

Vineland Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Diane Amico. The public notice was read into record. Present were Diane Amico, Lisa Fleming, John Pedersen, Josh Aderholdt, and John Casadia. Also present were guests Nora Zielinski, Deborah Ein, Naomi Ingraldi, and Monique Howard of the Vineland Voice.

Minutes of the October 20, 2025, meeting will be available for approval at the December meeting.

The budget report for the standard line-item budget was passed around. The deadline for requisitions is at the end of this month.

A motion to approve the purchase of safety glasses needed for the Nov. 8th volunteer project at Willow Oak was made by John Casadia and seconded by John Pedersen. All were in favor.

Sue Fenili has indicated that she will not seek reappointment of her member term, which was up in October. Diane is working on getting a Proclamation from the Mayor to honor her for 53 years of service to the Commission.

The Resolution for the naming of the trails at Willow Oak after Mary Treat is presumed to be approved by City Council. Several people had planned to attend the meeting this evening, but missed it due to Council's earlier meeting time.

Lisa is planning for one afternoon at the Library, and one at the Annex, to make plans to start moving plants out and transitioning.

The Willow Oak workday on November 8th was attended by 10 volunteers, including 2 children with their parent. All of the shrubs purchased have been planted. Some deer protection was naturally created, Josh picked up litter, and multiflora rose and English ivy were removed. The buckthorn bags seem to be effective so far.

John Casadia would like to purchase 12 end caps for the poles on the bluebird nesting boxes, at \$7 each. A motion to purchase was made by John Pedersen and seconded by Lisa Fleming. All were in favor.

Lisa said the tree planting area at the Blackwater Branch has phragmites growing. Members were disappointed to hear this.

Lisa can use some soil for potting and moving the plants out of the raingardens. A motion to purchase bagged soil, maximum \$50, was made by John Pedersen and seconded by John Casadia. All were in favor.

There is one Site Plan reviewed that is on D'Ippolito Drive. The development backs up to wetlands, and will be a wooded area cleared close to the wetland buffers, but it is in an industrial area.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Pedersen. Adjournment by consensus.