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

November 10, 2025

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

Upon motion made by Supervisor Scotto, seconded by Supervisor Gates and carried, the October Meeting minutes were approved as were the expenses for October 14 through November 10 in the amount of \$32,022.71.

Patrick Dayan addressed the Board regarding washouts and failing culverts at Johnston Road and Canal 1 which resulted in the closure of Johnston Road. The County has discussed installing a bridge at this location, but construction is not anticipated to begin before 2030; therefore, to facilitate traffic, sleeving the two failed culverts was proposed as a temporary repair. The District Engineer was concerned about the head loss that would lead to possible flooding in a heavy rain event. Other options were discussed, and the Board requested the County accelerate the bridge construction begin by Fiscal Year 2027. If that is not possible, a third 96" pipe would need to be installed and the Minton Structure would need to be operated more frequently, at the County's expense. Motion was made by Supervisor Gates, seconded by supervisor Scotto and carried to approve issuing the sleeving permit prior to the December meeting with Special Conditions noting that a third pipe may be required if there is no bridge funding by the end of Fiscal Year 2026.

Outstanding Buc-ee's issues were discussed with the Board and Buc-ee's Team. An additional survey indicated that all existing culvert crossings of Canal 14 and I-95 consist of 96" culverts, the 72" previously discussed was an error due to the existing culvert having a significant amount of silt in it. An Operations and Maintenance Agreement between the District and Buc-ee's is being prepared. It will address, at a minimum, long term maintenance of the improved section of Canal 14, maintenance of roc riprap and energy dissipation features, mowing of the canal banks, and the granting of an easement to the District extending at least 20 feet south of the proposed top of bank.

Attorney Behn reported that he participated in a telephone conference with the Supervisor of Elections regarding the referendum mailout. Ethics Training was completed. A Resolution of the Board adopting goals, objectives, and performance measures and standards and such goals, objectives and performance measures were discussed. Motion was made by Supervisor Gates, seconded by Supervisor Scotto, and carried to accept the wording of the goals, objectives and performance measures, which shall be posted on the District website. Motion was made by Supervisor Scotto, seconded by Supervisor Gates and carried to have two contracts drawn up with the first designating Steve Cassens as advisor to the District, with no liability, and the second designating Wade Yarborough as the District Superintendent of Works.

Patrick Helms recommended the approval of the Comcast Crossing Permit (Canal 5) and the modification of the Hotwire Crossing permit (Canal 1). Motion was made by Supervisor Scotto, seconded by Supervisor Gates, and carried to approve the permit and the modification, with Special Conditions.

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

Robert Johnson, President

Patricia Kuta, Secretary