

Jason K Reynolds

Board Candidate

Jason moved from Tallahassee to Ocala in January of 2018 and accepted the position of Executive Director of the Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park Authority, also known as the Florida Horse Park. As Director of the Florida Horse Park, he is developing an international equine competition facility that encompasses all breeds and disciplines, while advancing agriculture and equine education. The Park also provides the state and community with a recreational facility capable of hosting equestrian and non-equestrian events. Lastly, the Park now works hand in hand with the federal and state government to assist in times of emergencies.

In the short time Jason has been at the Park he has added over \$4.5 million in capital investments and eliminated nearly half a million dollars in debts – making the Park 100% debt free. In addition, the parks annual revenue was increased by three times while lobbying the state for over \$10 million in funding.

Jason is a proud Air Force Veteran who was deployed to the Middle East Region on two occasions and during that time, was awarded the Air Force Law Enforcement Airman of the year.

After serving in the Air Force, he worked as the Operations Coordinator for the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association in Tallahassee and was later promoted to the Director of Public Policy where he strived to protect, educate, and promote the diverse interests of Florida's hospitality industry before Florida and Federal lawmakers.

Along with being a sub-par groom for his 3-day eventer fiancée, Jason is extremely engaged in the local community and serves on several boards. He is the Chairman of the Marion County CEP Equine Advocacy Board, Vice-Chairman of the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association Political Action Committee, and a board member of the Marion County Therapeutic Riding Association. He was picked by the Marion County Board of County Commissioners to serve on the Tourist Development Council and chosen by his peers to attend Leadership of Marion County Class number 36.

Jason is passionate about helping veterans, animals, and local heroes. He and his fiancée Jayne, have two dogs (Koooper and Boomer) and a horse (Monee).