

Minutes of the February 27, 2023 OVIS Meeting.

Those in attendance were Brian Smith, Stephen Marcinek, Jeanette Coughenoor, Stu Williams, Sage Piotrowski, Jim and Julie Longen, Skip LeFleur, Bill Schilp, Pamela Kelsch, Diane Williams, Connie Rieben, Steve Krout, Todd Guarino, DM DEUPREE, David Brandon, Beau Plessner, Jarrett Dixon, and County Commissioner Brian Scott.

Brian called the meeting to order at 7 o'clock at the Hall.

Everyone at the meeting introduced themselves.

The minutes for the January meeting were approved.

With the absence of the Treasurer, Jim Wiesner, the Financial Report was deferred to the next meeting.

Brian reported that the hall tenting is scheduled for March 14-16 with Atlantic Pest as approved.

Brian reported that the Bay Street environmental project is doing very well, and the County staff sent pictures of the project which had been forwarded to the Community. The project has been well received by the community.

It was recognized that the Orange Street traffic project is being implemented with good results.

Brian reported that the County study of the Shore Drive bridge replacement is going forward with a community meeting to be scheduled in the next month or two at the White Chapel in Palm Harbor. Everyone in the community will be notified.

Steve Marcinek said he had been told that the City of Dunedin is evaluating expanding their golf cart program up to the Causeway Plaza. He said there could be consideration to make a connection to Ozona from that location. The group recognized it would be important to be part of that conversation. A motion was approved that Brian would send a letter to Dunedin making that request to be informed.

The group, then discussed the idea of a tree planting program for Ozona. It was recognized that many mature trees have died or been removed for development. It would be important to have a program to replace those trees in our community. Brian suggested he would work up a list of considerations for such a program that could be taken up and discussed at the next meeting.

At this point in the meeting, County Commissioner Brian Scott entered the Hall in time for his agenda item of introduction. The Commissioner provided some comments on his background and his interest in being involved in the County's programs. This was followed by a general discussion with the Commissioner.

Once the Commissioner was finished with his item, Brian mentioned under Other Business that the newsletter will go out in the middle of March.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 o'clock.