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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
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RE: Application Number 26-038

On behalf of the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the Hunters Lake Channel Restoration Project – Phase 1. This project represents an important effort to address significant sediment accumulation within the access channel to Hunters Lake, which has reduced navigability, created safety concerns for boaters, and limited recreational access for residents and visitors. We bring this project forth due to a rise in public concern for the current condition of the lake and the inaccessibility of desired recreational activities.

Hunters Lake serves as a valued recreational resource for the surrounding community, supporting boating, fishing, and other outdoor activities. Over time, shoaling within the lake's access channel has restricted safe passage for motorized vessels and reduced the usability of the lake for many residents. The proposed Phase 1 project will conduct engineering analysis, surveying, sediment assessment, and permitting activities necessary to design and implement a long-term solution to restore safe and reliable navigation.

Completion of Phase 1 will provide the technical foundation required to advance future dredging and restoration efforts. By identifying sediment volumes, developing engineering plans, and securing the necessary regulatory approvals, this phase will position the project for construction funding and ensure that restoration activities are completed efficiently and in accordance with environmental standards.

The Hernando County Board of County Commissioners strongly supports initiatives that improve public access to waterways, enhance boating safety, and protect local natural resources. The Hunters Lake Channel Restoration Project aligns with these priorities and will benefit the surrounding community by restoring access to a valued recreational waterbody.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Jerry Campbell", is written over a horizontal line.

Jerry Campbell, Chairman

Hernando County Board of County Commissioners