



Ocoee River Recreation and Economic Development Fund Board

January 22, 2026 Meeting Minutes

***9:00 a.m. Central Time / 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time**

Virtual via Teams

Hiwassee/Ocoee Scenic River State Park

404 Spring Creek Road

Delano, TN 37325

Roll Call:

In attendance: Angelo Giansante, Macy Brower, Drew Freeman, Lynne McClary, Tim Henderson, Carlo Smith, Whitney Mayer, Ryan Cooke, Deputy Commissioner Clifford

✓ Quorum

1. Public Comment

- Introduction of newly appointed DC Clifford

2. Resolution Requesting Federal Funds for Roger's Branch Put-In Ramp

- S. Page, representing Representative Howell and Congressman Fleischmann, asked whether the Board would consider authorizing Representative Howell to submit a formal request to Congress for a \$2 million federal appropriation to reimburse Tennessee State Parks for planned work at the Rogers Branch put-in.
- S. Page noted that Representative Howell and Congressman Fleischmann indicated the funding would be allocated from the FY 2027 federal budget.
- Latest quote fell between \$3-4 million for total repairs.
- All repairs are planned for the offseason of 2027 and should not interfere with rafting season
- Motion to allow Representative Howell to speak on behalf of the Ocoee River Recreation and Economic Development Board and to draft a letter and enter conversation with Congressman Fleischmann by Tim Henderson.
 - Second by A Giansante
 - Motion passed unanimously

3. Other Business

- None

Adjournment 9:15 a.m. Central Time / 10:15 a.m. Eastern Time