



HERNANDO COUNTY WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – June 17, 2024



Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2024 Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Hernando County Lake House
1202 Kenlake Ave, Spring Hill, FL 34606

Advertised: June 14, 2024, the Hernando Sun CLK24-077

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>

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman (Sarah Hill) called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Attendee Name	Title	Attendance
Chris Licata	Chairman	No
Sarah Hill	Vice Chairman	Yes
Kathryn Birren	Member	Yes
Ron Zellmer	Member	Yes
VACANT	Member	No
Rob Talmage	Parks and Recreation Administrator	No
Carla Burrmann	Department Manager, Aquatic Services and Waterways	Yes
Matthew LaPalme	Marine Patrol Deputies	Yes
Steve Snell		
Clay Heitt	Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission	No

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

- Motion to approve agenda by Kathryn Birren.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 17, 2024

- No minutes due to lack of attendance.

MARINE PATROL REPORT – Deputies Matt LaPalme and Steve Snell

Deputies provided the following updates/information:

- Summer operation plan for Roger’s Park bridge jumping.
- No alcohol consumption allowed in parks.
- No smoking allowed in parks.
- Verbal warnings are in effect for Springs Protection Zone. However repeat offenders will be given a ticket.
- FWC / Yamaha presentation June 25, 2024, for jet ski donations.
- Pine Island roadway traffic solutions being reviewed by senior staff.
 - New payment system by Parks Department discussed.

- Park attendants leave at 3:30pm.
- One additional deputy is assisting Marine Patrol during the summer months.

NEW BUSINESS

1. WAC Meeting location and time.
 - Recommendation from Kathryn Birren: use Lake House and move to the second Monday of the month at 6pm.
 - Meeting frequency will follow ordinance (Article IX) – meet 6 times per year.
 - Recordings of meetings will cease.
2. Adopt-A-Waterway program.
 - Revising the current program to follow the Adopt-A-Park program. All documents will be reviewed by HC legal department.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Canal Maintenance Study – update
 - The 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.
 - Study will be in two phases to address areas of concern.
2. Weeki Wachee River Springs Protection Zone (SPZ)
 - Six signs installed on the river.
3. Weeki Wachee River Dredge
 - SWFWMD expects dredging to be completed by October 2024 and DMMA will be cleaned up by November 2024.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Water levels in our freshwater lakes is very low. Caution should be taken when trying to launch vessels.
- WAC vacancy due to resignation of current member.
- Who is responsible for maintenance of the HB South boat lift?
 - 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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CITIZENS' COMMENTS

The following citizens commented as follows:

- Can a citizen record a public meeting?

WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE / STAFF COMMENTS

- Finalize WAC dates and locations at August meeting for 2024 and 2025.

OTHER –

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm.

Upcoming Meeting(s):

The next regular meeting of the Waterways Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 6:00 P.M., at the Hernando County Lake House, 1202 Kenlake Ave., Spring Hill, FL, 34606.