

Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park
Board Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2025
Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Office Area and Call-in

Board Members Present: Kim Finer, Donna Graham, Janice Kmetz and Valerie Thompson (call in) **Board Members Absent:** Eric Cosentino and Skip Counselman
Park Staff in Attendance: Park Manager Cody Peters

President Janice Kmetz called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m. A quorum was established.

President's Report:

- Janice reported parking areas one and two at the park are open and parking areas three and four are being prepped for opening.
- The Volunteer Luncheon sponsored by the Friends was a success.
- New washable table cloths have been purchased to replace the disposable ones.
- Eric has filed the required SunBiz documents with the state.
- Janice reminded everyone to record their volunteer hours on the state's website.

Vice President's Report: Kim reported that the Friends quarterly newsletter was sent out through email to members at the end of March.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the March 3, 2025 meeting were approved. Kim made a motion for approval, Donna seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: In Eric's absence, Janice shared his report: For the period ended February 28, 2025, total assets were up \$53,503.26 or 19.8%. Total income was up 48.2% or \$7,349.63 due mostly to Adopt-A-Nest donations. Total expenses were up \$1,105.55 or 49.4% and net income was up \$6,244.08 or 48.0% year-over-year.

Membership Report: Donna reported there are 144 members.

Park Manager's Report:

- Visitation: Cody reported 75,000+ visitors entered the park in February (the highest February count since Hurricane Ian). While visitation increased, revenues from entry fees significantly declined.
- An FGCU student will be revitalizing the fiberglass sea turtle (Lunetta).
- Cody will be conducting interviews for a park ranger and an OPS staff member.
- The MOSH nursery trailer construction is in progress.
- Post and ropes will be installed in parking lots 3 & 4 before May 1.
- Sand moving work will take place this week.
- The dunes will be reworked to ready them for planting.
- Lauren will compile a sea turtle watch schedule this month.
- Permits for dredging are in process with Collier County and the Corps Of Engineers. The on-shore sand placement would be from area 3 going north to a section between areas 4 & 5.

- In looking for an alternative to bottled water, Cody proposed purchasing a water dispenser. Valerie volunteered to donate the fund for the dispenser. Cody said the park would fund the filters.
- Lauren has prepared a proposal for a fundraising idea. "Name the Turtle" donations would be used to fund \$522.00 in educational materials. Board members will receive a copy of the proposal.
- New Staff: Park Ranger Miguel Rodriguez

Old Business

- Adopt-a-Nest: Donna reported 37 name plates have been ordered (\$370.00 expense). We received one \$1,000 donation.
- Boutique Updates & New Dates: The boutique held on the day of the Great American Clean Up brought in approximately \$200.00 in donation. The next boutique date is scheduled for April 26, 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m. set-up; 9 a.m. - noon boutique open.
- Florida State Park Foundation Grant: Kim reported supplies were ordered, are now on-site and construction date for the MOSH nursery is April 8. Six species of plants will be grown in the nursery. Thanks to Cody for getting plant approval. Kim described the sign that would be displayed on the MOSH. Janice requested the Friends logo be added to the sign.
- Great American Clean Up: Approximately 35-40 volunteers took part in the successful event.
- Laptop Computer Update: Kim reported three Friends laptops no long needed were "wiped clean" and then donated to the Cafe of Life.
- Earth Day Event at the Conservancy of SW Florida: April 12. Board members, please let Kim know if you can volunteer to work the event. Donna will load up her truck on Friday afternoon to be ready for an early set-up at the Conservancy on Saturday.

New Business

- Donation merchandise: Donna shared some new vendor/merchandise options (hat and t-shirt). These options continue to be reviewed.
- Boat Naples donation project will start again in the fall.
- Kim mentioned that parking and road areas 3, 4, & 5 have lots of liter and trash and need to be cleaned. She asked Cody when we could set up a "clean-up day" for volunteers.
- Janice told Cody we would like to schedule Beach Clean-up Days for Friends members.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Valerie Thompson

Approved: May 5, 2025

Future dates:

April 12	Earth Day Event @ Conservancy of SW Florida	
April 26, 9-noon.	Boutique on the Beach	DWPSP beach between areas 1&2
May 5, 9:00 a.m.	Friends Board Meeting	DWPSP Office Area