

**Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park
Board Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2026
Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Operations Area**

Board members in attendance

Skip Counselman, Kim Finer, Donna Graham, Jane Myers, Monica Slattery and Valerie Thompson

Absent: Eric Cosentino

Park staff in attendance: Park Manager Cody Peters

President Kim Finer convened the meeting at 9:01 a.m. and ensured the establishment of a quorum.

Secretary: Previous Minutes Approval.

Skip made a motion to approve minutes from January 9, 2026 Board Meeting, Donna seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Skip made a motion to approve minutes from January 12, 2026 Annual Membership Meeting. Jane seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Skip made a motion to approve the minutes from January 12, 2026 BOD Annual Organizational Meeting, Jane seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

President's Report: Kim welcomed new Board members Jane and Monica. Kim said she and Eric have updated necessary financial information required when new officers are elected. Kim requested Cody provide information concerning required organization reports and due dates. Cody will send out to all BOD members.

Treasurer's Report: Kim provided the following report: For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025, total assets increased \$18,789.23 or 6.0% compared to the previous year. Total income was \$33,281.29, down 45.6% vs. the previous year. Total expenses were \$14,492.06 up 3.8% and net income was \$18,789.23 down 60.2% year-over-year.

Membership Report: Donna reported 111 members.

Park Manager's Report: Cody shared information in several categories:

Personnel: Dual South has been transferred into the PSS position. The job description for the second PSS has been rewritten to emphasize support of Park environment and wildlife as well as oversee maintenance. Filling AA position is in process. There are two FTE Park Ranger positions open.

Projects: Cody provide an update for the following projects:

- Mobile interop center buildout: Graphics and trailer build are at state level. Cody asked any photo/content suggestions be sent to him to forward on to the state. BOD members asked that Friends logo be a prominent feature on the design.
- Replacement of windows on residences continue.
- Relocation of front entrance sign. Permits have been issued and work will be begin this week.
- Permit for relocation of CSO banner sign is underway.
- Lunetta restoration is in final step and will be added to front entrance area.
- MoSH volunteer work is on hold as Dual transitions into his new job.
- Pay stations: Pads for stations have been approved.

Interpretaton:

Wiggins-Walk: February 2 Wiggins-Walk was cancelled due to weather. The next Walk is scheduled for Monday, March 2. Friends BOD agreed to partner with the Park staff by providing fruit and water for the participants.

Items added to turtle interpretation: Homosassa Springs State Park staff donated various sea turtle interp items to our park.

Funding request (from Annual Report):

UTV	\$20,148.39 + shipping
Staff/volunteer appreciation lunch in March.	500.00 (max)
Front entrance landscape boarder	981.24
Front entrance washed shells	442.00

Kim made a motion to provide funding as described in the Annual Program Plan. Jane seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

New Business:

March, April and May BOD meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month.

Kim, Skip and Eric will serve as the annual Audit Committee.

Events for February through May. Suggested topics include: fishing, photography, shelling and shell crafts. Send any ideas for topics &/or presenters' information to Kim.

Plant Walk: Plant Walk with John Finer has been scheduled for February 14.

Donna announced an upcoming Bonita Springs Shelling Club Event.

Old Business

Name the Green Sea Turtle Contest. The program raised \$40.00. The naming winner, Eileen Kurtz, entered the name "Casey".

Pop-up Boutique: Donna will select a date for the next boutique and email BOD members to request volunteers. The 'square' is up and running for credit card donations..

Adopt a Nest program: Donna reported there are currently 23 donors and a total donation of \$8,500. Mark assembled an example of a nest with display of the donor plate.

Items added to the Action Items:

- List of Reports and Deadlines (Kim and Cody)
- "Visit 5 State Park" marketing program

With no further business, the meetig adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Valerie Thompson

Date approved: March 2, 2026

Future dates:

- February 14 Plant Walk with John Finer
- February 27 Delnor-Dash
- March 2 Friends BOD meeting
- March 2 Wiggins-Walk
- April 6 Friends BOD meeting (changed to April 13 @ March 2 meeting)
- April 18 Earth Day at the Conservancy
- May 4 Friends BOD meeting