

DELEGATION ON GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY (DOGE) COMMITTEE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 – 4:00 P.M.

Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

Paul Passarelli, Chairman
Douglas Huberts, Vice Chairman
Brandon Mowatt, Committee Member
Melissa Arceneaux, Committee Member - **Absent**
Robert Morgan, Committee Member
Kevin Passafiume, Committee Member - **Absent**
Melissa Flanagan, Committee Member
Richard Ross, Committee Member
Keith Kolasa, Committee Member
Ryan Amsler, Hernando County Commissioner
Jessica Wright, Hernando County Administration
Demetris Williams-Fagin, Hernando County Administration

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 P.M. Introductions were made.

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Morgan - Invocation

Mr. Passarelli – Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Passarelli – asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Flanagan motioned to approve minutes. Mr. Mowatt seconded the motion. All voted yes, no nays.

Citizen Comments

Michael Burmann – Discussed wind mitigation and state codes.

Louis Johns – Stated DOGE committee is going soft on Sheriff's budget. Brooksville Main Street, Chamber of Commerce, Flock Cameras need to be looked into. Discussed the sales tax and all the money and time spent on it. Louis Johns told Mr. Mowatt he can't speak on Brooksville Main Street because he is part of their Board and will violate the Sunshine Law.

Joann – 30- or 40-year plan. Why aren't developers responsible to fixing the roads. Why is Coastal Engineering responsible for 90% of the development. Why are you making ever empty house a development. Why aren't we keeping and preserving Hernando County. Discussed the concurrency issues with development. She has a problem with the Barclay and Powell intersection.

Response from the Board to Citizen Comments

Mr. Passarelli – anyone have responses.

Mr. Ross – LS# 16298 under Item K for September 9, 2025, BOCC meeting. He has a concern on this item and discussed concerns.

Mr. Passarelli – when contractors know what the budget is they drive up the price.

Team Sessions @ 4:30pm for 45-minutes

Team Sessions done, Reconvene meeting @ 5:18pm

Mr. Ross – single source contract. Had 5,000.00 in discrepancies. He sat up meeting with Carla. Carla took care of it. He stated Carla found out the transcribe company messed up the contract. He said supposedly the new ERP software will eliminate manual transcriptions. He said Carla was really responsive. He has been researching Piggy-back Contracts.

Mr. Mowatt – Meet with Director Valerie Pianta 2x. Requesting expenditure reports. Reminds everyone to use the investigative worksheets.

Mr. Morgan – looking into travel and membership payments for Economic Development.

Mr. Kolasa – while waiting for DPW to respond to request, he has been working on Parks and Recreation. He said we haven't been collecting parking fees at boat ramps.

Mr. Passarelli – while waiting for the request, he will gather the WHY? Questions to why the purchases are done. He wants to cut out the wants and only do the needs.

Mr. Ross – wants Mr. Kolasa to look into CIP. Parks is collecting money from the leagues, what are they using the money to off-set. He can only see the fees was used for a play gourd replacement. He wants to know if there is an off set.

Mrs. Wright – went over stuff to work on and data update requests.

Mr. Kolasa – wants to know why there is increase in property appraiser, insurance for county employees, mosquito control, and new proposed mosquito control building and new proposed waterways building.

Mr. Amsler – please attend the Budget Meeting on 9/11/25 @ 5:01pm. It will be beneficial. You can probably choose someone to speak on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Ross – he doesn't think the Doge committee is ready to present to the BOCC.

Mr. Huberts – Manatee County has formed their committee.

Mr. Morgan – talked about Hillsborough County Doge committee.

Mr. Mowatt – will attend the Starcom meeting on September 18 @ 8am in the EOC Main Training Room.

Mr. Passarelli – asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kolasa motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mowatt seconded the motion. All voted yes, no nays.

Next Meeting

September 22, 2025 @ 4:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.