

DUCK KEY SECURITY DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting May 6, 2025

Location: Hawks Cay Conference Center, Room C

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (P)/ZOOM (Z)

Tim Abner, Chair (P)
Laurie Oestreicher, Secretary (P)
Jon Porter, Vice Chair (P)
Ken Floyd (P)
Brandon Mullar (Z)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Megan Merryman

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tamara Lamarche - Executive Asst. for Comm. David Rice, Assistant County Attorney
Gaelan Jones, Assistant Count Attorney
Comm. David Rice, BOCC District 4
Judith Clarke – Chief Engineer Monroe County (Z)
Kevin Wilson – Assistant County Administrator
Jethon Williams II – County IT Media Director (Z)
John Quinn, OMB (Z)
Christine Hurley – County Administrator (Z)
Reggie Cooper – Hawks Cay Managing Director
Predrag Vaskrsich – Hawks Cay Director of Facilities and Security
Frank Jackson – DKSAB Technical Asst.
MCSO – Captain Derek Paul, Lt. David Fernandez
FWC - Joshua Peters (Z)
Luis Requejo – Ralons Security (Z)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:

Ron Oestreicher – DKPOA President and resident
Susan Abner – resident
Mike Eschmann – resident
Chrissy Gilbert – resident
Chuck Gilbert – resident
Daniel Fenster – resident
Bill Murphy – resident
Amanda Lohec – resident
Tom Blash – resident

Angie Blash – resident
Ellen Tanis – resident
Bill Tanis – resident
Sheri Pieloch – resident
Barbara McKinney – resident
Jay Miller – resident
Cathy Scholl – resident
Ton School – resident
Sylvia Hernandez – resident
Gayle Maismo – resident
Richard Adler – resident
Kimberly Womble – resident
Tory Russell – resident
Alan Wigintoh - resident
Joe Slama – resident (Z)
Karen
3 by Phone, no name

PROCEEDINGS:

- Meeting called to order at 3:04 by Tim Abner, Chair
- Meeting held in person with ZOOM Hybrid Communication Media Technology (CMT)
- Date of meeting: May 6, 2025

Tim Abner, Chair welcomed all and noted the meeting was being held at the Hawks Cay Conference Center, room C, as well as via ZOOM.

Note: There were issues with the log-on password to the ZOOM. IT did resolve and create a new password minutes before the start of the meeting, but it was impossible to notify the residents in time in any significant way. The turnout was still good.

Roll call: Not all board members were present. Quorum achieved. See listing on first page.

Item I. Motion to approve/amend the Revised Agenda for May 6, 2025

Motion to approve by Ken Floyd; second Jon Porter, none opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

Item II: Approval of the meeting minutes of March 4, 2025

Motion to approve by Jon Porter; second by Ken Floyd, none opposed

MOTION CARRIED

Item III: Comments from the Public.

Tim Abner advised questions can be asked by the Public at any time during the meeting.

Item IV. Bridge Update/Meeting Judith Clarke, Chief Engineer, Monroe County, County Administrator Christine Hurley, Assistant County Administrator Kevin Wilson
Judith Clarke proceeded to answer questions submitted from DKPOA for Monroe County Public Bridge meeting being held at 3:00 p.m., May 6, 2025 preceding the DKSAB meeting at 4 p.m.

Harbour Bridge

1. Harbour's AEB contract defaulted 4/22/25 after 575 days of work. The County has refused to hold them liable for damages for their continued contractual failures.
Why?

Judith Clarke said this is not accurate, County management will discuss it at the end of the contract date and will have an assessment of the final payment.

2. Harbour's substantial recomunicated completion date continues to be delayed, first it was August now it is September. What is the real date for Harbour to be opened?

Judith Clarke replied the current date is September and there is no "float" left in the schedule.

3. Have additional arch beams for Harbour been ordered and do you have a delivery date?

Judith Clarke replied the additional arch beam has been ordered/paid for and caste but there is no delivery date yet.

4. AEB took almost two years to completely finish and close out the Bimini Bridge contract after the County said it was "Substantially finished". How long will you give them to finish Harbour?

Judith Clarke replied they will have a couple of months after there is substantial completion.

Seaview Bridge

1. Can you explain how it is possible for the County to issue the new \$5 million dollar contract to finish Seaview bridge to General Asphalt without a contractual clause eliminating AEB from being the 100% subcontractor?

Judith Clarke replied the County doesn't restrict contractors on who they use as subcontractor's, the County doesn't approve subcontractor's and doesn't bar AEB as this would need legal proceedings.

2. The newly published Seaview project timeline calls for the bridge to be completed January 6, 2026. Arched precast beams will only be ready to be shipped in the first week of June 2025. Based on Harbour's beam delivery on February 11 and the first half of that bridge only to be completed the end of May 2025, does the County believe the Seaview bridge will be completed on schedule?

Judith Clarke replied yes, that is the schedule from General Asphalt, so yes, they expect it to be completed on time.

3. If General Asphalt fails to meet the contractual completion dates, what are the liquidated damage clauses in their contract, and will the County enforce them?

Judith Clarke replied that liquidated damages clauses in their contract are \$500 per day for the first 15 days, \$1000 per day for the second 15 days, and \$3500 per day as of day 31+. There is no commitment to enforce, the County will evaluate at the end of the project. (It was noted by the audience that Bimini bridge had no damages assessed even though that bridge project was grossly late).

4. What is the status of the Bond Company's default on the Seaview Bridge original contract? How much is the county suing them for?

Judith Clarke replied the Bond Company is currently being sued by the County for \$1.88 million.

There were many questions, answers and discussions from the public and a link to view the Monroe County Public Bridge Meeting will be linked for viewing. Link to the Special bridge report can be found at the Duck Key Nextdoor page and at the Duck Key Security District Advisory Board webpage on the County website.

Item V. STANDING REPORTS

MCSO – Lt. David Fernandez reported MCSO is continuing to get great data from the Duck Key Speed Radar signs, and they will continue to monitor the results and have patrols in Duck Key at appropriate times. They do notice a reduction in speed because of the MCSO patrols. There were no major calls from residents since the March meeting.

Ralons Security – Luis Requejo reported that Duck Key has been quiet, with not many incidents. There had been a request submitted to the company budget for a new pickup truck for patrol guards to drive in versus the current car in 2025, as a truck will be better suited for travel in Duck Key when flooding occurs. The discussion about the purchase of this vehicle has been pushed for approval to July 2025. He also advised that Ralons Security will need to be advised if DKSAB would like to add hours during the 2025 Mini Lobster Season as has been done in the past. (This will be added to the next meeting agenda July 1, 2025).

Hawks Cay Resort – Reggie Cooper, Managing Director of Hawks Cay introduced himself and Predrag Vaskrsich, Director of Facilities and Security. He advised there is continuing dock work being done, the south area seawall is done and now they will proceed with the other areas. Salt & Ash restaurant is now open, room renovations are in progress, 180 Villas are getting upgrades/refresh, the Coral Cay Kids area is getting a Water Slide and should be in by December, the Tennis Center is being renovated with courts being resurfaced, and more events like the past weekends "Grouper Opening" will be held with an invitation for Duck Key residents to attend, like a Boat Show in December. The Tiki Bar and Hotel pool areas are still restricted to Hotel/Villa Guests only.

FWC – Joshua Peters introduced himself and advised all FWC is still having staff shortages but summer is here and he recommends all boaters do their boat safety checks.

VI. OLD BUSINESS/Technology Report

Technology Update – Frank Jackson reported minor problems with the camera equipment on Seaview and had to reboot but all are operational. AEB has blocked the cameras periodically on Seaview and Harbour by their storage containers and the County will alert AEB of this and get the problem remedied. All Speed Radar signs are operational and working. Frank reported that a couple of the cameras (location needed), are looking worse for wear and may need to be replaced soon. Cameras have been cleaned and serviced recently by Barnes.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. DKSAB Fiscal Year Budget Review – John Quinn, OMB advised that he would add in if approved the Insight LPR system in July, the revenue will cover the funds needed.
- B. Discussion of a proposed radar system connection Insight LPR to MCSO, vote to be moved to July 1, 2025 meeting.
- C. Discussion regarding the emergency use Satellite phone, and renewal of the annual subscription of \$750.00

Motion to not renew satellite phone subscription made by Ken Floyd; second Jon Porter. None opposed, vote taken 4-0.

Vote taken:

Ken Floyd Yes

Jon Portor Yes

Tim Abner Yes

Laurie Oestreicher Yes

MOTION CARRIED

- D. **Motion to Approve current assessment rates for DKSAB Budget FY 25-26 made by Ken Floyd; second Jon Porter. None opposed**
MOTION CARRIED

(Note: Item D was heard first of new business items by request from Gaelan Jones as it was needed to transmit advisory board decision to BOCC agenda staff immediately waiting for the submission.)

VIII. Public Comments None

Motion to adjourn made by Tim Abner: second by Jon Porter, meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

General information: Next DKSAB meeting will be July 1, 2025, at 4 p.m. at the Hawks Cay Resort Meeting room and via Zoom. Notification will be sent prior to the meeting. Minutes submitted by: Laurie Oestreicher laurie.oestreicher@gmail.com