

City of Marco Island Florida

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, May 21, 2026

8:30 AM

Community Meeting Room

Waterways Advisory Committee

Chair: Chris Lewandowski

Vice-Chair: TBD

***Committee Members: Daniel High, George Lancaster,
Elliott Mascoop, Ralph Rohena,
Rick Woodworth, Martin Winter***

City Staff:

***Justin Martin, Director of Public Works
Crysten Casey, Administrative Project Coordinator***

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lewandowski called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

(2) ROLL CALL

Member Woodworth arrived and was noted as attending at 8:47 AM.

Present: 4 - Member High, Member Mascoop, Member Rohena and Chair Lewandowski

Not Present: 1 - Member Woodworth

Absent: 1 - Member Winter

Also Present:

City Council:

Councilor Bonita Schwan

Councilor Deb Henry.

City Staff:

Justin Martin, P.E., Director of Public Works

Crysten Casey, Administrative Project Coordinator

Martin Luna, Audio Visual Technician.

Office Josh Ferris, Mario Island Police

(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chair Lewandowski.

(4) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION by Member Mascoop, seconded by Member Rohena that the Agenda be Approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 4 - Member High, Member Mascoop, Member Rohena and Chair Lewandowski

Not Present: 1 - Member Woodworth

(5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[ID 26-5408](#) Waterway's Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 23rd, 2026.

MOTION by Member High, seconded by Member Mascoop that the Minutes be Approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 4 - Member High, Member Mascoop, Member Rohena and Chair Lewandowski

Not Present: 1 - Member Woodworth

(6) OLD BUSINESS

A [ID 26-5411](#) Marco Island Police Department Marine Unit

Officer Ferris provided Committee with brief update on waterway conditions. A derelict vessel near Goodland will be removed from local waters within the next 40 days. The city has received a grant from the State to cover the cost of removal.

Officer Ferris also provided a brief update on the SeaKeeper project.

B [ID 26-5410](#) Dredging Alternatives- (Ralph Rohena)

Member Rohena provided the Committee with a brief recap of his previous presentation on this topic. Discussion followed. After deliberation, the Chair requested Rohena to find quotes for a survey of sediment compositions in the Marco Island canals.

The Committee also requested that Member Rohena verify the location of images displayed in his presentation.

MOTION by Member Woodworth, seconded by Member Mascoop, to authorize Member Rohena to obtain quotes from companies with experience in saltwater-related work to conduct a bathymetric survey of the canals on Marco Island.

Approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 4 - Member Mascoop, Member Rohena, Member Woodworth and Chair Lewandowski

No: 1 - Member High

(7) NEW BUSINESS

None.

(8) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Justin Martin informed the Committee that there will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new South Water Treatment Plant. He also mentioned that the City Council has been invited to attend. Following the ceremony, attendees are invited to visit the new site for the Public Works Department.

(9) CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Deb Henry, representing the City Council, provided the Committee with guidance regarding the topic of septic-to-sewer connections. She advised that the matter is currently being addressed by the City Manager and the County Commissioner, and falls outside the purview of the WAC Committee.

Justin also informed the WAC Committee on the resignation of Member Snider. City Council has elected a new council member to be nominated at the next meeting.

(10) PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Crain- Commented on the illegal connection of downspouts discharging into the canals.

Amber Crook- Offered comments on Marco Island Fertilizer Ordinance.

(11) NEXT MEETING: CONFIRMATION & ATTENDANCE

[ID 26-5415](#) Confirmation & Attendance

The next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2026, at 8:30 AM.

Chair Lewandowski asked members whether anyone would be unable to attend in person.

No formal vote was taken

(12) PROPOSED AGENDA TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

The following topics were raised for the next meeting:

1. Marco Island Police Department Update
2. Dredging Alternatives- (Member Rohena)
3. Canal Access- (Vice Chair Winter)
5. Fertilizer Ordinance Overview- (Member Mascoop)

Committee also discussed converting the September meeting into a workshop for XYZ.

(13) OTHER COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

- A** [ID 26-5413](#) Canal Access for Paddleboards and Kayaks - (Martin Winter)

Not Presented.

- B** [ID 26-5412](#) Proposed Water Quality Priorities Whitepaper- (Rick Woodworth)

Member Woodworth presented a revised Whitepaper on Water Quality Priorities to the committee. In his presentation, he noted that a boat has recently been issued to Code Enforcement, which will assist in monitoring the canals.

The Chair requested that Member Mascoop follow up on the turf-grass requirements with the Beautification Committee, as it aligns with his agenda item for fertilizer.

(14) ADJOURNMENT

Discussion: There being no further business before the Committee, Chair Lewandowski adjourned the meeting at 10:28 AM.