

Regular Monthly Meeting
Fort Pierce Farms Water Control District
Board Of Supervisors
October 13, 2025

Present were Supervisors Robert Johnson, Philip C. 'Flip' Gates, Jr. (via teleconference), and Dominick Scotto, Superintendent of Works Steve Cassens, Attorney Behn, Engineer Patrick Helms, and Secretary Patricia Kuta. Also present were Chris Hollen and Eri Kleier, Kimley-Horn, Scott Ratcliff (via teleconference), Buc-ee's.

Upon motion made by Supervisor Scotto, seconded by Supervisor Gates and carried, the September Meeting minutes were approved as were the expenses for September 9 through October 13 in the amount of \$71,666.80. Additionally, motion was made by Supervisor Scotto, seconded by Supervisor Gates and carried to accept the amended 2024-2025 Budget.

Chris Holden reviewed the proposed Buc-ee's project with the Board. The 47.08-acre project, located at the southeast corner of I-95 and Indrio Road, consists of a 76,425 square foot building with associated pavement, utilities, and drainage system. The project also intends to construct two canal crossings and provide improvements to Koblegard Road and Indio Road to account for increased traffic. Issues discussed included right-of-way conditions/dedications, Canal 14 culvert size mismatch, entrance issues, the need for cross-sections to verify 20-25 feet south bank access, and the possible need for a Memorandum of Agreement.

Superintendent Cassens reported that Aquatic Vegetation Control sprayed Canals 1, 7, 8, 10, 11, 18, and 19 for water lettuce, alligator weed, and primrose. Right-of-way mowing is complete. The Canal 1 culvert replacement between Taylor Dairy Road and Kings Highway is complete. The pine tree removal at the Road Runner Trailer Park is in progress. The washout along Canal 14 was repaired by the Florida Department of Transportation. A Letter of Termination of Cassens Grove Service, effective October 31, 2025, was submitted as the service will be closing their operations. Operational Manuals (electric on and no electrical power) were provided for both the Gates and Mointon Structures. Replacement options for Cassens Grove Services were discussed. Supervisor Cassens indicated that he would be available as a consultant, but he was not interested in day-to-day operations. Hiring a District Administrator/Manager that would oversee both Districts was discussed.

Attorney Behn reported that he will participate in a telephone conference with Property Appraiser's Office regarding the Lakewood Park assessments. Documents regarding the referendum were prepared and forwarded to the Supervisor of Elections. He reminded the Board that Ethics Training must be completed prior to the end of the calendar year. The Board elected to have Attorney Behn provide the training before the November Board meeting which will be held on Monday, November 10, 2025.

Patrick Helms recommended the approval of the Guettler Brothers Compound Permit (Canal 1). Motion was made by Supervisor Scotto, seconded by Supervisor Gates and carried to approve the permit, with Special Conditions.

Permits under review include Buc-ees (Canal 14) and Kings Highway (Canals 1 and 4).

St. Lucie County contacted Engineering regarding washouts and possible failing culverts at Johnston Road and Canal 1. The County has discussed installing a bridge at this location, but construction is not anticipated to begin before 2030.

A draft survey for the Natural Resources Conservation Service Emergency Watershed Protection Project was received and based on the survey information it appears that the existing fence on the west side of the canal is within the District's right-of-way. The District does not want to relocate the fence and the individual it belongs to will be contacted.

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

Robert Johnson, President

Patricia Kuta, Secretary