



May 5, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Subject

Updates to Agenda - May 4, 2026

Category

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Bobbi Roy, Agenda Division Supervisor, ext 6878

Action Requested

Updates incorporated appropriately

Enabling/Regulating Authority

N/A

Applicable Advisory Board

N/A

Background Discussion

Below are agenda updates (dated 4/4/26) for the meeting of May 5, 2026:

GENERIC PUBLIC COMMENTS

- This agenda item was updated with an additional generic comment.

COMMISSIONER AGENDA ITEMS

Items for Discussion

Item 42, Item 42, Naming of King Middle Park to Nick Bolletieri Park

- This agenda item was updated to correct the Title to reflect Nick Bollettieri Park (it was misspelled).

Item 45, Onsite visit and report from the University of Florida concerning the Bishop Kennels

- This agenda item was updated with public comments.

Item 46, Suncoast Prosper

- This agenda item was updated with a further revised Tentative Agreement.

Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Instructions to Board Records

N/A

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

N/A

From: Randall Roberts <engageinspirechange@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2026 1:59 AM

To: Public Comments <public.comments@mymanatee.org>

Subject: Citizen Policy Submission for Public Record — Water Supply Emergency & Development Permitting, Lakewood Ranch East of I-75 — May 2026

Subject: Citizen Submission — Phase III Water Emergency Opens Immediate Legal Door — Board Action Required Before July 1

Commissioner Siddique, Commissioner Kruse, Commissioner McCann, Commissioner Ballard, Commissioner Rahn, Commissioner Bearden, Commissioner [7th Member],

CC: Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller (records@manateeclerk.com) — Please enter this submission into the official public record.

I am writing as a Manatee County resident to bring one time-sensitive matter to the Board's immediate attention.

On April 3, 2026, SWFWMD declared a Phase III Extreme Water Shortage Emergency covering Manatee County through at least July 1, 2026. That declaration was made under Chapter 373, Part II of the Florida Statutes — the same chapter that contains an express preemption clause stating that Part II overrides conflicting state laws. SB 180 compels this Board to approve development that adds permanent water demand to a system already in a declared Phase III emergency. Those two state mandates are in direct conflict. That conflict has never been argued in any Florida court. The Phase III declaration has opened a legal door in the existing SB 180 litigation in Leon County — a door that did not exist when the case was filed six months ago, and one that closes when the Phase III emergency expires on July 1, 2026.

The correct path to walk through that door runs through this Board. The County Attorney represents the Board, not individual residents. Weiss Serota Helfman Cole + Bierman was retained by this Board to prosecute the SB 180 litigation on this County's behalf. Only this Board can direct them to act. I am asking you to do so.

Attached is a full citizen policy submission explaining:

- Why the Phase III declaration creates a legally distinct new argument (an as-applied challenge, not a facial challenge) that the prior Leon County dismissals do not foreclose
- Why the motion to amend the existing complaint must be filed while the Phase III emergency is active — before July 1, 2026
- Five additional parallel actions the Board can take by resolution right now, without court approval, that protect existing residents and build the record the litigation requires
- The specific directives I am asking the Board to adopt, in numbered form, at its next available meeting

I am not asking the Board to make a legal judgment. I am asking the Board to direct its

own attorneys — attorneys already in this case, already familiar with it — to evaluate this specific new argument within 14 days and report back. If the County Attorney finds it viable, the Board authorizes the filing. If not, the parallel actions still stand and the County has lost nothing.

The window is eight weeks. The argument is documented. The attorneys are already retained. The only question is whether this Board will direct them to act before the clock runs out.

I respectfully request that this submission be entered into the official public record and placed on the agenda of the next Board meeting for consideration.

Thank you for your service to Manatee County.

Respectfully submitted,
Randall Roberts
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May 1, 2026

NOT prepared by an attorney. NOT a legal opinion. Citizen submission for public record.

From: dadamm <dadamm@aol.com>

Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 10:27 AM

To: Amanda Ballard <amanda.ballard@mymanatee.org>; Robert McCann <drbob.mccann@mymanatee.org>; George Kruse <george.kruse@mymanatee.org>; Jason Bearden <jason.bearden@mymanatee.org>; Mike Rahn <mike.rahn@mymanatee.org>; Tal Siddique <Tal@mymanatee.org>

Subject: Short Term Rental issue - place in public comment for May 5,2026

Commissioners,

Manatee County's neglect of the short-term rental crisis is allowing problematic guest behavior to create a volatile situation in our community. This guest behavior is not a "weekend problem" this is a **daily** problem.

This is just a **sample** of some of the behavior of these habitually disruptive guests:

- Excessive noise for more than 12 hours a day- screaming, yelling, and loud music both daytime and nighttime- 24-hour lighting entices unruly guests to stay outside all night
- Excessive noise from basketball, pickleball courts, and other gaming
- Excessive traffic going to and from rentals
- 10 – 20 additional vehicles on our street
- Guests speeding in neighborhood
- Intoxicated guests- who sometimes leave property by walking or driving
- Guests climbing over fencing onto our property
- Guests hitting golf balls into yard and damaging property
- Guests hitting baseballs into yard
- Guests walking dogs on our property, at times all the way up to the front door
- Excessive storm water runoff from these properties due to tarped off shell and rock yards
- Excessive street flooding and flooding on neighboring properties because of tarping and shelling

The county already has a list of every short-term rental because they must pay bed tax. Every rental should be required to have a 24/7 property manager and produce their contact number for staff. A department should be created to track and handle every complaint, something our county currently does not do according to 311. This should not be Code Enforcement because of its ineffective enforcement. This should not fall to the Sheriff's Department, as it is not an appropriate use of law enforcement resources. Citizens can file a complaint to staff by either phone or e-mail. County staff will then contact the property management directly by forwarding a written message to the appropriate person. The property management should be required to resolve the situation in 30 minutes, which is a reasonable amount of time. If the situation is still ongoing after 30 minutes the citizens can follow up with county staff. This creates trackable data while removing residents from the situation. This makes the property owner responsible for handling the situation in a timely manner which **is something**

they should already be required to do. If the property manager refuses to handle the situation, then the property owner should be fined. The fine should increase every 30 minutes that the situation is not resolved. The fine should be significant and in \$100.00 increments. **This is an EASY solution.**

The majority of these guests have zero respect for our neighborhood. **It is dangerous for residents to try to resolve these issues on their own.** Short term rental owners should ultimately be responsible for resolving problematic guest behavior.

This situation could be readily remedied by the county, should it choose to prioritize the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life of its residents.

Respectfully,
Diana Adams

From: William Axline <billaxline@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 12:39 PM
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Subject: Fwd: Price Comparison

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I realize spending our money is of little relevance to any of you, except Dr. Bob, but maybe you might find the attached search of interest given you have approved more than twice the amount outlined for a GOLD standard!

Seems very questionable to me!

Bill Axline
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Begin forwarded message:

From: William Axline <billaxline@aol.com>
Date: May 3, 2026 at 8:08:03 PM EDT
To: mike.rahn@mymanatee.org, george.kruse@mymanatee.org, tal.siddique@mymanatee.org, jason.bearden@mymanatee.org, amanda.ballard@mymanatee.org, Robert McCann <DrBob.McCann@mymanatee.org>
Subject: Price Comparison

Wonder how they can build a jail for \$75 million and we need \$7.2 million to build 3 little league fields on land we already own?

Seems like we might need to get a few more bids!

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Sent from my iPhone

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