

January 21, 2025 Healthy West Orange Trails Connection Executive Committee Meeting Meeting Minutes

## Attendance

Name	Affiliation	In-person	Online	Absent
K. Ardaman	West Orange Healthcare District (WOHD)		х	
P. Brown	Foundation for a Healthier West Orange (FHWO)		х	
R. Richter	Gotha Rural Settlement		х	
K. Carson	City of Winter Garden		х	
E. Bush	Bike/Walk Central Florida (BWCF)		х	
P. Panza	Bike/Walk Central Florida (BWCF)		х	
G. Bunton	Bike/Walk Central Florida (BWCF)		х	
Guests				
G. Corless	City of Ocoee		х	
T. Swanson	Foundation for a Healthier West Orange (FHWO)		х	

## Welcome and Introductions

I. Patrick Panza welcomed attendees and noted attendance.

## **Approval of Minutes**

II. Kelly Carson motioned to approve the November Executive Committee minutes, seconded by Kurt Ardaman. Motion carried.

## **Agenda Items**

- III. Trail Grant Program
  - a. The Committee discussed how to bring the HWOTC SUN Trail Loops Vision to fruition, expressing support for it and emphasizing the importance of developing the vision over the next few months.
    - i. The FHWO money set aside for the trail grant program expires in 2026, and an extension would need to be requested if funds have not been distributed or allocated, so defining this vision and having a clear action plan is essential.



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- ii. The Committee reviewed the TNDWG's role in identifying funding gaps in the proposed network.
- b. The Committee discussed getting Orange County more engaged with HWOTC and bringing them into the Steering Committee as a full voting member since many of the proposed SUN Trail Loops segments are in OC jurisdiction.
  Implications of OC's elevated status in the coalition were also discussed.
  - i. Tracy Swanson raised concerns about the timeline for upcoming steering committee meetings, FHWO board meetings, EC meetings, and TNDWG meetings and whether it will be feasible for a detailed plan to be formed before the grant expiry.
    - She also expressed some concern about the inability of HWOTC+FHWO's meeting schedule to allow for development of this plan before Florida legislative budgeting sessions this year.
- IV. Working Group and Project Updates
  - a. None discussed.
- V. New Business
  - a. None discussed.
- VI. Other Business
  - a. None discussed.
- VII. Upcoming Events and Meetings:
  - Steering Committee Meeting: March 27, 2025, 11:00am to 12:30pm (in-person)
  - Executive Committee Meeting: March 17, 2025 (virtual)
  - Working Group Meetings
    - Trail Network Development: February 4, 2025, 11:00am to 12:00pm (virtual).
    - Enhance: TBD pending trail audits.

# Meeting Adjourned at 5:17 PM