



HERNANDO COUNTY WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – November 10, 2025



Date: Monday, November 10, 2025

Time: 6:00 P.M.

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

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

Kathryn Birren called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Attendee Name	Title	Attendance
Kathryn Birren	Chairman	Yes
Maryann Johnson	Vice Chairman	No
Ron Zellmer	Member	Yes
Brian Woolfolk	Member	No
Lucas Johns	Member	Yes
Chris Linsbeck	Community Services Director	No
Rob Talmage	Parks & Recreation Administrator	Yes
Carla Burrmann	Department Manager, Natural Resources	Yes
Matt Harrington	Field Supervisor, Natural Resources Dept.	Yes
Lt. Reak	HCSO Marine Patrol Deputies	Yes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

- Motion to approve agenda by Ron Zellmer. Second by Lucas Johns. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion to approve minutes by Ron Zellmer. Second by Lucas Johns. Approved unanimously.

MARINE PATROL REPORT

- Only two marine deputies are currently patrolling waters. Vacancy will be filled next year.

Citizen's Comments for HCSO.

- How close can an airboat operate to a residence?
 - Sec. 7-73. - Operation of vessels, watercraft and airboats; prohibited conduct.
 - (c) Airboats are to remain at least one thousand (1,000) feet from any dwelling while in operation. This shall not include airboats leaving or returning to a port, ramp or residence, or airboats operating within a marked channel or seaward of a marked channel.

- Duck hunting on Hunter's Lake

NEW BUSINESS

- Approved 2026 WAC meeting dates/times
 - Motion to approve by Lucas Johns. Second by Ron Zellmer. Approved unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Jenkins Creek Spring Run project – FWC has a consultant collecting data in the area and will identify activities needed for project.
- Manatee Protection Zone (MPZ) – BOCC proposed changes; requested sending survey to all residents living on the Mudd River and associated tributaries.
- Weeki Wachee River plantings – Five months post installation (83% survival); king tide did effect plantings close to Roger's Park. Consultants will be replanting in this area.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- What is the allowance of running a commercial business from a county boat ramp?
 - Sec. 22-17. - Boating, docks and boat ramps
- Hunter's Lake
 - Review conducted by FWC and DEP. Results to follow.
 - Maintenance dredge of boat ramp proposed.
 - Vegetation maintenance needed.
- Who is spraying Bay Lake?
 - Contact SWFWMD.

WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE / STAFF COMMENTS

- None.

OTHER –

ADJOURNMENT – Chairman (Kathryn Birren) adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting(s):

The next regular meeting of the Waterways Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 6:00 P.M., at the Hernando County Lake House, 1202 Kenlake Ave., Spring Hill, FL, 34606.