Regular Monthly Meeting Fort Pierce Farms Water Control District Board Of Supervisors

August 11, 2025

Present were Supervisors Robert Johnson, Philip C. 'Flip' Gates, Jr. (via teleconference), and Dominick Scotto, Superintendent of Works Steve Cassens, Engineer Patrick Helms, Project Coordinator Areli Armendariz, and Secretary Patricia Kuta. Also present was Sean Minix, Road Runner Travel Resort.

Upon motion made by Supervisor Scotto, seconded by Supervisor Gates and carried, the July minutes were approved as were the expenses for July 15 through August 11 in the amount of \$24,482.51.

Attorney Behn reported that House Bill 4047, to amend the assessment rates for the District, was signed by the Governor on July 2nd. It was necessary to amend the bill to require a referendum of the Landowners to be voted on a by-acre basis. Coordination with the Supervisor of Elections will begin in the coming months on how to coordinate and conduct the referendum which should be completed prior to the next Budget Meeting.

Superintendent Cassens reported that Aquatic Vegetation Control sprayed Canals 3,4, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 21 for torpedo grass, alligator weed, primrose, water lettuce, pepper trees and cattails. Right-of-ways are being mowed. A culvert collapsed on Canal 1 and the owner, in Michigan, will be contacted to either remove or replace it. Road Runner Travel Park requested that several (8 to 10) dead pine trees on the District right-of-way be removed. Clear cutting the entire right-of-way was discussed by the Board but Mr. Minix preferred that only the pines, alive and dead, be removed. Bids ranging from \$40,500 to \$100,000 were received for the removal of all the pines. Motion was made by Supervisor Gates, seconded by Supervisor Scotto, and carried to allow up to \$41,000 for the removal of all of the pines provided the bidder can complete the work prior to the end of October.

There were no permits recommended for approval.

Patrick Helms reported that 360 Energy Solutions requested a permit modification to lower the proposed grades across the site by one foot. This is still under Engineering review.

The District has been awarded an National Resources Conservation Service federal grant in the amount of \$1,446,167.80 to repair damage to Canal 7 from Hurricane Milton. A pre-design meeting was held with National Resources Conservation Service and Engineering is working internally to develop a schedule and start work on obtaining preliminary survey and geotechnical information.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Robert Johnson, President

Patricia Kuta, Secretary