



Trails and Greenways Committee

Monday, April 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER AND PLEDGE
2. ROLL CALL
3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES
4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approve Minutes of 03/29/2023

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 4a

Attachments:

- **Agenda Report Number 4a** (Agenda_Report_Number_4a.pdf)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS
6. ACTION ITEMS
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Trail, Kiosk and Firebreak Conditions

b. Cameron Preserve Update

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 7b

Attachments:

- **Agenda Report Number 7b** (Agenda_Report_Number_7b.pdf)

c. Eagles Nest Trailhead Update

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 7c

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- **Agenda Report Number 7c** (Agenda_Report_Number_7c.pdf)

d. Conflict Assessment Meeting Update

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 7d

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- **Agenda Report Number 7d** (Agenda_Report_Number_7d.pdf)

e. Next Field Event - TBD

Exhibit: Agenda Report Number 7e

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- **Agenda Report Number 7e** (Agenda_Report_Number_7e.pdf)

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- a. Board Member Comments**
- b. Staff Reports**
- c. Next Scheduled Meeting Date - 05/08/2023**

9. ADJOURNMENT

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TOWN OF MALABAR

TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA ITEM NO: 4.a
Meeting Date: April 10th, 2023

Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Approve Minutes of 3/29/2023

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

- a. Summary of Actions at the Trails and Greenways Committee Meeting of 3/29/2023

ATTACHMENTS:

- a. Draft Minutes of T&GC Meeting of 3/29/2023

ACTION OPTIONS:

- a. Request Approval

MALABAR TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 29th, 2023, 6:00 PM

This meeting of the Malabar Trails and Greenways Committee was held at Town Hall at 2725 Malabar Road.

1. CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER AND PLEDGE:

Meeting called to order at 6:02 P.M. Prayer and Pledge led by Chair Thompson.

2. ROLL CALL:

CHAIR:	DREW THOMPSON
VICE-CHAIR:	MURRAY HANN
BOARD MEMBERS:	ANNELIE HARVEY
	BOB WILBUR
	MARK BRITT
ALTERNATES:	MIKE SCHOOLFIELD - ABSENT
	BARBARA CAMERON
GRANT/VALKARIA LIASON:	CRAIG SMITH
BOARD SECRETARY:	RICHARD KOHLER

3. Additions/Deletions/Changes- None

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.a. Regular Trails and Greenways Committee Mtg Minutes of 2/13/2023
Motion to accept 2/13/2023 as presented by HANN/WILBUR.

All Ayes: Carried 5-0.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

7. ACTION ITEMS: NONE

8. DISCUSSION

a. Trail, Kiosk and Firebreak Conditions

VC Hann states the trails are open and running well. The area is very dry, to the point folks are showing off dirt tans. Liaison Smith states there are some sandy areas, and there are a few face slappers, but overall, the trails are in great shape. VC Hann states he would support a BMBA trail day. Liaison Smith states he has encountered some motorized vehicles on the trails. He referenced 3 separate instances where he came across a dirt bike, a motor tractor, and a golf cart. VC Hann states the Palm Bay Sanctuary group has removed several vagrants from the area recently. Secretary Kohler states the Parks and Rec Board spoke E-Bikes at their last meeting, and agreed it was not a big enough issue to implement new regulations. VC Hann states there are different types of E-Bikes. The pedal assist bikes are fine, but the throttle E-Bikes are dangerous. Liaison Smith shared some past experiences with One Wheelers at Whickham Park. After speaking with the users, the issues have abated. He also noted there is a Trail workday at Whickham Park this Saturday. VC Hann states these things tend to evolve over time. The user group has learned our policies and try to follow the rules. Chair Thompson suggests Liaison Smith develop a Trail etiquette guide. Secretary Kohler provided the Committee with the class system used by Florida to classify E-Bikes. VC Hann stated when he traveled to Idaho, they do not allow E-Bikes on their trails. He suggests if we make a policy, to allow Class 1 and one wheels, and enforce trail etiquette. Liaison Smith also noted that an increased amount of people ride and run with headphones in, restricting their awareness of their surroundings.

b. Cameron Preserve Update

Chair states we still have signs to be installed. VC Hann suggests it can be done in one full workday by accessing the area from the Boundary Canal Trail. Chair states these should be our top priority. When would the Committee be available? VC Hann suggests Friday April 14th. General agreement is reached. Liaison Smith suggests combining the event with trail trimming. Chair suggests changing the date to Saturday the 15th, 9 AM. General Agreement is reached to hold the workday on Saturday April 15th at 9 AM, to meet at VC Hann's property. VC Hann suggests if we expand the workday, he will bring out some heavier equipment for trail maintenance. He has also been scouting for a new trail area and would like to clean up the fire breaks. He also suggests creating a small trail next to the firebreaks. Chair Thompson suggests we contact the Forestry Department to request they work on the firebreaks. Secretary Kohler states he will research this before the next meeting. VC Hann states the Cogan Grass is very thick along the southern most firebreak. Chair suggests investigation the removal of Cogan Grass. CM Wilbur states ECOR could accomplish the task in a morning. Chair Thompson states it could come from our budget, and VC Hann volunteers to meet a representative on site.

MOTION: VC Hann/CM Cameron move to work to remove the Cogan Grass, not to exceed \$1,000.

Vote: All Ayes (5-0)

c. Eagles Nest Trailhead Update

Secretary Kohler informs the Committee that several loads have been brought into the ENT. CM Vail spread them, and placed stakes where more dirt is needed. At the last meeting, CM Wilbur suggested the fence line be the next step. Also, the Town has opened another PO for 150 tons of additional fill dirt. Chair suggests finishing the Cameron Preserve work first, then begin work on the ENT. He also requested Staff expedite the purchase of the additional culvert pipe. CM Wilbur states the best way to do the culverts is one at a time, with the north culvert being priority.

Chair suggests a temporary culvert on the Northern exit. The goal is to have it installed before the rain comes.

d. SCTPO/BPTAC Update

Chair Thompson gave a brief overview of the March 2nd SCTPO meeting. VC Hann states he was disappointed the 7 proposals from Malabar seem to have morphed into a South Brevard Master Plan. Chair states they liked the ideas presented, but this was a very early meeting in a long process. He would like to see where the SCTPO takes the project before we get further involved. VC Hann believes it would be appropriate to write the SCTPO and request how to proceed. We had hoped to have an open conversation on the future trails and could not. Chair states he will contact the SCTPO director. CM Wilbur suggests holding a secondary publicly advertised meeting to encourage public involvement. Chair states he will reapproach the SCTPO and encourage the enthusiasm that was present at the beginning of the previous meeting.

e. Next Field Event – TBD

Saturday April 15th, 9 AM at VC Hann's property. Chair states when we do the fence line at the ENT, should we break it up into multiple days? VC Hann states 2-3 people should lay it out and mark the ground. The next day, a small work party can complete the rest of the project in one day. VC Hann asks how we want the top of the fence posts? CM Wilbur states he is searching for a large enough circular saw.

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Board Member Comments:** CM Wilbur noted several dead trees along the Marie Street ROW south of the Sandhill Trailhead. He also noted there is a dead palm tree in the trailhead. Chair Thompson suggested future funds go towards replacing some benches. VC Hann states they could also benefit from some TLC. Chair also suggested doing an exploration of Eschenberg. CM Wilbur states he can do that on his own if we are looking to speed these projects up. VC Hann and Liaison Smith both offered to assist.
- b. **Staff Reports:** Secretary Kohler informs the Committee that their next scheduled meeting will be on Monday April 10th, and thanked the Committee for working around the busy Town Hall schedule.
- c. **New Business:**
 - Next Regular Meeting- April 10th, 2023

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss;

MOTION: WILBUR/HANN to adjourn. Vote: All Ayes. The meeting adjourned 7:37 PM.

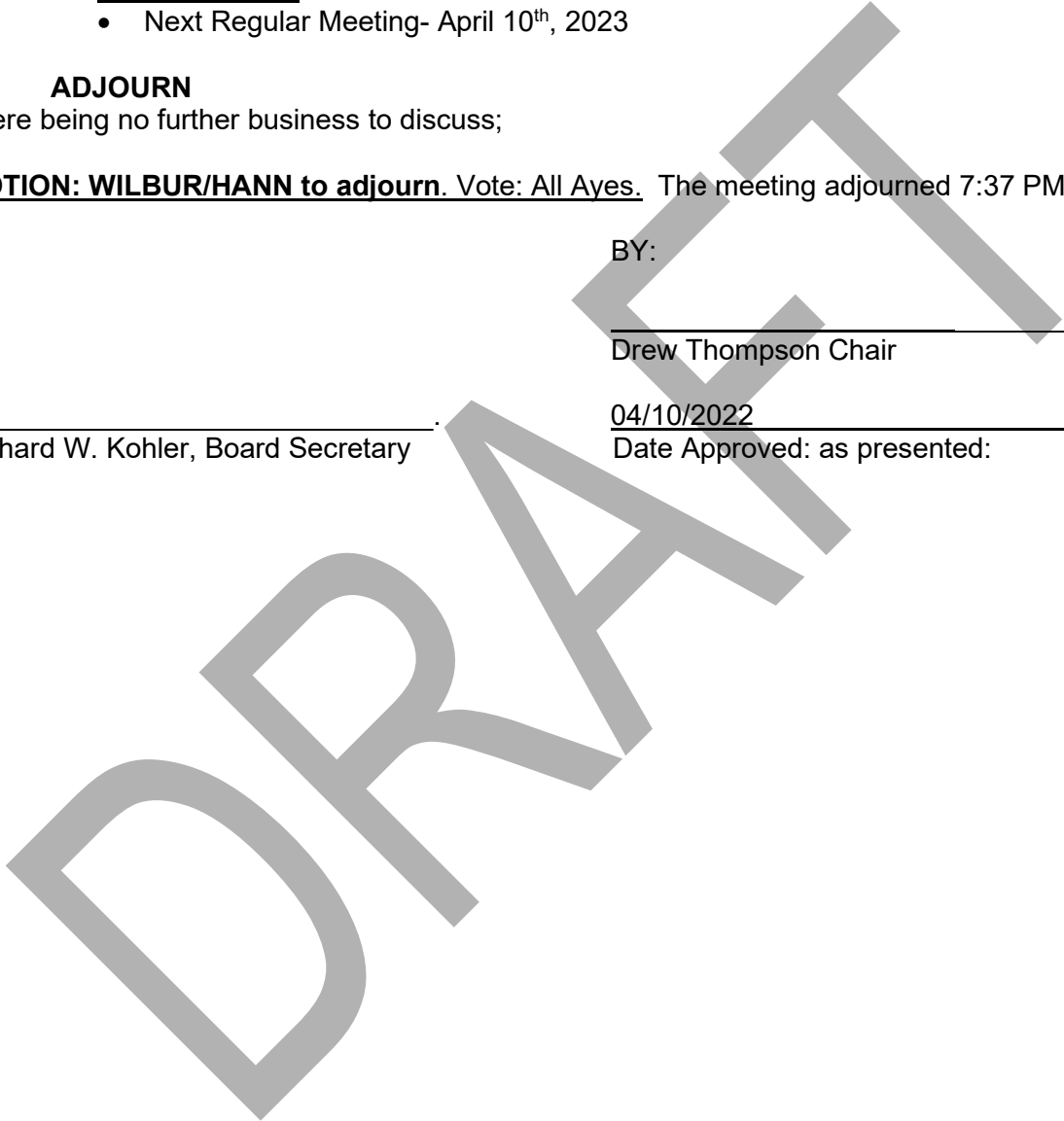
BY:

Drew Thompson Chair

04/10/2022

Date Approved: as presented:

Richard W. Kohler, Board Secretary



TOWN OF MALABAR

TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.b
Meeting Date: April 10th, 2023

Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Cameron Preserve Update

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

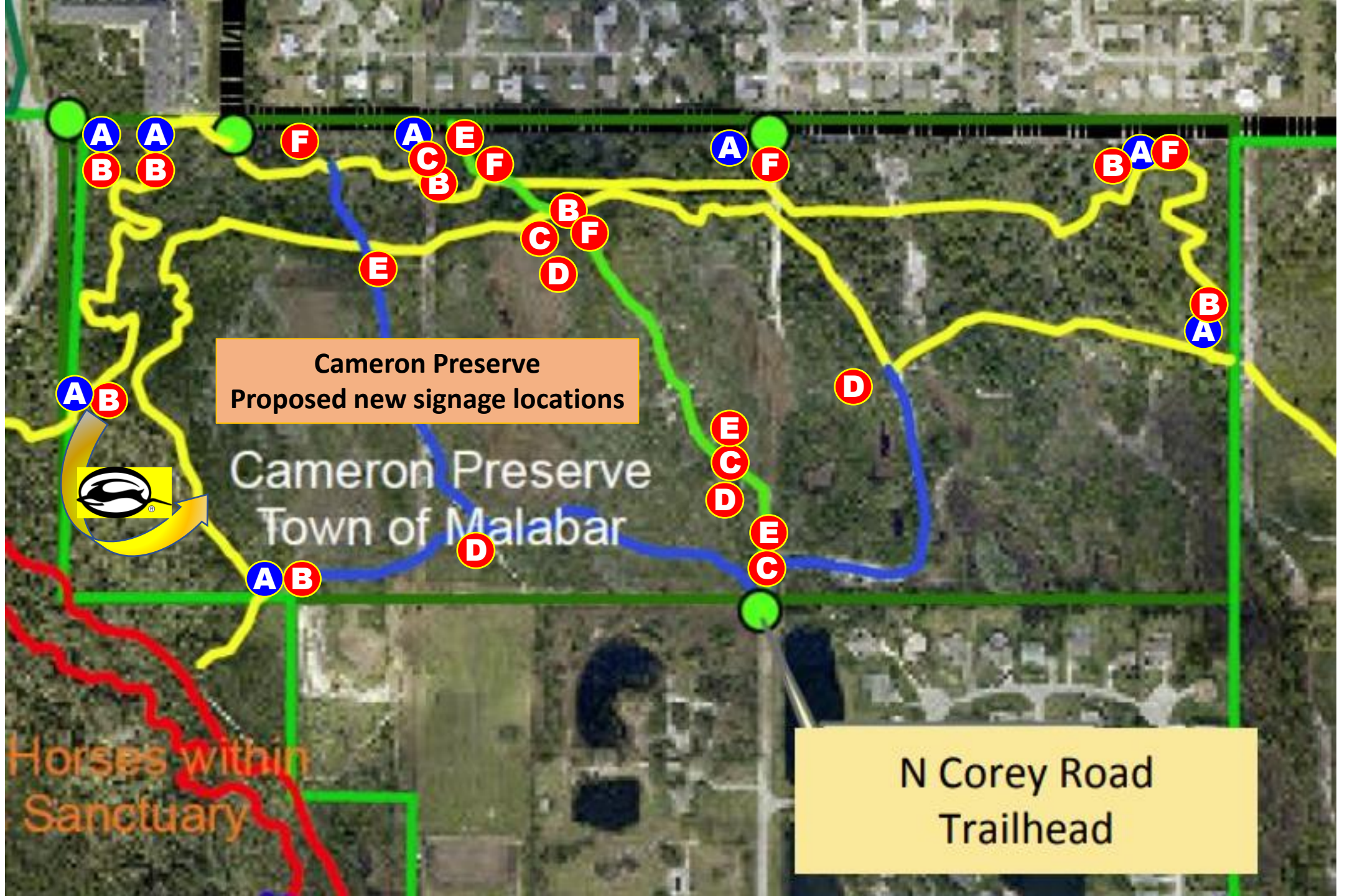
- a. The Trails and Greenway's Committee has been actively working towards improving the Cameron Preserve with additional signage and potentially updating the Management Plan.
- b. On Friday January 13th, the T&GC were able to build all remaining directional signs and place the southernmost 7 signs on trial.
- c. The remaining signs are stored at VC Hann's house, and a workday is scheduled for Saturday April 15th to install them. The BMBA will also participate in the workday and trim the trails.
- d. The Committee has also been discussing potential changes to the Management Plan, additional trails, and adding a new pavilion.
- e. Town Staff scheduled ECOR Pest Control to spray the Cogan Grass identified by VC Hann on the firebreak immediately north of the Country Cove Subdivision. They will spray the affected area on Tuesday April 11th.
 - a. The area will be safe to disc 14 days after application of the pesticide.
 - b. Town Hall staff is coordinating with the FD to contact Forestry to complete the firebreak discing.

ATTACHMENTS:

- a. Map of signage placement in Cameron Preserve

ACTION OPTIONS:

- Select Date to Install Remaining Directional Signs



Cameron Preserve
Proposed new signage locations

Cameron Preserve
Town of Malabar

Horses within
Sanctuary

N Corey Road
Trailhead

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TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.C

Meeting Date: April 10th, 2023

Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Eagles Nest Trailhead

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

- a. The Trails and Greenway's Committee has been actively working towards improving the Eagles Nest Trailhead.
- b. The Committee has indicated it wishes to install the fence line next.
- c. The Malabar Public Works Department has been tasked with bringing in additional fill dirt. A PO for 150 additional tons has been opened.
- d. The Malabar PW Department has successfully brought in several loads of fill dirt. TM Stinnett is coordinating with CM Vail to grade the dirt on site as more is brought in.
- e. The Committee has expressed interest in installing a temporary culvert at the northern exit. TM Stinnett has indicated he will coordinate with a contractor to complete this task.

ATTACHMENTS:

- a. None

ACTION OPTIONS:

- a. None

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TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.d
Meeting Date: April 10th, 2023

Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Conflict Assessment Meeting Update

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

- a. On April 10th, the Town of Malabar and Brevard County had a Conflict Assessment Meeting, as required by FS 164. The goal of the meeting was for Malabar Town Manager Matt Stinnett and Brevard County Manager Frank Abbate to identify points of conflict in the MSS dispute.

ATTACHMENTS:

- a. Agenda for 4/10/2023 Conflict Assessment Meeting

ACTION OPTIONS:

- a. Discussion



Conflict Assessment Meeting

Monday, April 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER.
2. OPEN MEETING.
 - Identify those in attendance on behalf of the Town of Malabar & Brevard County.
3. MEETING DESCRIPTION-
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS.
 - 3 Minutes per speaker, each speaker shall have one opportunity to speak, speakers must fill out a speaker card.
5. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION OF ATTENDEES.
6. ADJOURNMENT.

If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by this board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, a verbatim transcript may be required, and the individual may need to ensure that a verbatim transcript of the proceedings is made (Florida Statute 286.0105). The Town does not provide this service. In compliance with F.S. 86.26 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), anyone who needs a special accommodation for this meeting should contact the Town's ADA Coordinator at 321-727-7764 at least 48 hours in advance of this meeting.

2 or more members of the Town Council or 2 or more members of the County Commission may be in attendance at this meeting.

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TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7.e
Meeting Date: April 10th, 2023

Prepared By: Richard W. Kohler, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Next Field Event – April 15th, 9 AM

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

- a. On March 29th, the T&GC voted to hold a trail workday at the Cameron Preserve. The BMBA will also be participating.
- b. The goals of the workday will be:
 - Install remaining directional signs.
 - General Trail Maintenance.
 - New Trail Scouting.
- c. The Committee also has the following projects available for potential future workdays:
 - Eschenberg Park Exploration.
 - Eagles Next Trail Head Fence Line
 - Sandhill Trailhead Cleanup

ATTACHMENTS:

- a. None

ACTION OPTIONS:

- a. Discussion