

**Wellington
Equestrian Preserve Committee Meeting
April 6, 2022
Village Hall
12300 Forest Hill Boulevard**

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Chair Cleveland called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Members present: Jane Cleveland, Carlos Arellano, Annabelle Garrett, Haakon Gangnes, Glen Fleischer, and Dr. Rachel Eidelman.

Members late: Dr. Kristy Lund.

Members absent: None.

Staff present: Village Manager Jim Barnes, Michael O'Dell, Tim Stillings, and D.J. Helkowski.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was done.

III. Remarks by Committee Chair

Chair Cleveland said that she was discouraged by the previous meeting. She then talked about all the work that the committee had put into reviewing and discussing the BMP's. She stated that the members are on the committee for the greater good of the Equestrian Preserve, and that the meetings are not the time to bring up issues that may occur near where the members live, but to look out for the entire equestrian community. She said she doesn't want the committee to begin losing credibility with the council, and she feels as though they will be headed there fast if the meetings aren't more productive. Chair Cleveland then went over a handout she gave to each member with a set of procedures for them to follow during the meetings. She urged the members to stay on topic and not interrupt other members during discussion of items.

IV. Additions/Deletions/Reordering of Agenda

There was one addition to the agenda: an information presentation on an upcoming Polo championship in Wellington.

V. Approval of Minutes

Haakon Gangnes motioned to approve with a correction to the spelling of his name in one of the paragraphs. Dr. Rachel Eidelman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously (6-0).

VI. New Business

FIP World Polo Championship Presentation

Hayley Heatley and Lindsey Ebersbach gave a presentation on the Federation of International Polo (FIP) awarding the United States Polo Association (USPA) with the honor of hosting the 12th World Polo Championship in Wellington between October 26th and November 6th. Ms. Heatley said that throughout the year, 25 countries compete in qualifying tournaments, and the top 8 teams will travel to Wellington in the Fall to compete for the championship. Currently, USA, Mexico, Uruguay, and Argentina have already qualified. She then said that the International Polo Club (IPC) will be the main host and venue for this event.

Best Management Practices

The committee began where they left off at the previous meeting, which was the definition of livestock facility. Mr. Stillings was using the same strikethrough and underline method from the previous meeting to document the committee's proposed changes to the text.

Glen Fleischer motioned that the definition of Livestock Facility be changed to "property including buildings where livestock is actively managed and does not include exclusive pasture lands". Annabelle Garrett seconded the motion, and it passed 6-1.

Livestock Waste was the final definition for the committee to review, and they moved on to Section A, titled "Management of Livestock Waste".

Glen Fleischer motioned the following regarding Section A – Management of Livestock Waste: to re-add a final sentence to the introductory paragraph for Section 9-41 which reads "this does not apply to pre-existing permitted livestock waste storage areas", change one and one-half inch to one inch under 3-a, and add the word "substantially" in front of "altering" under 3-d. Dr. Rachel Eidelman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (7-0).

Dr. Kristy Lund motioned to approve Section B – Location of Waste Storage Facilities as-is. Glen Fleischer seconded, and it passed unanimously (7-0).

Dr. Kristy Lund motioned to approve Section C – Extenuating Circumstances with the addition of "including development or subsequent development by adjacent property owners" following "unusual circumstances" in the first paragraph. Dr. Rachel Eidelman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (7-0).

Glen Fleischer motioned to change annual inspections to bi-annual inspections in Section D – Livestock Waste Storage Area Maintenance. Dr. Rachel Eidelman seconded the motion, and it passed (6-1).

Glen Fleischer motioned to change following regarding Section F – Composting of Livestock Waste: adding "when in compliance with the Land Development Regulations" in the opening paragraph, striking F-1 entirely, and adding "generated on and" after "compost" in F-2. Dr. Rachel Eidelman seconded the motion, and it passed 6-1.

Glen Fleischer motioned to change the following regarding Section G – Livestock Waste Hauling: striking G-2 entirely, striking “that is registered to operate under Florida Administrative Code Section 62-709.320” in G-4, and adding language for G-7 to read “The livestock waste hauling regulations do not relieve the property owner of their responsibility to use authorized livestock waste haulers”. Annabelle Garrett seconded the motion, and it passed (6-1).

Dr. Kristy Lund motioned to replace the language in Section 9-42 – Horse Wash Drainage with the language the committee approved for the section on October 8, 2021. Glen Fleischer seconded the motion, and it passed (7-0).

The Equestrian Preserve Committee took no action on Section 9-43 – Best Management Practices for the Application and Storage of Fertilizer.

Chair Cleveland asked staff what will be going back to council. My Barnes responded that council will be give EPC’s recommendations and Staff’s recommendations side-by-side.

VII. Staff Comments

There were no staff comments.

VIII. Board Comments

Haakon Ganges suggested that the Village do a public safety campaign, specifically regarding rider safety and driver safety for equestrians and motorists to safely interact. He also proposed a recommendation to council as a temporary relief: to revise the stop light at South Shore Blvd and Pierson Rd to allow straight and right turns in one lane with second lane as a dedicated left turn lane until intersection improvements are complete. He then recommended the committee hold a workshop meeting with the horse show representatives to see what they have planned along with what the committee can do to support. Lastly, he suggested that in a future meeting, the committee discuss putting up “No Throughway” traffic signs and possibly passing city ordinances to prevent traffic from using Waze and similar applications to take them through Equestrian areas.

Glen Fleischer acknowledged that the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center is now called Wellington International, which he said is great for Wellington from a branding standpoint.

IX. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 PM.

Jane Cleveland, Chair

D.J. Helkowski, Recording Secretary