

UCK KEY SECURITY DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting July 1, 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 (Ab)

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tamara Lamarche - Executive Asst. for Comm. David Rice, Assistant County Attorney
Reggie Cooper – Hawks Cay Managing Director
Predrag Vaskrsich – Hawks Cay Director of Facilities and Security
Frank Jackson – DKSAB Technical Asst.
Gaelan Jones _ Monroe County Assistant Attorney (Z)
MCSO – Lt. Ben Elmore, Edward Easkins
FWC - Joshua Peters (Ab)
Luis Requejo – Ralons Security (Z)
Ron Oestreicher – DKPOA President and resident
Danny Price – Resident
Barbara Pascal – Resident
Karen Schulte – Resident
Brenda Bush – (Z)
Chris Lancaster – (Z)
Susan Abner – resident (Z)

PROCEEDINGS:

- Meeting called to order at 4:00 by Tim Abner, Chair
- Meeting held in person with ZOOM Hybrid Communication Media Technology (CMT)
- Date of meeting: July 1, 2025

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

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

Item II. Motion to approve and amend, noting no Bridge report will take place as Judith Clarke is absent, the Revised Agenda for July 1, 2025

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

MOTION CARRIED

Item III: Approval of the meeting minutes of May 6, 2025

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

MOTION CARRIED

Item IV: Comments from the Public.

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

Item V. STANDING REPORTS

MCSO – Lt. Ben Elmore 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. The highest speed infractions are on Bimini, followed by West Seaview Drive and then East Seaview Drive, most of the highest speeds were recorded in the afternoons. There were 4 crime incidents, One of Fraud and Grand theft, one Harassment/Domestic abuse, one stolen paddle boards from Hawks Cay and one Trespassing of a Juvenile. There was no violent or property damage. Two of the cases videos from Home Security were captured and aided MCSO with the cases. It was noted there are a lot of Financial Scams happening throughout the Keys, be careful with your personal information.

Ralons Security – Luis Requejo reported that Duck Key has been quiet, with not many incidents, some fishing off bridges but the offenders were advised it is not allowed. He also advised that Ralons Security has lost 5 employees in the last couple of weeks due to various issues. Some were on temporary status and were not approved for permanent hire. There will be a change in service on July 1st and 2nd. Ralons will be hiring to fill their open positions as soon as possible, and they do not expect any issues with coverage at this time. The schedule of current patrols was questioned as to whether the same routine is followed, leaving it easily possible to predict when a guard will be on location throughout the Island. The routine will be changed to a random schedule of locations going forward.

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.

He was asked why in the past residents of Duck Key could purchase memberships for Hawks Cay at \$5000.00 yearly and now the cost will be \$50,000.00 yearly. He said the new ownership of Hawks Cay had made the change, is spending millions on Hawks Cay renovations, and they feel the increase in membership fees is warranted. Residents will still be able to dine at Anglers & Ale, Salt & Ash with reservations, and use the boat launch with a nominal fee. The Tiki Bar and Hotel pool areas are restricted to Hotel/Villa Guests only.

FWC – Joshua Peters was absent.

VI. OLD BUSINESS/Technology Report

Technology Update – Frank Jackson reported minor problems with some of the camera equipment concerning date/time and is having Barnes Security reset those cameras, but all are operational. All Speed Radar signs are operational and working.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Bridge Update** – Judith Clarke absent.

Written Report: Duck Key Bridge Update 6-26-2025

Harbour Drive Bridge - American Empire Builders excavated both ends of the west lane of the Harbour Drive Bridge and demolished the concrete end bents. The contractor is laying out the sheet pile locations in anticipation of driving the sheet pile next week. Once the sheet pile is installed the contractor will proceed with predrilling to install the concrete piles. The contract date of substantial completion is April 22, 2025. The contractor's most recent schedule indicates that they anticipate project completion in November 2025.

Seaview Drive Bridge - The four arch beams for the north lane of the bridge were delivered to the site and placed on the end bents on June 12th and 13th. The contractor is proceeding with constructing the MSE wall and placing and compacting fill to construct the approach roadways. General Asphalt/AEB formed the steel for the concrete deck and the concrete pour occurred on Thursday June 26th. The contractor will continue with MSE wall and roadway construction and will coordinate with utilities for installation of conduit in the roadway and bridge deck. The contract date of substantial completion is January 6, 2026

- B. Review of proposed agreement with Hawks Cay to share 50% installation and annual cost of proposed Insight LPR camera system (Cloud technology). Installation proposed for the entrance to Duck Key utilizing County Right-of-way.

Discussion by the board regarding the proposed installation at the entrance to Duck Key with a 50% cost share with Hawks Cay.

Motion to approve MOU agreement and share costs with Hawks Cay failed for lack of a second.

Motion to purchase and install Insight LPR camera system at the Truman Bridge for \$3000.00, (\$2500 first year with \$500 installation) with an option to renew yearly at \$2500.00.

Motion made by Ken Floyd; seconded by Brandon Mullar.

MOTION CARRIED

- C. Discussion for approval of extra daytime security patrols by Ralons for Lobster Mini Season, July 29 through July 31, 2025.

Motion to approve additional extra Ralons daytime security patrols for Mini Lobster Season on Duck Key July 29, 30, and 31st changing the patrol hours to 6 a.m. to 4 a.m. daily during this time frame. The nighttime patrol schedule is unchanged.

Motion to approve by Tim Abner; seconded Laurie Oestreicher

MOTION CARRIED

- D. Discussion to request BOCC to arrange quarterly public information meetings on Duck Key bridge projects separately from DKSAB meetings.

The board does not want bridge update meetings to coincide with DKSAB meetings going forward. Community Bridge Updates from the County will not be put on the Security District Advisory Board agenda. No action taken.

- E. Discussion to recommend revision of authorizing ordinance #005-1992 for consideration by the BOCC to include eligibility for board member appointments for persons residing in private residences on Indies Isle. (Excluding Village and Marina units of Hawks Cay Resort.) No action taken.

The board does not want to revise the current Ordinance to expand residency.

VIII. Public Comments None

Motion to adjourn made by Ken Floyd: second by Jon Porter, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

General information: Next DKSAB meeting will be September 2, 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