HERNANDO COUNTY WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – September 17, 2026

Date: Monday, September 17, 2026 Time: 1:00 P.M.

Location: John Law Ayers County Commission Chambers
20 North Main Street, Brooksville, FL 34601
Room 160

The meeting agenda and back-up material are available online at:
https://www.hernandocounty.us/community-recreation/natural-resources/waterways-division/

CALL TO ORDER

Lucas Johns called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Attendee Name	Title	Attendance
Vacant	Chairman	
Lucas Johns	Vice Chairman	Yes
Maryann Johnson	Member	Yes
Megan Champagne	Member	Yes
Vacant	Member	
Chris Linsbeck	Community Services Director	Yes
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	No

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

- Approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approved.

MARINE PATROL REPORT

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Elect WAC Chairman
  - Postponed to November 16, 2026 meeting.

- County boat ramp signage (Lucas Johns)
  - Can manatee education signs be placed at restrooms at parks/boat ramps?
    - FWC manatee signs are utilized at all boat ramps.
  - Where are the signs at Hernando Beach boat ramp?

- DPW contractor removed them for construction purposes. Will be reinstalled once construction is completed.
- Install health advisory signs at Rogers Park and Pine Island.

- Nautical hazards at Hernando Beach boat ramp (Lucas Johns)
  - Can we install rules of waterways signs at boat ramps and kayak launches for mariners?

UPDATES

- 1/2-mile markers signs on Weeki Wachee River (Maryann Johnson)
  - SWFWMD is reviewing the request to install these signs on their property along the Weeki Wachee River.

- Shoal Line Blvd. bridge jumping update (Chris Linsbeck / Rob Talmage)
  - Staff from DPW, Parks, Facilities, and Utilities departments met at bridge with a fence contractor to discuss options. Staff are waiting for preliminary design and cost estimate.

- Jenkins Creek Spring Run project
  - Application is under review by FDEP and ACOE.

- Minnow Creek Conservancy / Jenkins Creek Park
  - Installation of oyster shell on pedestrian walkway is completed.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Can the sand at Pine Island be cleaned? Lots of debris and litter.
- Can we add ISNW signs to existing ROCK signs in HB channel?
- What can be done about the water quality in Bass Canal?
- Can the county remove the vegetation in Bay Lake? Can the area be dredged to open the spring vent?
- Is it possible to have park attendants at Roger's Park?

WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE / STAFF COMMENTS

OTHER –

ADJOURNMENT – Vice Chairman (Lucas Johns) adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

<u>Upcoming Meeting(s)</u>:

The next regular meeting of the Waterways Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2026, at 1:00 P.M., at John Law Ayers County Commission Chambers, 20 North Main Street, Brooksville, FL 34601, Room 160.