

Letter: Feeling burn of betrayal on Oslo Boat Ramp expansion

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I love the Indian River Lagoon and want to see it restored to health. As such, I've followed the Oslo Road boat ramp expansion debate very closely. I attended rallies, Indian River County Commission meetings, submitted a letter to the editor, and watched many highly credentialed local scientists say how the project would harm the lagoon, its sea grasses, manatees and fisheries.

I was thrilled in October when the commission voted 3-2 to table the project for three to five years. I was under the impression, as were hundreds of people, that the project was dead.

Accordingly, I can't fully express my shock at what I heard at the March 10 Commission meeting: The county is pursuing the project and securing permits to do so.

Just after one month after tabling the project in public, the board continued behind the scenes to pursue an Army Corps of Engineers permit to further the project.

I am disappointed in our elected officials' behavior, in particular commissioners Bob Solari, Wesley Davis and Peter O'Bryan. They betrayed my trust. They betrayed the public's trust. They should be voted out of office.

For now, the Indian River County Commission should stop all activities regarding the Oslo Road boat ramp expansion.

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