TO: Polk County Commissioners
Ivan Nance, Lead Planner

Re: LDCU-2025-29

Date: January 12, 2026

Dear County Commissioners,

As our elected officials, the following individual letters are submitted to be continued to be reviewed and counted in the appeal case regarding LDCU-2025-29. This referenced application was defeated in a 5-2 decision and will soon come before you.

As each letter represents one of the overall 1,300 residents in Saddlebag Lake Resort, it is with all sincerity we ask for you to read what these letters state. In reading, we ask that you kindly give these points of serious concern the consideration they are so deserving of.

Thank you,

The Sand Mine Communication Team

Letter to County Commissioners and Planner

LDCU-2025-29

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Respectfully,

Name: Darin Fenlos

Signature: [signature]

Date: Jun 12/24

Address 33898: 97 Butterhill

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Signature: A. Feikos

Date: June 12/26

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Address 33898: 51 Red Quill

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Signature: Karl Geiger

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Date: 1-12-26

Address 33898: #69 Saddlebag

LDCU-2025-29

Highlighting Community Groups Supported by Our HOA

January 5, 2026

Dear County Commissioners,

On behalf of the residents of Saddlebag Lake Resort, I am writing to provide you with an overview of the various groups and initiatives within our community that we are proud to support.

As a cornerstone of our city within the city, we place a strong emphasis on fostering collaboration, benevolence and a community centric focus amongst residents. We believe these efforts not only enrich the lives of our residents but also contribute significantly to the overall well-being of Lake Wales and the wider county. Our residents have brought skills, wisdom, experience and a wealth of knowledge – they freely give that back, right here, to the City of Lake Wales.

Community Groups and Initiatives We Support

The financial impact we make to Lake Wales and the County is well into seven figures. In addition to this significant financial impact we have provided for decades to help continue to create a robust economy, is how daily as partners we help strengthen the city support system – at zero cost to taxpayers.

Thousands of dollars annually are donated to organizations in Lake Wales in addition to hundred of hours of service to the organizations we work alongside in helping to meet the essential needs of our City and County's neighbors, to include examples such as:

- Lake Wales Care Center:
    - We collect food, host toy drives and baby shower drives, always helping those less fortunate. For example, we donated 455 unwrapped new toys to area children this Christmas season as well as a check for $250.00.
    - Delivery of Meals on Wheels – residents of our community deliver these routinely each week
    - Literacy program
- CAP – Citizens Assisted Patrol – A Sheriff Grady initiative, we collaborate with local law enforcement, patrolling our own resort and saving county resources for other areas.

- Youth Sports teams – our Social Dance committee sponsors 2 Little League Baseball teams in Lake Wales
- Residents are active members of both the local Rotary and Moose Lodge.

Our 1,287 residents are partners, we are taxpayers, daily supporters and shoppers of small and corporate businesses and most of all, we are supporters of Polk County. We want to continue to pour our resources into this community. The proposed Sand Mine will assuredly make it impossible for us to continue to do so. Saddlebag Lake Resort has made significant economic and spirited impacts to the City and County for six decades. We look to you to allow us to continue to do so.

Commitment to Continued Support

We remain committed to strengthening our partnerships with these groups to enhance the quality of life for all residents. Please allow us to remain a strong, positive presence for many years to come.

Thank you for your attention and continued dedication to our community.

Sincerely,

Name: John Belfort

Signature: [signature]

Date: 1/8/2026

House address in Lake Wales, FL, 33898:

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Signature: Laura E Cummings

Date: 1.12.2026

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Address 33898: 97 GLOCK GOLF CIR

Letter to County Commissioners and Planner

LDCU-2025-29

Concerns Regarding the Impacts of Sand Mines on Water Resources in Florida

Date: January 12, 2026

To: The County Commissioners and County Planner

Dear County Commissioners and County Planner,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Saddlebag Lake Resort regarding the potential impacts of a Proposed sand mining operation on water resources throughout Florida. As you consider current and future applications for sand mine developments in our county, I urge you to take into account the significant risks these activities pose to our groundwater, surface water, and the overall health of our ecosystems.

Impacts on Groundwater Resources

Sand mining often involves the removal of large quantities of sand from below the water table, which can have direct consequences for aquifers. In Florida, where much of our potable water comes from underground sources, this is especially concerning. The disruption of sand and gravel layers can alter the natural filtration of rainwater, potentially reducing the recharge rates of aquifers and lowering the water table. This can lead to reduced availability of clean water for homes, agriculture, and industry.

Surface Water Pollution

The process of sand extraction can increase sedimentation and turbidity in nearby lakes, rivers, and wetlands. This sediment can smother aquatic habitats, disrupt fish spawning grounds, and degrade water quality. Additionally, chemicals used in the mining process or from fuel spills have the potential to leach into waterways, causing further environmental harm.

Wetland and Ecosystem Degradation

Sand mines are frequently located near or within wetland areas, which serve as critical natural buffers during heavy rains and hurricanes. The removal of sand and vegetation can reduce the ability of wetlands to store and filter water, making communities more

vulnerable to flooding and decreasing the resilience of native plant and animal populations.

Long-Term Community Impacts

Aside from environmental concerns, the degradation of water resources may also affect property values, recreational opportunities, and local tourism—key elements of Florida's economy. Water scarcity or contamination can impose long-term costs on residents and local governments, including the need for more expensive water treatment and infrastructure.

In closing, I respectfully ask that you prioritize the protection of our water resources when considering sand mine proposals and ask that you deny this appeal. Our community's health, economy, and natural heritage depend on responsible stewardship of these vital assets.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

Name: Erna Friesen

Signature: Erna Friesen

Date: Jan. 12, 2024

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Date: 1-12-2026

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Address 33898: 60 Saddlebag Trail

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LDCU-2025-29

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Name: Cheryl Brannan

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Address 33898: 40 SILVERSIDES
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Date: 1-12-2026

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Date: 1-12-

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Signature: [signature]

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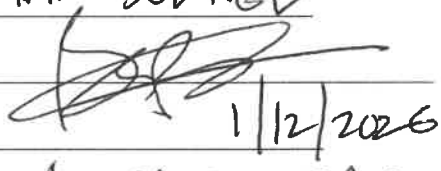
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Date: 1/12/2026

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Date: 1-12-26

Address 33898: 15 Saddlebage Trail South

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Address 33898: 114 Silversides St.

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Date: 1-12-2026

Address 33898: 45 Silversides

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Date: 1-12-2026

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Date: 1-12-2026

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Signature: [signature]

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Date: 1-12-26

Address 33898: 5181 SADDLEBAG LAKE RD
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Signature: Randal S Logan

Date: 01/12/2026

Address 33898: 48 QUEEN OF WATERS ST

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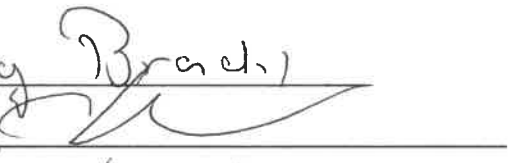
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Date: Jan 12 - 26

Address 33898: 52 B. Kiel

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Address 33898: SADDLEBAG TRAIL NORTH 27

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Conclusion and Request

Given the potential risks outlined above, I respectfully request that the Board of County Commissioners deny this sand mine appeal.

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Sincerely,

Name: Larry Prickett

Signature: [signature]

Date: 01/12/2026

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The confining layers that separate surface water from deep aquifer systems act as natural barriers against pollution and excessive water loss. Disturbance or removal of these layers during sand mining operations can compromise their effectiveness, potentially allowing contaminants to migrate more freely into the aquifer and increasing susceptibility to sinkholes or subsidence. Protecting these layers is critical to maintaining the long-term health of our water resources.

Conclusion and Request

Given the potential risks outlined above, I respectfully request that the Board of County Commissioners deny this sand mine appeal.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I trust that you will consider the well-being of Polk County's residents and environment in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

Name: Bonnie Pickett

Signature: Bonnie Pickett

Date: 1-12-26

Address 33898: 8 Queen of Waters St

Letter to County Commissioners and Planner

LDCU-2025-29

Concerns Regarding the Impacts of Sand Mines on Water Resources in Florida

Date: January 12, 2026

To: The County Commissioners and County Planner

Dear County Commissioners and County Planner,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Saddlebag Lake Resort regarding the potential impacts of a Proposed sand mining operation on water resources throughout Florida. As you consider current and future applications for sand mine developments in our county, I urge you to take into account the significant risks these activities pose to our groundwater, surface water, and the overall health of our ecosystems.

Impacts on Groundwater Resources

Sand mining often involves the removal of large quantities of sand from below the water table, which can have direct consequences for aquifers. In Florida, where much of our potable water comes from underground sources, this is especially concerning. The disruption of sand and gravel layers can alter the natural filtration of rainwater, potentially reducing the recharge rates of aquifers and lowering the water table. This can lead to reduced availability of clean water for homes, agriculture, and industry.

Surface Water Pollution

The process of sand extraction can increase sedimentation and turbidity in nearby lakes, rivers, and wetlands. This sediment can smother aquatic habitats, disrupt fish spawning grounds, and degrade water quality. Additionally, chemicals used in the mining process or from fuel spills have the potential to leach into waterways, causing further environmental harm.

Wetland and Ecosystem Degradation

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vulnerable to flooding and decreasing the resilience of native plant and animal populations.

Long-Term Community Impacts

Aside from environmental concerns, the degradation of water resources may also affect property values, recreational opportunities, and local tourism—key elements of Florida's economy. Water scarcity or contamination can impose long-term costs on residents and local governments, including the need for more expensive water treatment and infrastructure.

In closing, I respectfully ask that you prioritize the protection of our water resources when considering sand mine proposals and ask that you deny this appeal. Our community's health, economy, and natural heritage depend on responsible stewardship of these vital assets.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

Name: Janet H Rayl

Signature: Janet H Rayl

Date: 1-12-2026

Address 33898: 18 Royal Coachman

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Date: 1/31/26

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Signature: Cindy Cookston

Date: 1-8-26

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Signature: Debbie Messer

Date: 1-8-24

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Signature: Linda Lavallee

Date: 1.8.26

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Date: 1·8·26

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Name: TERESA ESPERSEN

Signature: Teresa Esperseon

Date: 1-8-2026

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Signature: Gail M Kondi

Date: 1/8/26

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Name: Sharon Hull

Signature: Sharon Hull

Date: 1-8-2026

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Signature: Laura King

Date: 1/8/25

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Signature: _____

Date: 1/12/26

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