

**MINUTES OF THE
HARBOR AND WATERWAYS BOARD MEETING
DESTIN CITY HALL ANNEX
JANUARY 22, 2026 - 5:30 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Pro Tem Tadlock called the meeting of the Thursday, January 22, 2026, Destin Harbor and Waterways Board meeting to at approximately 5:30 p.m., at Destin City Hall Annex, with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Guy Tadlock
Jerrod Hayden
Bill McKissick
Ryan Holloway

Members Absent:

John Stephens
Capt. Jim Green

Staff:

Rey Bailey City Clerk
Jesse Hernandez Senior Planner
Sherry Burney Planner
Kyle Bauman Special Projects Attorney

3. AGENDA APPROVAL:

Chairman Pro Tem Tadlock announced if there are no changes to the agenda, it is approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

➤ **November 10, 2025**

Motion by Board member McKissick, seconded by Committee member Hayden to approve the November 10, 2025 minutes as written, the motion passed

5. CURRENT BUSINESS:

➤ **619 Choctaw Drive — Residential Marine Construction (PC-205-27)**

- Senior Planner Jesse Hernandez presented the project request to the members.
 - Construction of approximately 130 linear feet of seawall.
 - Correction noted on slide: 80 square feet of new marginal dock was referenced, then later described as 80 feet long by 6 feet wide.
- Site plan orientation discussed:
 - Canal identified on the north-facing side (as oriented on plans).
 - Proposed marginal dock and new seawall shown along canal edge.
- Property context:
 - Located on Holiday Isle on Choctaw Drive.
 - Parcel described as currently vacant, with plans to construct a residence in the near future, as required.
- Board questioned whether the dwelling was part of what was being approved.
 - Staff confirmed: Only the marine portion was before the Board for approval; dwelling shown on plans was not part of HB action.

- Discussion referenced plan elements including:
 - Seawall alignment following the property line.
 - Two (2) 25-foot wing walls (one each side) were discussed and pointed out on plan sheets (Chair referenced “page five next”/plan sheet location).
 - Dock width discussion:
 - Representative noted the plan reflects 5-foot and 6-foot references due to Holiday Isle measurement conventions (“technically six foot to the outside”).
 - Chair summarized the deck as roughly 5.5 feet.
 - Representative characterized the seawall as “straightforward,” marginal dock along seawall, and described it as not attached (as stated in discussion).

Public Comment / Applicant/Contractor Comment:

- Mr. Scott Shackley (W.F. Davis) spoke briefly, confirming:
 - The dock is a marginal dock along the seawall.
 - Explained the 5’ vs. 6’ depiction due to Holiday Isle convention; stated effective deck width around 5.5’.

Motion by Board member Hayden, with Board member Holloway providing the second, the members voted 5-0 to recommend City Council approve the proposed residential marine construction project located at 619 Choctaw Drive to construct approximately 130 LF of new vinyl seawall, a new marginal dock measuring 80 feet long by 6 feet wide, with conditions:

- **All applicable federal and state approvals shall be submitted with the Marine Construction Permit Application; and**
- **All regulations of the City’s Marine Siting LDC Section 11.05.00 shall be followed at all times.**

➤ **Quarterly Water Quality Update**

Mr. Hernandez provided the quarterly update based on Florida Health Department information they provided the city with.

- Results were characterized as within the good range, which is pretty common for this time of year.
- The particulate numbers were included in the packet.
- The Florida Health Department evaluates those particulate quantities.
- Nothing out of the ordinary; “pretty typical” for that time of year.
- The harbor pump has been off since late October (approximate timing stated).
- With Mr. Stephens being knowledgeable, it was suggested for both Mr. Burgess and Mr. Stephens possibly provide an update and baseline for water quality overview for the coming year.

➤ **Navigational Improvements Update:**

Mr. Hernandez explained that because of the letter that was sent to Congressman Petronis, the U.S. Coast Guard will be replacing channel markers.

- Coast Guard confirmed they will replace channel markers “3 and 4.”
- January 13, 2026: For the time being, the channel has been marked with lights at the entry a temporary measure, and staff will ensure they will not be the only solution. He did note that the Coast Guard appears to be moving faster than usual and is already working through manufacturing/installation steps for the replacement.

Board member McKissick questioned the location of where markers 3 and 4 are and it was relayed that they are the first two, once entering the jetties. He then asked whether the Coast Guard would add lights to other channel markers beyond the jetties. According to Mr. Hernandez, to staff’s knowledge, only the two repair/replacements described are planned at this time.

➤ **Norriego Point Property Update (State Purchase / County Management)**

Board member McKissick requested an update on the property purchased at Norriego Point, asking:

- Whether it was purchased by the State (noted as “Florida Forever program”) and the purchase has been finalized the deal is now closed.
- Who manages it (noted as County managing/caretaker role).
- What role/say the City of Destin has in the project.
- According to Mr. Bauman
 - When the property was purchased by the State, through Florida Forever, the seller nominated a caretaker.
 - The County was nominated and agreed to assume caretaker role and intended to take a lease from the State.
 - As of this meeting date, Mr. Bauman stated there has been no lease entered, to his knowledge, the process is ongoing, and currently it is in a holding pattern and any major decisions have not been made.
 - It was suggested for the members could look to watch the last Council meeting and the County Commission meeting held last Tuesday.

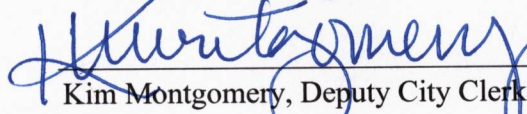
6. **ADJOURNMENT:**

With there being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Adopted and approved this 20th day of February 2026.



Jim Green, Chairman



Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk

JOHN STEPHENS VICE CHAIR