



**Town of Southwest Ranches  
Parks, Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources  
Advisory Board Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday,  
March 11, 2025

Town Hall  
13400 Griffin Road  
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

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**Board Members**

Chris Brownlow, Dena Butler, Debbie Green,  
Ron Martinez, Laurie Morse

**Council Liaison**

Gary Jablonski

**Staff Liaison**

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**A. ROLL CALL**

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. AGENDA AS FOLLOWS**

**D. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A moment of silence in honor of the passing of Debra Goff Rose, Marie Nix and Aster Knight.
- Adopt Town of Southwest Ranches Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for February 2025.

**E. OLD BUSINESS:**

- Follow up/Maintenance report attached for the Board's review and discussion.

**F. AGENDA PREP FOR NEXT MEETING**

**G. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

**H. Quote of the month:**

*"The butterfly counts not months, but moments..." -Rabindranath Tagore*

**I. STAFF COMMENTS**

**J. HOA/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**K. ADJOURNMENT**



## Town of Southwest Ranches Parks, Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources Advisory Board Minutes

February 11, 2025  
7:00 pm

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### **Board Members**

Chris Brownlow, Dena Butler, Debbie Green, Ron Martinez, Laurie Morse,

### **Emeritus**

MaryGay Chaples, Aster Knight

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### **Members present:**

Chris Brownlow  
Debbie Green  
Ron Martinez  
Laurie Morse  
Dena Butler

### **RFNRAB Members absent:**

Marie Nix

### **Staff present:**

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### **Council present:**

Gary Jablonski  
Bob Hartmann  
Steve Breitkreuz  
Jim Allbritton  
David Kuczenski

Call to order at 7:07 PM

The members present reviewed the minutes of the January 2025 meeting.

Dena motioned to approve the January 2025 minutes. Laurie seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Election of Officers:**

Debbie Green opened nominations for 2025 officers.

Debbie Green motioned to nominate Chris Brownlow as Chair. Laurie Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chris Brownlow motioned to nominate Dena Butler as Vice Chair. Laurie Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chris Brownlow motioned to nominate Debbie Green as Secretary. Dena Butler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Staff briefed the members present on the Maintenance report. Members discussed recycling at the farmers market and ways to do better. Aluminum, #1, 2, and 5 plastics may be recycled. And the pizza vendor on Saturday can recycle his boxes.

Staff Briefed the members present regarding a memorial for Aster Knight, who passed away February 10.

Vice Mayor Allbritton briefed the members present regarding an event he attended for active duty service members. He would like to see some kind of events for vets in Southwest Ranches. There are 284 Veterans in Southwest Ranches.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.



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**COUNTRY ESTATES PARK**

- **Therapeutic Recreation Elements / Communication Board:** A communication board with American Sign Language (ASL) symbols is being researched for playground in this location.
- **Youth Sports Program:** i9 programs ended March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**EQUESTRIAN PARK**

- **Therapeutic Recreation Elements / Communication Board:** A communication board designed for inclusivity for children with autism was installed in the playground in February.
- **Playground upgrade:** Council will consider the item to upgrades decks, stairs and bridges this year. These items represent a planned and budgeted upgrade of 25% of the play components. If approved, work will be completed within the fiscal year.
- **Equestrian Oasis:** The fountain planter was replanted in February.

**ROLLING OAKS PARK**

- **Youth Sports Program:** Skyhawks' SuperTots programs were cancelled due to lack of enrollment.
- **New storage container:** Items for events are being stored in the container at present.
- **Lightning Struck Oak:** Staff is working with the Parks Foundation to identify an artist to execute our design with figures of burrowing owls. The project has a May deadline to be completed. Pieces of the branches have been salvaged for commemorative items to give away to residents. Residents were offered a chance to take some of the wood in the month of February. A handful of people responded.
- **Interior Painting Project:** Staff will procure services to repaint the interior by September.

**SOUTHWEST MEADOWS SANCTUARY PARK AND PRESERVE**

- **New Construction:** Staff is working through permitting issues, specifically with septic/sewer and water system. Multiple issues are causing delays.

**EVENTS**

- **Southwest Ranches Farmers Market:** Saturdays and Sundays at Southwest Meadows Preserve, 10:00 am - 3 pm.
- **Monthly Open Play Chess Event:** Monthly event, third Saturday from 10 am - 2 pm Town Hall. This month's event will be March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **SEAB Barn Dance:** Saturday March 15. Sold Out
- **Bingo at the Barn:** Saturday, March 22, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tickets on sale
- **Sikh Youth Association Unity in Diversity 5k Run/Walk,** Saturday April 5, Rolling Oaks Park