



Meeting Minutes – March 2026

Date: 03/25/2026

Time: 3:00 PM

Opening

- Call to Order
- Full membership gave the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag, led by club president Joe Wolff
- Opening Prayer led by Pastor Jack

- **Roll Call**
- President, Joe Wolff - Present
- Vice-President, Mark Cioffi – Present
- Recording Secretary, Sandra Apone – Present
- Treasurer, Julie Karpovich – Present
- Sergeant-at-Arms, Charlie De Cosa Jr – Present

Elected Officials/Invited Guests Recognized

- John Carroll – President, First Hernando Republican Club
- Jeff Holcomb – State Representative
- Mark Johnson, Hernando County School Board Member
- Mary Mazzuco – State Committee Woman
- Jason Noe - Chairman, Hernando County Republican Committee
- Ana Segovia – Aide to Gus Bilirakis, U.S. Representative

March Treasurer Report

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| Opening Bank Balance | \$1,470.48 |
| <u>Debits/Expenses</u> | |
| Club Business – Annual Website Fee | 203.88 |
| Bar & Grill | 47.00 |
| Cake | <u>29.99</u> |
| Total Debits | \$280.87 |
| <u>Credits</u> | |
| Ticket Sales | 113.00 |
| Membership {new & renewal} | <u>130.00</u> |
| Total Credits | \$243.00 |
| Ending Bank Balance | \$1,432.61 |
| Petty Cash | <u>40.00</u> |
| Ending Balance | <u>\$1472.61</u> |



Recording Secretary Report - by Sandra Apone

- Members receive the March minutes prior to the April meeting. Please review them for approval at that meeting. Find approved and unapproved minutes at www.wellingtonrc.com.

Presidents Report - Things that Happened

- President Joe Wolff spoke about the war with Iran, citing it started back to 1979 when Iran captured American citizens and held them hostage 444 days until January 20, 1981. Joe created a presentation on www.wellingtonrc.com consisting of many facts and pictures about war and Trump's strategy of same. Please review the presentation for details.
- The trip to Tallahassee Joe and some of the members took on March 10 - 13 was a hit. They spent the days visiting Capitol, the Governor's Office, the Supreme Court building and the Women's Hall of Fame. They met with CFO Blaise Ingolia. The CFO was very generous with his time and gave the group a VIP Tour of his office and the functions. Pictures of the trip are posted on Joe's President's Presentation on www.wellingtonrc.com. Please review the presentation for details.
- Joe introduced the guest speakers who are vying for the post of HC Commissioners. Each candidate was allotted 6 minutes to speak and/or answer questions from the audience.

Things that Will Happen

- Lisa Yeagar, 5th Judicial Circuit Court Judge - Fundraiser, March 30th at the Bistro.
- Blaise Ingolia, CFO, State of Florida - Fundraiser March 31st at Rookies.
- Jay Collins, Lieutenant Governor, State of Florida - Speaker at the First Hernando Republican Club on Tuesday, April 7th.
- Mark Johnson - Hernando County School Board - Fundraiser April 9th at Big City Bagels.
- Kurt Hitzman, Hernando County Judge - Fundraiser, April 14th at the Bistro.
- Rock the Republic, Florida Gubernatorial Candidates meet & great, April 25th at the Florida Cracker. \$100 general admission or \$300 VIP.

Guest Speakers - Candidates for County Commissioner - Districts 2 and 4

- Brian Hawkins - **Incumbent Commissioner in District 2**. He has concerns with growth within the county and resulting traffic. He cited the largest tax cut of 3% was implemented during his term. Countyline road will be widened with funding help from Pasco County & the State.
- Sylvia Dukes - candidate for District 2. She has military experience, a BA in Management and conservative values and promotes transparency.
- Maxwell Joseph Glenn - candidate for District 2. He is concerned with and opposes rezoning agricultural. He suggests the Labor Market will change due to AI.
- James Scavetta - candidate for District 2. He is against farmland being developed for housing. He spoke about spy cameras (Flock) in use throughout the county being misused to include face recognition.



- Jerry Campbell - **Incumbent Commissioner in District 4**. He discussed the storage unit growth and property rights. He upholds Christian values and is proud that his children are first-generation college graduates. He also allocated time for audience questions.
- Marvin Baynham – candidate for District 4 (Wellington’s District). He is concerned about the county water issues, (restrictions and rates), and the county’s infrastructure.

Guest Comments

- Jeff Holcomb announced the Florida State Legislature passed the “anti DEI bill”.
 - The Group visiting the Capitol were present during the vote
- Ana Segovia reminded the membership to contact Representative Bilirakis for help if needed Ana reminded us that the Congressman is a huge supporter of veterans and is having great cooperation with the new Secretary of War– Bilirakis.house.gov.

Door Prize

- Carolyn Touchton was the winner of a gift certificate for the Bar & Grill.

Next Regular Meeting Date

- We will meet again on Wednesday, April 22nd at 3 p.m. in the ballroom.

Adjournment - The_Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM

Signatures

J.H. Wolff

04/11/2026

Joseph Wolff
President

Date

Sandra Apone

04/05/2026

Sandra Apone

Date