

**Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Board Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2026
Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Operations Area**

Board members in attendance

Skip Counselman, Kim Finer, Donna Graham, Jane Myers, Monica Slattery (call-in) and Valerie Thompson. Absent: Eric Cosentino

Park staff in attendance: Park Manager Cody Peters

President Kim Finer convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and ensured the establishment of a quorum.

Secretary: Previous Minutes Approval.

Skip made a motion to approve minutes from March Board meeting. Jane seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

President's Report: Kim informed the Board that the 2025 Tax information has been filed.

Treasurer's Report: Kim reported for Eric. Eric provided the following report: For the period ending February 28th, 2026 total assets were down \$8,757.31 or 3.3%. Total income was down \$673.40 or 4.6% year over year. Total expenses were up 1,200% or \$26,873.14. The majority of the increase in expenses came from \$9,918.50 for the diamond cargo trailer and \$14,430.14 for the purchase of a new UTV. The net loss was \$27,546.54, a decrease in income of 212% from period last year.

Membership Report: Donna reported 114 members.

Adopt-a-Nest Report: There are currently 41 donors that will support 24 nests. Donna will send out additional invitations to donate after the first nest appears.

Park Manager's Report:

Staffing update: The Park is now at full staff. FTE Park Rangers: Luke King, Mark Disclfani, Steven Webber and Natalia Melendez. Park Services Specialists: Dual South and Amanda Townsend. Weekend OPS: Miguel and Danny. Administrative Assistant: Anna Davis.

Projects:

Mobil interpretation center

- Graphics and Trailer Development: Cody shared a preliminary draft of graphics concepts. He will inform the Board of Directors when a graphics meeting is scheduled. All ideas are welcome.
- Discussion about trailer interior needs to take place.
- Cody will order the appropriate generator for the trailer.
- Cody will work with John Finer to determine best plants for entrance.
- Lunetta has been installed at the entrance sign, and the optimal positioning is currently being assessed.

CSO banner area at entrance island

- A permit for the relocation of the CSO banner has been approved. The specific location will be determined at a later date.

Pay stations: No change from last month. On hold.

Volunteer Appreciation lunch

- Enjoyed and greatly appreciated.
- BOD requested cost per person be evaluated and lowered.

On-site Sea Turtle Training: was held on April 9th.

Shorebird Monitoring: No nests or nesting behaviors identified at this time.

Funding requests:

Cody presented funding requests which were listed in our 2026 Annual Plan:

1. Skip made a motion to approve a \$2,754.05 expenditure for a generator for the mobile interpretation trailer, Jane seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
2. Skip made a motion to approve a \$854.57 expenditure for lumber, poles, sign caps, and “post and rope” barrier supplies for the entrance island enhancement, Jane seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

New Business:

- CSO 2026 Legislative Report: The report has been completed and shared with BOD members via email. Jane made a motion to approve the report and Skip seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
- Payment Compliance Report has been filed.
- Budget for Volunteer Appreciation Event: request to reduce cost.
- District 4 CSO Presidents meeting, Friday 4/24/26. Due to scheduling conflicts, BOD members not able to attend. Request more lead time for announcements, invitations, etc.

Old Business:

- Keep Collier Beautiful, Coastal Clean-up held on March 28 was a success and an opportunity for Friends members to meet with visitors. Using buckets and “pickers” worked well.
- Earth Day Event at the Conservancy: Kim and Donna will represent the Friends group.
- April 22, 6-8 p.m.: Friends Sunset Pot Luck. Donna, Kim and Valerie will help with set-up and takedown. Others are welcome to help.
- Website: Friends new website is now live.

Additional action items:

Meeting for mobile interpretation trailer graphics

July Coastal Clean-up

Next BOD meeting: May 4

Respectfully submitted by

Valerie Thompson

Date approved May 4, 2026