



PKA Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2026 – 10:00 AM to Noon – Eden Condominium

The Perdido Key Association (PKA) held its 2026 PKA Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, March 7, 2026 beginning at 10 AM at the Eden Condominium on Perdido Key, Florida. Approximately 35 people attended the meeting with additional members viewing by Zoom.

Quorum: PKA President Connie Walker brought the meeting to order, welcomed those attending and announced a quorum for the meeting had been obtained; PKA Director Mae Dean led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PKA Board of Directors: Connie introduced the 2026 PKA Directors including new Director Debbie May. She also honored departing Director Mae Dean who was a key PKA Board member for over 20 years. May served as President and other Board positions during her tenure with PKA and played a crucial role in the approval of projects such as the Perdido Key Master Plan and Perdido Key Multi-Use Path. PKA Directors for 2026 are Connie Walker, Charles Krupnick, Mark Richardson, Steven Huggins, Karen Rolen, Paul Frechette and Debbie May. Selection of PKA Officers for 2026 will occur at the March 9, 2026 PKA Board of Directors meeting. Suzanne Kenworthy continues her position as PKA Administrator.

2025 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes: PKA Director Charles Krupnick presented the 2025 PKA Annual Membership Meeting Minutes. The guest speaker for the meeting was Escambia County District 1 Commissioner Steve Stroberger who discussed his decision to run for office in 2024, his open mind for improvements to the Perdido Key Drive/Johnson Beach Road roundabout and his concerns about changes to the restrooms at County beach access locations. PKA President Stan Capua then presented information on several Perdido Key construction projects including Siquenza Cove Improvement and PKA activities such as International Coastal Cleanup Day and World Oceans Day. Steve Brendtro of Opal Research covered plans for the 2025 Perdido Key Property Owner Survey to be done entirely online. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2025 PKA Annual Membership Meeting Minutes as posted and presented; motion carried.

Featured Speaker: Connie introduced featured speaker Escambia County Natural Resources Management Deputy Director Tim Day. Mr. Day noted Perdido Key was 16 miles long and encompassed 2,940 acres with 80% in Florida – of which 1300 acres were habitat for the Perdido Key beach mouse. He focused his remarks on Escambia County's Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) that was formalized in 2014 and streamlined the building permit process while also accounting for environmental and endangered species requirements, particularly for the Perdido Key beach mouse. Aspects of the plan are Pre-Construction Review & Application, Construction Discussions and Inspections plus Post-Construction Conservation Easements and Compliance activities. The plan also includes species monitoring for turtles, beach mouse, shore birds, Gulf Coast solitary bee, and non-native species. Over the 11 years of the HCP, 141 permits have been granted with 54

acres conserved and 30 acres purchased. Positive signs for the Perdido Key beach mouse population include a relative lack of predators, strong breeding population and range expansion. Escambia County's HCP is sometimes viewed as the "Gold Standard" of such plans. Mr. Day then covered the Perdido Key's Wildlife Friendly Lighting program that helps ensure the least possible effect of lighting on local wildlife. To do so lighting should be kept low in intensity, long in wavelength, and shielded. He briefly covered aspects of current discussions on Customary Use, noting its ultimate fate was not yet apparent but that Escambia County was looking for more beach access locations. Mr. Day also answered a number of questions from those at the meeting with his comments very knowledgeable and much appreciated by those in attendance.

Membership Report: Charles provided the PKA membership report noting the organization had 189 members at the end of 2025, a decrease from 250 at the end of 2024.

Financial Report: He then presented the 2025 PKA Financial Report with its lower Operating Income because of fewer PKA members. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2025 PKA Financial Report as presented; motion carried.

PKA Board Remarks: Charles continued the PKA Board of Directors slide presentation and covered construction projects such as the River Road RV park, River Road Villas, Isabella subdivision and Perdido Key State Park West Use Area restoration. He also mentioned some progress toward underground utilities on Perdido Key. Discussion followed on beach access issues which have emerged as a major concern for many Perdido Key property owners. Charles noted that a 75 ft. easement was in place for a portion of Perdido Key though the issue could still be addressed in court. Significant discussion followed on Customary Use where Escambia County could grant public access to privately owned beaches on Perdido Key. He noted persistent individuals are focused on imposing Customary Use on Perdido Key and a larger number of sympathizers could be mobilized to speak and e-mail/text Escambia County Commissioners on the issue. The PKA Board of Directors voted to defend Perdido Key private property rights and oppose Customary Use. To do so the Board has been sending letters, e-mails and posting notices on PKA's *Key Notes*/website/Facebook to keep PKA members and Perdido Key beachfront property owners informed on Customary Use issues. Directors have also been speaking at Commissioner meetings to make the Board's views known to Commissioners and other appropriate officials. Many Property Owners have joined the opposition to Customary Use and written to Commissioners and other officials as well as spoken at Commissioner meetings. The PKA Board also opposes proposals for oil & gas drilling off the Florida coast and for a fish farm not far from Pensacola Pass. PKA initiatives included completion of the 2025 Perdido Key Property Owner Survey done completely online, participation in June 2025 World Oceans Day and September 2025 International Coastal Cleanup Day activities, plus various charitable contributions.

Good of the Order: Connie concluded the meeting thanking those in attendance and the Eden for hosting the event as in past years. The meeting ended at 11:59 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Krupnick, PKA Secretary