

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

Board members in attendance: Eric Cosentino, Kim Finer, Donna Graham, Jane Myers, Monica Slattery and Valerie Thompson. **Absent:** Skip Counselman

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.

Donna made a motion to approve minutes from April Board meeting. Jane seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

President's Report: No report at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Eric reported for the period ending March 31, 2026, total assets were down \$18,578.22 or 7.8%. Total income was \$17,639.53, down \$147.77 or 0.83% year over year. Total expenses increased from \$3,159.56 to \$40,379.24. Net income was down \$37,367.45 when compared to the same period last year. There was a loss of \$22,739.71 for the period ending March 31, 2026. Eric noted that there have been some major expenditures in the past few months.

Membership Report: Donna reported we currently have 114 members.

Adopt-A-Nest Report: To date, donations to this project total \$13,500.

Park Manager's Report:

Projects:

- Mobile interpretation center buildout update: The rough concept for trailer wrap graphics has been sent to District Interpretation staff along with the trailer dimensions. Cody will set up a meeting with district staff and Friends representatives to discuss the wrap graphics.
- Cody requested Friends funding for trailer interior buildout (email dated April 17, 2026). Donna made a motion to accept the proposal that was listed in Cody's email, with the addition of two whiteboards, for a total expenditure of \$5,200. Eric seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Eric and Cody will work out order and payment methods.
- Front Entrance: John Finer and Cody will work together to determine appropriate plants for the space. An email request for funding will follow. Lunetta will be repositioned at the entrance.

- Entry island (former home to Ranger Station): Permit for relocation of Friends banner has been issued. Location to be completed and materials have arrived. Work in this area is scheduled for May.
- Sea turtles: No nests to date; one false crawl.
- Shore bird monitoring: No nests or nesting behavior to date.
- Shop construction: Gopher tortoise relocation survey has been completed. Anticipated date for the start of construction is July or August.
- ADA electric beach wheelchair: Florida Foundation is working on donating a tracked electric beach wheelchair to our park.

Funding requests: Funding request for Mobile Interpretation Center interior buildout was approved earlier in the Park Manager's Report.

Other:

- Friends information posting at the park boat ramp: Cody will use information from the Friends website to create an informative "poster" to be placed in the information board.
- Cody reported on the CSO Presidents Board meeting.
- The official park term for our support group is "CSO", however for branding and clarification, Kim requested that the CSO be referred to as "Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park".

New Business: Due to anticipated construction and closing of the boat ramp during construction, the park will not be able to participate in the 2026 "Clean Up Florida Waters" event in July.

Old business:

- Earth Day: Donna, Kim and John Finer represented the park at the April 18 Conservancy of SW FL event and received \$286.00 in donations.
- Kim asked if Friends can expand the authorized use of Apple Pay and the "square" for donations to more than one BOD member. This will be explored.
- Entrance beautification project. John Finer, Cody and Marlene (from the garden shop) will work together to select and acquire the plants.

With no further business, Valerie moved to adjourn the meeting, Donna seconded the motion. All in agreement. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Submitted by:

Valerie Thompson

Date approved: September 14, 2026

Upcoming dates:

September 14, 9:00 a.m. Friends Board meeting at the Park