



*Opportunity Awaits*

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### May 14, 2026, Workshop Meeting Minutes

Present at the meeting were commissioners, Ray Prince, Sam Kines, Phillip Drew, and LaFaye Copeland. Staff Celeste Tyler, John White, and Brian Harrison. Commissioner Yancey Maxwell could not attend.

The meeting was called to order by Chair LaFaye Copeland at 5:36 p.m. The Invocation was given by Mr. Kines, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Mr. Drew, second by Mr. Kines to approve the agenda as presented.

#### II. Presentations

Mrs. Copeland turned the workshop over to Mrs. Tyler.

Mrs. Tyler explained that the workshop was to address Land Use Regulations, specifically related to Motocross, and that tonight we were looking for solutions. Mrs. Tyler divided the room up into four quadrants. She then asked the four groups to choose a spokesperson and produce two things they wanted to see addressed. She gave them 20 minutes for this discussion. After the discussion, Mrs. Tyler gave each quadrant five minutes to present.

#### Quadrant 1:

Kristy Steinmezt

1. Noise. May want to look at the hours of operation.
2. Traffic increases in the areas. There are families in the area.

#### Quadrant 2:

Mark Gainous

1. Complete reversal to the ordinances prior to February 18, 2025.
2. Absolutely no Grandfathering for additional racetrack built after February 18, 2025.

#### Quadrant 3:

Brian Deegan

1. Embraced in the community. Some businesses survive because of motocross.
2. Want to meet in the middle.

#### Quadrant 4:

Glenn Barrett

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1. What is going to control the growth and expansion of the motocross tracks?
2. New tracks should have to abide by the same rules as other tracks.

Mrs. Tyler then had everyone get back into their groups and gave them ten minutes to discuss any other points they wanted to make or any rebuttals or concerns from points that had been shared.

Quadrant 1:

Dan Steinmezt

Other industries could come to the area.

Work on noise suppression for the bikes.

Quadrant 2:

Mark Gainous

Make a move to electric bikes.

Is it too late to compromise?

Quadrant 3:

Brian Deegan

Do not allow family tracks for 1-acre parcels!

First step with issues should be a phone call and see if agreement can be reached. If not, then go to Code Enforcement with complaint.

Wants a solution driven process.

Quadrant 4:

Brad Hoffman, Yamaha Racing

There needs to be input on reasonable rules, setbacks, acreage requirements, and times.

All tracks should be under the same regulations.

Mrs. Tyler explained that there is a public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6:00 pm. The hearing may or may not take place, depending on whether the commissioners are ready to introduce a change to the current ordinances.

III. Adjournment – Mrs. Copeland adjourned the workshop at 7:18 pm.

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**RESOLUTIONS AND AGENDAS**

- I. Executive Duties
  - 1. Call to Order - 5:30 PM
  - 2. Invocation/Pledge
  - 3. Adoption of Agenda
- II. Presentations
  - 1. Workshop on Moto-Cross and Land Use Regulations
- III. Adjournment

ATTEST:

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John White, County Clerk

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LaFaye Copeland, Chair

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Sam Kines, Vice-Chair

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Phillip Drew, Commissioner

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Yancey Maxwell, Commissioner

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Ray Prince, Commissioner