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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
620 S. Meridian Street
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Subject: Request for Gopher Tortoise Presentation at Upcoming Hernando County Board of County Commissioners Meeting

Dear Commissioners and Staff of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission,

On behalf of the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners, we respectfully request that a representative of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission attend an upcoming Board meeting to provide a presentation on gopher tortoise conservation, regulations, and permitting requirements.

Gopher tortoise-related issues continue to be a topic of public interest and concern within our community. The Board believes it is important for both Commissioners and the public to receive clear, accurate, and consistent information directly from the agency responsible for oversight and management of this protected species.

We are specifically requesting a presentation that explains:

- The rules and regulations related to gopher tortoise protection
- The permitting process and requirements
- Educational guidance for residents, landowners, and stakeholders on how to properly address gopher tortoise presence

Our strong preference is for an FWC representative to attend and present at an upcoming Board meeting in person to allow for public education and the opportunity for questions. If an in-person presentation is not feasible, the Board would also welcome a recorded presentation or video that can be played during the meeting.

Please let us know your availability and the appropriate point of contact to coordinate scheduling and logistics. We appreciate FWC's continued partnership and look forward to working with you to provide this important information to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jerry Campbell
Chair, Hernando Board of County Commissioners