

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

**March 9, 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 February Meeting minutes were approved as were the expenses for February 12 through March 9 in the amount of \$49,175.77.

The April meeting has been rescheduled from April 13, 2026, to April 22, 2026.

Residents on Taylor Dairy Road contacted the District regarding the possible collapse of a culvert due to the County’s construction trucks. The Board suggested the residents contact the County about this issue.

Attorney Behn reported that the referendum to increase the maintenance tax deadline was March 6, 2026. Of the approximately 1900 ballots sent out, 217 were received by Monday, March 2, 2026. The 2026-2027 maintenance tax was discussed and motion was made by Supervisor Gates, seconded by Supervisor Scotto and carried to remain at the \$25 per unit/acre tax.

Mr. Cassens reported that Canals 1, 2, 4, 7, 10, 12, 14, and 16 were sprayed for pennywort, cattails, torpedo grass, alligator weed, and water lettuce. Cleanup around the Gates and Minton Structures is complete, as is the grinding of Canal 3. An abandoned trailer has been dumped on Canal 8 right-of-way north of Indrio Road. Coordination with the County regarding the Johnston Road culvert repair continues. The contractor requested using Canal 17 right-of-way to store dirt. Replacing the concrete catwalks at the Gates Structure was discussed. A preliminary construction cost estimate to perform the replacement came in at \$92,695.00. The project will go out for bids.

Patrick Helms recommended the 4540 Kings Highway (Canal 4) permit for approval. Motion was made by Supervisor Scotto, seconded by Supervisor Gates, and carried to approve the permit, with Special Conditions.

Projects under review include Canal 17 at Johnston Road, Sabal Palm Grove, and Kings Highway (Canals 1 and 4).

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

Robert Johnson, President

Patricia Kuta, Secretary