

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-056

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION AND OTHER FUNDING-RELATED DOCUMENTS TO THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSIONER UNDER THE FLORIDA BOATING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PROPOSED HUNTERS LAKE CHANNEL RESTORATION PHASE 1 PROJECT; AUTHORIZING DESIGNATION OF THE MANAGER OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO SERVE AS PROJECT MANAGER IN THE EVENT THE PROJECT IS AWARDED FUNDING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Hernando County (“County”) is proposing a project named the Hunters Lake Channel Restoration Phase 1 (“Project”) to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commissioner under the Florida Boating Improvement Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the County intends to apply for Project funding through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in anticipation of Project approval under the Florida Boating Improvement Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the County intends to request \$209,252.00 in funding, subject to an award from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission under the Florida Boating Improvement Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County desires to enter into an agreement to participate with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for the Project under the Florida Boating Improvement Program; and

**WHEREAS**, in order for the County to enter into and submit such applications in a timely manner, and because the application is submitted electronically and requires the applicant’s signature upon submission, the Director of Procurement and Strategic Initiatives should be authorized to execute designated applications and other funding-related documents as may be requested by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, should the County be granted the award by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, a Project Manager, who will oversee the Project on a day-to-day basis, coordinate with the engineers or other similar personnel, and review further documentation as required, should be designated and authorized to serve on behalf of the County so they can effectively and timely fulfill this role.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Incorporated Whereas Clauses.** The foregoing Whereas clauses are true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 2. Findings.** The Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida, finds and determines that it is in the best interest of to apply for funding from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commissioner under the Florida Boating Improvement Program for the Hunters Lake Channel Restoration Phase 1 Project (“Project”).

**Section 3. Application Authorization.** The Director of Procurement and Strategic Initiatives is hereby authorized to sign and electronically submit the application on behalf of Hernando County to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission for funding, as described above, and is further authorized to execute other funding-related documents as may be requested by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission.

**Section 4. Project Manager.** In the event the Project is awarded funding by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, the Manager of the Natural Resources Department is hereby authorized to serve as Project Manager on behalf of Hernando County, as required to carry out the Project in accordance with the terms and agreements therein.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED IN REGULAR SESSION THE 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March 2026.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Attest: Wenke Osinga, Deputy Clerk  
**Douglas A. Chorvat, Jr.**  
Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller

By: Jerry Campbell  
**Jerry Campbell**  
Chairman



APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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County Attorney's Office