

**HIGHLANDS COUNTY
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Highlands County Zoning Board of Adjustment was called to order at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 14, 2017, in the Commissioners' Board Room located in the Highlands County Government Center Building, 600 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida.

Members present were: Mr. Carter, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Osborn, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Tiernan, Mr. Travers, and Mr. Ingler, Chairperson. Alternate/Non-Voting Members present were: None. Also present were: Mrs. Sawdy, Zoning Official; Mrs. BuChans, Planning Supervisor; and Ms. Conrad, Zoning Supervisor.

Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved. **Motion carried 7-0.**

6). NEW BUSINESS:

A. HEARING #1818 – RICHARD BISHOP - C/O CHARLES BROWN

An approximate 41.42-acre parcel located on the south side of Silver Dollar Lane, east of Graham Dairy Road; the addresses being 165 Silver Dollar Lane and 185 Silver Dollar Lane, Venus, Florida; and abbreviated legal as follows: An approximate 41.42-acre parcel located in Section 24, Township 39 South, Range 28 East, Highlands County, Florida.

The applicant is requesting a special exception to allow the raising, keeping, slaughtering or dressing of alligators for commercial purposes. Mr. Ingler read the request; and Mr. and Mrs. Brown presented the request. There was one letter received in opposition and no one spoke in favor of or against the request. Motion by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mr. Travers to approve the request with the conditions recommended by staff on the Staff Report, as follows:

1. The Applicant shall obtain all permits required by the County, State and Federal agencies;
2. The Applicant shall comply with all applicable Highlands County Land Development Regulations;
3. The Applicant shall meet with the Highlands County Engineering Department within forty-five (45) days of approval to schedule a pre-application meeting to determine if additional requirements are necessary;
4. The Applicant shall execute and record a declaration of Unity of Title.
5. The site for the Gator Egg Incubator shall have not more than two hundred and fifty (250) brood alligators;
6. The site for the Gator Hatchlings shall have no more than fifteen thousand (15,000) hatchling alligators;
7. The site for Alligator Processing shall have no more than ten thousand (10,000) alligators;

8. The Applicant shall comply with all FWC and DACS rules, regulations, and orders including requirements regarding fencing, Best Management Practices, and inspections for the property;
9. The possessing, raising, slaughtering and processing of alligators for commercial purposes shall be located on a lot with a minimum of 20 acres;
10. All structures for possessing, raising, slaughtering and processing of the alligators shall not be located within five hundred (500) feet of a dwelling that is under separate ownership nor be within 100-feet of any of the lot lines;
11. The Applicant shall submit copies of all reports submitted to Federal or State agencies to the County Development Services Department within five (5) business days after submittal to a State or Federal agency, or at the request of the Development Services Department; and
12. Construction of alligator site facilities shall commence within six (6) months after the date of the decision of the Board of Adjustment granting the special exception.

Upon roll call, Mr. Carter, Mr. Osborn, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Tiernan, Mr. Travers, and Mr. Ingler voted yes; Mrs. Mack voted no. **Motion carried 6 - 1.**

8) ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

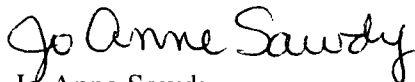
The next meeting shall be held on December 12, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the Commissioners' Board Room located in the Highlands County Government Center Building, 600 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida.

9) BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Carter discussed the possibility of resuming the use of Motion Forms for Special Exceptions. The form we previously used included staff's recommendations, along with additional lines for recommendations made by Board Members. There was a 6-1 consensus to approve the continuance of Motion Forms for Special Exceptions.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Jo Anne Sawdy
Zoning Official