

City of Marco Island Florida

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, March 19, 2026

8:30 AM

Community Meeting Room

Waterways Advisory Committee

Chair: Chris Lewandowski

Vice-Chair: Martin Winter

*Committee Members: Daniel High, Elliott Mascoop,
Ralph Rohena, Jim Snider, Rick Woodworth*

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 8:31 AM.

(2) ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Member High, Member Mascoop, Member Rohena, Member Woodworth and Member Lewandowski

Absent: 2 - Member Snider and Member Winter

Also Present:

City Council: Councilor Bonita Schwan; Councilor Steven Gray; Councilor Deb Henry.

City Staff: Justin Martin, P.E., Director of Public Works; Crysten Casey, Administrative Project Coordinator; Martin Luna, Audio Visual Technician.

Sergeant Ryan Montgomery & Office Josh Ferris, Mario Island Police

(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge 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: 5 - Member High, Member Mascoop, Member Rohena, Member Woodworth and Member Lewandowski

(5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

Yes: 5 - Member High, Member Mascoop, Member Rohena, Member Woodworth and Member Lewandowski

[ID 26-5248](#) Waterway's Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 19,2026.

(6) OLD BUSINESS

A) [ID 26-5249](#) Marco Island Police Department Marine Unit

Sgt. McGomery and Officer Ferris provided an update on the Seakeepers project, demonstrating the interactive map for the Committee. It was recommended that the project be supported with an improved map base that more clearly displays the canal system. The officers noted that the project remains in draft form and that the IT Department is continuing to refine and enhance its functionality.

The Committee engaged in a series of questions and general discussion regarding the project's capabilities, anticipated uses, and long-term integration with existing City resources. Members expressed interest in the potential benefits of expanded community participation, and the officers encouraged

additional volunteers, emphasizing that increased data collection would lead to a more detailed and accurate map.

B) [ID 26-5250](#) San Marco Pass - White Paper- Member High

The Committee held a discussion regarding the expedited nature of the white paper presented to City Council. Members expressed concern about the pace of its preparation and emphasized their belief that public safety remains the primary reason for pursuing dredging in the San Marco Pass area.

C) [ID 26-5251](#) Dredging Alternatives- (Member Rohena)

Member Rohena provided the Committee with a brief recap of his previous presentation on this topic. Discussion followed. After deliberation, the Committee agreed to convert their next scheduled meeting into a workshop to further explore the potential options available.

D) [ID 26-5252](#) Canal Access for Paddle boards and Kayaks - (Vice-Chair Winter)

None.

E) [ID 26-5255](#) Black & Veatch Updated Report- (Chair Lewandowski)

Chair Lewandowski provided the Committee with a verbal update. The Black & Veatch Final Report is scheduled to be presented to City Council on April 6, 2026, and the finalized document is expected to be published March 31.

(7) NEW BUSINESS

[ID 26-5253](#) Sea Wall Regulations

None.

(8) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None.

(9) CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

None.

(10) PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Crane- Commented on the dredging discussion for Marco Island's waterways and canals.

(11) NEXT MEETING: CONFIRMATION & ATTENDANCE

[ID 26-5254](#) Confirmation & Attendance

*The next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 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 Committee agreed that the next scheduled meeting on April 23 would be converted into a workshop to

discuss the dredging issues affecting the Island's canals. Responsibilities were assigned to identify and secure subject matter experts to speak on the topic.

It was also requested an agreed upon that the Marco Island Police Department would be invited to provide a presentation at the workshop.

(13) OTHER COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

A proposal was made for the Committee to consider drafting an amendment to City Council regarding the Island's ordinance on turf grass. The suggestion emphasized promoting the use of Florida friendly plant species that require less water and reduced fertilization. The Chair requested that draft proposal be prepared for consideration as an option to present at the next formal meeting in May.

(14) ADJOURNMENT

Discussion: There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:14AM.

Crysten Casey, Administrative Project Coordinator.