

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

**April 22, 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 March Meeting minutes were approved as were the expenses for March 10 through April 22 in the amount of \$54,914.18.

Attorney Behn reported that although the Referendum did not pass there are ways to levy future assessments using different funding streams and his firm is working on funding recommendations. An economics study may be required to analyze the benefits for properties and the District’s water control plan may need to be amended.

Mr. Cassens reported that Canals 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 16 and 18 were sprayed for pennywort, cattails, torpedo grass, alligator weed, water lettuce, Australian Pines, and Pepper trees. The south gate at the Gates Structure was repaired and cleaned/painted. The abandoned trailer on Canal 8 right-of-way north of Indrio Road was removed. Ditch bank mowing of various rights-of-way on the eastern side of the District has commenced. Several washouts on Canals 11 and 12 were reported by AVC. A letter will be sent to the landowner regarding these failed culverts. Coordination with the County regarding the Johnston Road culvert repair continues. An update on the grinding along Canal 2 was provided. The original contractor no longer has a long-reach grinder, and the work will be passed on to Wyatt Carlton.

Patrick Helms recommended the following permit applications for approval: Sabal Palm Grove (Canal 6) Kings Highway (Canals 1 and 4). Motion was made by Supervisor Gates, seconded by Supervisor Scotto and carried to approve the permit, with Special Conditions. The Kings Highway permit is for the conceptual plans as the final and complete construction plans have not been received.

Projects under review include Canal 17 at Johnston Road and Gerber Collision (Canal 1).

An agreement authorizing Higgins Engineering Services to proceed with the Grant work and to obtain a Saint Lucie County application permit was presented to the Board for Supervisor Jonson’s signature. Motion was made by Supervisor Scotto, seconded by Supervisor Gates and carried to approve the authorization.

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

Robert Johnson, President

Patricia Kuta, Secretary