

Letter: Commissioners owe it to citizens to reverse their reversal on Oslo boat ramp

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I have lived in Indian River County for seven years. One of the reasons I live here is the natural beauty of our area — especially the Indian River Lagoon. I want to see it restored to health, and I certainly do not want to see it harmed more than it already has been.

Last year my husband and I attended rallies and County Commission meetings to show our opposition to the Oslo Road boat ramp expansion project. I watched many well-respected and brilliant scientists testify how the project would harm the lagoon, its sea grass, manatees and fisheries.

I was relieved when the County Commission voted 3-2 to table the project for three to five years last October. We were led to believe it was dead.

When I heard that commissioners Bob Solari, Peter O'Bryan and Wesley Davis voted to continue the project by pursuing a Army Corps of Engineers permit, I was appalled.

It is deplorable that our elected officials would continue to pursue a permit in secret to further the project just months after tabling the project in public.

They seem to be putting the interests of one group above the interests of hundreds of voters, not to mention our local economy and the quality of life of all residents in Indian River County.

I am pleased that commissioners Tim Zorc and Joseph Flescher voted for the lagoon and against all efforts to further the project. However, I am very disappointed in Solari, Davis and O'Bryan. They betrayed the trust of the community.

The only way to fix this is for all county commissioners to vote to stop all activities regarding the Oslo Road boat ramp expansion project. Indian River County and the lagoon deserve it.

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