordered by the Courts to provide access to the Gulf of Mexico via waterway from the Hernando Beach South subdivisions. The Army Corp of Engineers required a separation from the salt water and fresh water to preserve the habitat. The Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) pays for the

operational maintenance of the boat lift and surrounding area (grounds maintenance, hoist maintenance, and building maintenance). Property owners within the MSBU boundary may request access keys to the boatlift from the Homeowner's Board of Directors.

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WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE / STAFF COMMENTS

1. Chris Licata, Chairman
2. Sarah Hill, Vice Chairman
3. Ronald Zelmer, Member
4. Mike Senker, Member
5. Kathryn Birren, Member

OTHER –

ADJOURNMENT