

TO: Hernando County Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Keith and Jill Kolasa,

25797 Lake Lindsey Rd

Brooksville, Florida 34601

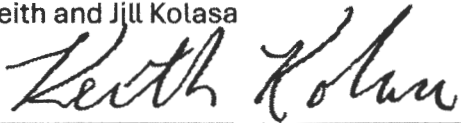
SUBJECT: Opposition to Hernando County Case No: H-24-20, Agenda Item 16588

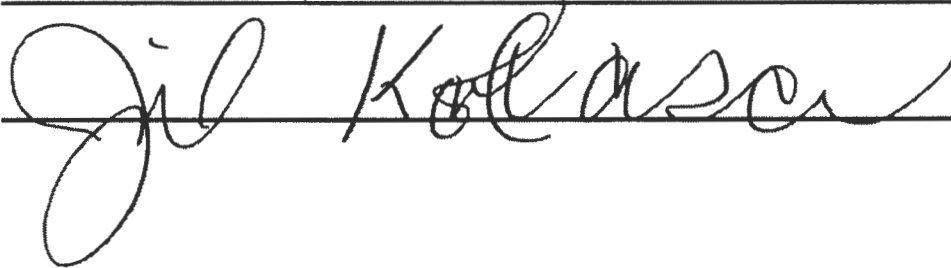
We are unable to attend the BOCC meeting on November 4th due to other obligations.

Since we are unable to attend, we would like a representative to read our letter or a 3-minute summary of our letter.

Respectfully,

Keith and Jill Kolasa

Handwritten signature of Keith Kolasa in cursive script, positioned above a horizontal line.

Handwritten signature of Jill Kolasa in cursive script, positioned below a horizontal line.

H2420 Citizen Comment

Dear Commissioners,

We live within a few thousand feet of the subject parcel ,as shown as the white dot in the attached map, and are opposed to the proposed private golf course resort. The proposed resort It is NOT compatible with surrounding agricultural, rural, and conservation land. Unfortunately, we cannot attend the BOCC on November 4 due to prior travel plans. We had planned to speak at the October meeting which was postponed again.

The applicant has not provided any assurance that their significant groundwater withdrawals will not impact the surrounding residential wells, McKethan Lake and conservation wetlands. Our well is fairly shallow, and we have always had stable water levels for the past forty-five years. Significant withdrawals from a golf course would be detrimental and no modeling of withdrawals has been completed to ensure impacts will not occur. Specifically, the drawdown cone of influence should have been done to determine impact.

At the December '24 public workshop, they estimated daily water use at 68,500 gallons per day, or 25 million gallons per year. This estimate is extremely low compared to others of 18-hole golf courses which range from 200,000 to 300,000 gallons per day, or 72 to 108 million gallons per year.

The Application Overview report notes a By-Right low-density alternative of 30 homes (1 per 10 acres) for this property which is compatibly zoned for this rural area. Typical residential water use in Florida ranges from 150 to 300 gallons per day which equates to 1.6 to 3.3 million gallons per year for 30 homes, and is several orders of magnitude less than the proposed golf resort. Even if 25 million gallons per year is correct, the By-Right low-density development is a much more favorable use of the land since it is compatible to the 2040 Hernando County Comprehensive Plan and follows the Future Land Use Map.

Fine sands at this location are subject to leaching, allowing pesticides and other chemicals to enter groundwater and the aquifer. We are highly concerned of well contamination and the American Medical Association's latest paper on pesticides linked to Parkinson's Disease. It is well documented that loading rates of chemicals from golf courses are magnitudes higher than low density development. We have always had high quality drinking water from our well, with nutrients measured below detection levels. The loading rates of the By-Right low-density development alternative would be minimal in comparison.

Also, we hope the County reviews the frequency of accidents at the Lake Lindsey/US 41 intersection to determine the impact of additional traffic on a 2-lane road that was not accounted for in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and would be incompatible and detrimental to the rural character of the area. Long traffic lines, that occur during golf tournaments and other events, would be a significantly higher safety concern at this dangerous intersection.

We urge you to follow the Planning and Zoning Commission's unanimous recommendation to deny this rezoning petition for incompatibility with the surrounding community.

Keith and Jill Kolasa

