

December 12, 2025

To: The Plamer Lake Board of Trustees, Palmer Lake Staff, and the citizens of Palmer Lake

From: Michael Boyett, Palmer Lake Trustee

Subject: Resignation

When I applied to be appointed to an open Palmer Lake trustee position, I felt that I could bring my knowledge of the water issues facing all of us in the Trilakes area to the board to better serve the citizens of Palmer Lake. I knew at the time that there was a lot of anger in the community over the Buc'ees annexation proposal, but I felt I would be able to weather the storm and be an asset for our community. It turns out that I was wrong. I have been subjected to hateful comments on social media, that includes a misrepresentation and mocking of my background operating and managing water reclamation facilities and my education.

I was wholly unprepared to face a room of yelling Trilakes area citizens. Some of whom were shouting obscenities, and the verbal abuse of a sitting planning commission board member by a representative of the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District, among others, for exercising his 1st amendment right to free speech. It seems civility, thoughtful comments, and the ability to see the other side of an issue have taken a back seat to anger and abuse. Without ever voting on the Buc'ees issue other than to vote to schedule an election as directed by the citizens of Palmer Lake, and the town attorney's advice, it seems that I was declared an enemy by those opposed to the issue.

On December 11th, 2025, during the Palmer Lake Board of Trustee's meeting, I exhibited behavior that was unbecoming for a trustee by turning my back to a sitting trustee when he spoke at the lectern as a citizen against our town attorney. This action was not in my character, but at that moment, I did not know any other way to protest his comments and actions. I worry about what will happen to our town's dedicated staff when I leave. One trustee has even been accused of verbal abuse toward some of them. I do not like the anger I feel toward some who, in my opinion, would tear my town apart. This anger is also not in my character.

In November of this year, I underwent a heart procedure that was brought on, in part, by the stress I feel as a Plamer Lake trustee. My cardiologist advised me to get out of politics, so I am going to take his advice and resign my position as a Palmer Lake Trustee effective December 12, 2025. I pray that I will be able to rediscover the person in me that cares for others and exhibits respect and kindness to all.

Sincerely,

Michael Boyett