Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Board Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2026
Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Operations Area

Board members in attendance (in person and via phone): Eric Cosentino, Skip Counselman, Kim Finer, Donna Graham, Jane Myers and Valerie Thompson. **Absent:** Monica Slattery.
Park Personnel 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 the amended minutes from September 14, 2026, Skip seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

President's report: Kim informed the Board of recent donation to Friends. Kim will be working on "End of Year Review." Send her any Friends &/or park information you would like to see included.

Treasurer's Report: For the period ending August 31, 2026, total assets decreased $22,867.98 or 9.1% to $250,785.38. Total income increased $2,659.69 or 8.0%. Total expenses increased $44,325.90 or 80.7%. As a result, there for a loss of $24,361.58 for the period ending August 31,2026.

Membership Report: currently the organization has 92 members.

Adopt-a-nest: no new information, same as the September 14 report.

Park Manager's Report:

Questions from BOD concerns:
- Are special permits and insurance required for weddings on the beach? Cody stated that they are not necessary, these events are treated just like any other visitor.
- When will the Mobi-mat be installed in area #1? After October 31.
- Please provide information on the location where the plants being cultivated in the MOSH are being planted. Additionally, could you share the rate of survival for these plants after planting. Cody had no data to share at this time and said there is a bimonthly check on plantings.

General updates:
- Automated pay stations installed and operational.
- Shop/Administrative offices are still in permitting.
- Mobile Interpretation Center graphics are to be installed during the first week in October.
- Turtles: last nest has hatched, monitoring will continue through October 31.
- Native landscape planting at entrance "island" is scheduled for October 8 and will be funded by Young Presidents of America.
- Sea oat planting project provided by FGCU will take place on October 10.
- Maintenance dredging on Wiggins Pass continues and should be completed this week. The sand disposal areas include off-shore mid-lot #3 and north to lot #4.

New Business:

1. Annual Program Plan:

The BOD reviewed and discussed Cody's funding requests. The BOD members agreed to fund:

- Two floating beach wheelchairs and the materials to build two wheelchair shelters. $6,500.00 (branded).
- Wheelchair shelter material: $2,000.00. (added to request during meeting)
- Bench for the boat launch area. $1,000.00 (branded)
- Staff/volunteer recognition and support (interp. supplies, and miscellaneous support needs, no grill) $2,000.00

Requests not accepted were funding for themed bicycle racks, sea oats and grill.

In addition to Cody's list, Friends initiated items on funding list:

- Two banners for front entrance, including design and production. $2,000.00
- Two informational "sandwich boards". $750.00
- The possibility of adding a second electric wheelchair and storage unit, if needed. $20,000.00
- The possibility of adding "Hear to Right" features to the park.

2. Event scheduling: Donna will chair the Sand, Sip and Sunset members' event to be held in area #4 on November 10 (time to be determined). Eric made a motion to allocate $2,000.00 for event expenses, Skip seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

3. Jane, Eric and Donna will form the BOD Nominating Committee.

4. Upcoming dates:

November 2	Board meeting
November 10	Sand, Sip and Sunset
December 7	Board meeting
January 4	Board meeting
January 11	Friends Annual meeting

Old Business:

1. Newsletter: next issue will be January. Looking for someone to chair this.
2. 12-Visit Annual Park Passes for members: New card was shared. Beginning in January, new and renewing members will receive new membership cards with pass information through USPS mail. Passes/members' cards will allow 12 complimentary visits to Delnor-Wiggins Pass SP.

Items to add to "Action List":

- Selecting a location for Delora's Native Interpretative Landscape Garden—pending
- Exploring "Hear to Right" park enhancements for visitors that are visually and hearing impaired—in process —Donna

With no further business, Donna made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jane seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Valerie Thompson

Secretary Approval date: November 9, 2026