

**Regular Monthly Meeting  
Fort Pierce Farms Water Control District  
Board Of Supervisors  
January 12, 2026**

Present were Supervisors Philip C. 'Flip' Gates, Jr., Robert Johnson, and Dominick Scotto, Attorney Seth Behn, Engineer Patrick Helms, Advisor Steve Cassens, and Secretary Patricia Kuta. Also present was Wade Yarborough.

Upon motion made by Supervisor Gates, seconded by Supervisor Scotto, and carried, the December Meeting minutes were approved, as were the expenses for December 2 through January 12 in the amount of \$36,649.74.

All of the Board members are not on the PNC Bank accounts. An appointment will be made for Monday, January 26, 2026, at the Virginia Avenue PNC Bank for all three Board members to sign onto the account.

Attorney Behn presented the Board with two Resolutions for their approval. Resolution 2026-1 announces the referendum to increase the maintenance tax. This referendum shall be mailed on or before December 31, 2026. Resolution 2026-2 clarifies the May 24, 2022, Memorandum of Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation. Motion was made by Supervisor Scotto, seconded by Supervisor and carried to adopt both Resolutions.

Mr. Cassens reported that Canals 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 13 were sprayed for primrose, pennywort, torpedo grass, and water lettuce. The mowing of the District rights-of-way has been completed. The mowing above the rocks downstream of the Gate's Structure requires some weed eating. A meeting was held with St. Lucie County regarding the fencing at Johnston Road at Canal 7. The County indicated that it would replace the fence in its existing alignment following the completion of the construction of the Canal 17 box culvert. However, the current fence configuration allows livestock to use the District right-of-way and canal crossing to move between adjacent properties. The County will survey both sides of the canal to determine where the District right-of-way is.

Patrick Helms recommended the approval of 4 permits: two for Comcast Crossings (Canals 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 19) and two for Buc-ee's (Canal 14). Motion was made by Supervisor Scotto, seconded by Supervisor Gates, and carried to approve the permits with Special Conditions. Additionally, the Buc-ee's permits will be held pending the execution of the final Maintenance Agreement between the applicant and the District.

There is significant spalling on the underside of the reinforced concrete catwalk and stairs at the Gates Structure. Engineering is awaiting a recommendation from R&S Metalworks regarding this issue.

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

Robert Johnson, President

Patricia Kuta, Secretary