

**Minutes
Agricultural & Natural Resources Advisory Committee
E. Jay Carlson Building
Large Conference Room
18400 Murdock Circle
Port Charlotte, FL 33948-1094**

Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 9:00 am

GUEST SPEAKERS

Janet Knowlton

CALL TO ORDER Chair Nigel Morris called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed guest speakers and new committee members.

A quorum was determined after the roll call.

ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present: Nigel Morris-Chairman, Lindsay Harrington, David Kemeny, Steve Kalaf, Dan Ryals, James Ryals and Kasey Deuberry.

Absent: Scott Schroeder-Vice-Chairman, and Ralph Mitchell Quorum determined after the roll call.

Staff: Commissioner Tiseo's admin Assistant Morgan Cook - Commission Liaison, Shaun Cullinan, Planning & Zoning Official, Kellyann Eller, Administrative Assistant II

Guest: Janette Knowlton, Luis Garcia, J. Noell, and Andy Dodd

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA - none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Morris requested motions to approve the Minutes for January 9, 2025 and March 13, 2025. Motion moved by Kasey Deuberry and seconded by James Ryals. Motions carried.

NEW BUSINESS

County attorney, Janette Knowlton presented the Sunshine Law and informed the members that any plan proposal of interest can be requested to the staff to be an agenda item.

Old Business None.

- New Members- The Chairman recognized and welcomed new members Kasey Deuberry and James Ryals and encouraged all members to find a volunteer to fill the vacant seat on the committee.
- Status updates on Co-Part property and US 17 Area plan proposal Shaun Cullinan stated it was still in review; no hearing has been scheduled and waiting for more information from applicant.
- Update on letter to BOCC from Lindsay Harrington. Lindsay passed out a draft letter to committee members expressing the committee's concern that upcoming developments in the agricultural areas of the county were not being brought before it for review, discussion and input, as appropriate, to the BOCC. Lengthy discussion ensued and culminated in a motion being made, seconded and adopted to have the Chairman write a letter to the BOCC focusing on the pending development on US 17 and the DeSoto County line. *Copy attached*

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

None additional to discussion under Old Business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

STAFF COMMENTS

Staff stated any recommendations, discussions on special applications on future rural land use or policies should be presented to staff and members should follow the guidelines of Agricultural & Natural Resources Advisory Committee (ANRAC) rules and present any testimonies at the quasi-judicial hearing.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Concerns were raised on density, policy change and the opportunity to provide input.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

Co-Part status update.

NEXT MEETING

- ❖ July 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the E. Jay Carlson Building large conference room.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Nigel Morris set motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 a.m.



Chairman

Minutes of the Agricultural & Natural Resources Advisory Committee
Approved this 10 day of July 2025.