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## Hammond Stadium Boardwalk reinforced for spring training 2022

Fort Myers, FL, Feb. 23, 2022 – The Boardwalk section of Hammond Stadium at the Lee County Sports Complex is being reinforced for spring training 2022. The county is coordinating the necessary shoring work with its partners. Work is commencing immediately and is anticipated to be complete before spring training begins, providing for the return of fans to the Boardwalk for Minnesota Twins games.

The reinforcement is an agreed-upon, safe interim solution as the county and its partners work toward a final remediation plan for the Boardwalk.

The reinforcement plan was created and reviewed by professional engineers licensed in the State of Florida. The county is confident about the safety of the Boardwalk with this plan in place. The public's safety is the top priority.

For Twins ticket sales – including seating on the Boardwalk – visit <u>www.twinsbaseball.com</u> or call 800-33-TWINS. The Twins have 12 scheduled Grapefruit League home games at Hammond Stadium beginning Sunday, March 6.

Background:

Sept. 21, 2021 – Lee County Commissioners approve an agreement with Manhattan Construction Inc. for an engineering study and repairs of Hammond Stadium.

Dec. 7, 2021 – Lee County announces internal assessments indicated a closure of the Boardwalk section of Hammond Stadium would be in the best interest of public safety. Twins halt spring training ticket sales for the Boardwalk portion of Hammond Stadium.

December-January-February – Lee County and partners meet regularly.

Feb. 23, 2022 – Lee County and Twins announce Boardwalk section reinforcement will result in safe seating areas and use prior to spring training 2022 commencing.

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